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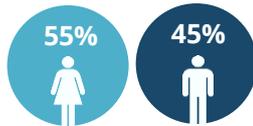
WFP Syria Situation Report #7

July 2021



4.9 million people assisted

July 2021 (based on dispatches)



WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP)

2021 Syrian Arab Republic Humanitarian Response Plan	Overall requirement: USD 4.2 billion
	WFP share: USD 1.27 billion
WFP 6-Month Net Funding Requirement <i>(August 2021 – January 2022)</i>	USD 444.8 m <i>As of 27 July 2021</i>
WFP Syria 2019-2021 Interim Country Strategic Plan <i>(November 2018)</i>	
Interim Country Strategic Plan Revision 04 <i>(April 2020)</i>	

In Numbers

12.4 million people food insecure

1.3 million severely food insecure

6.8 million people internally displaced

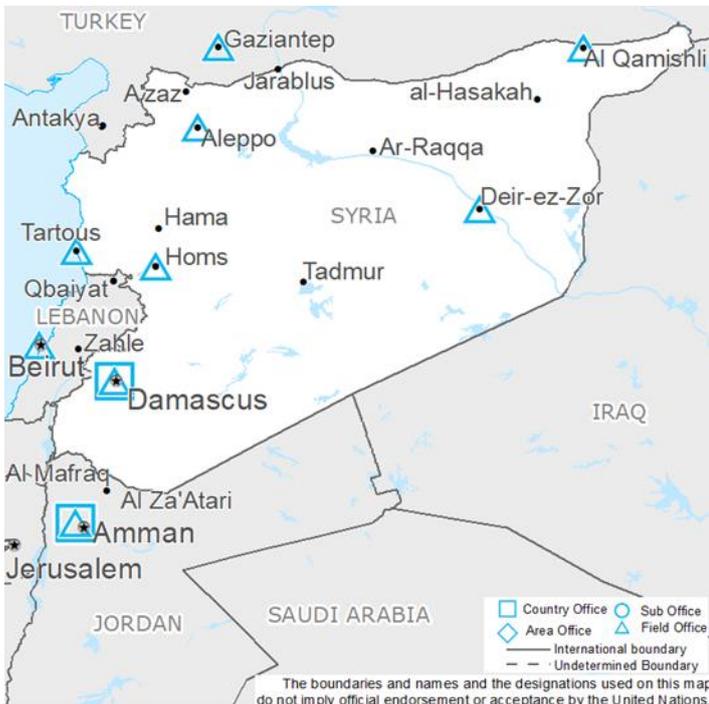
Highlights

- WFP dispatched humanitarian assistance sufficient for an estimated 4.9 million people across all activities in Syria in July.
- Food prices continued to decrease across Syria for the third consecutive month, according to the latest [WFP data](#), with a one percent decrease in June 2021. Food prices however remain 102 percent higher than 12 months ago.
- Increased hostilities and heavy shelling were reported from Dar'a al-Balad in July; displacements to Dar'a city were reported as a result. WFP triggered its emergency response in July through the dispatch of ready-to-eat rations.
- The UN Security Council authorized on 09 July the continued cross-border delivery of humanitarian aid from Turkey for six months through the Bab al-Hawa border crossing.

Situation Update

Economic situation

- In June 2021, the informal exchange rate weakened month-on-month, and the Syrian pound lost one percent of its value, reaching SYP 3,156/USD. The Syrian pound has depreciated by 21 percent since last year. The official exchange rate and the UN operational rate remains at SYP 2,500/USD.
- As of 11 July, the Government of Syria doubled the price of a bundle of bread, from SYP 100/bundle to SYP 200/bundle. The Government also increased the price of subsidized diesel to SYP 500 per litre, an increase of 167 percent (up from SYP 187/litre).
- The nationwide average price of the WFP standard reference food basket¹ has decreased for a third consecutive month, reaching SYP 165,932 (USD 66 at the official exchange rate of SYP 2,500/USD) according to the latest [WFP Syria Market Price Watch Bulletin](#).
- Despite the slight decrease, food prices in June remained 49 percent higher than six months earlier (December 2020) and 102 percent higher than one year ago (June 2020).



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¹ The standard food basket is a group of essential food commodities. In Syria, the food basket is set at a group of dry goods providing 2,060 kcal a day for a family of five for a month. The basket includes 37 kg bread, 19 kg rice, 19 kg lentils, 5 kg of sugar, and 7 litres of vegetable oil.

Food Security Situation

- Food insecurity persisted across the country according to the latest [WFP data](#). The continued deterioration of food security is largely induced by a decade of conflict and the ongoing economic deterioration compounded by the growing financial crisis in Lebanon.
- In July 2021, close to half of households surveyed reported inadequate food consumption, with the highest levels recorded among female-headed households (53 percent). The national average rate of inadequate food consumption increased by three percentage points from June 2021 and up by 15 percent compared to July 2020.

Southern Syria

- The security situation in Dar'a governorate continued to deteriorate. The recent increase in hostilities led to large displacements from Dar'a al Balad to Dar'a city towards the end of July. Most of the displaced people were hosted by family members, while a smaller number were accommodated in collective shelters.
- WFP conducted a rapid assessment on 28 July and found that shelter, food, and health care assistance are the three priority needs among the displaced. In response, WFP triggered its emergency response through the dispatch of ready-to-eat rations (RTEs) on 31 July for those displaced by the on-going fighting. Distributions began in August.

North-Western Syria

- The UN Security Council passed [Resolution 2585 \(2021\)](#) on 09 July, authorizing the continued cross-border delivery of humanitarian assistance across the border from Turkey to Syria, through the Bab al-Hawa crossing, for six months. A subsequent renewal for another six months is subject to the issuance of a substantive report by the Secretary-General on transparency in aid delivery operations and progress on crossline access.
- The security situation in north-western Syria continued to deteriorate over the month of July. No impact on WFP operations was reported.
- The UNHCR-led Camp Management and Camp Coordination (CCCM) Cluster recorded more than 32,000 displacement movements from Ehsem and Idlib (Idlib governorate), as well as Afrin (Aleppo governorate) towards safer areas over the month of July. This represents a 27 percent decrease compared to June (44,000 displacements). As of July 2021, the CCCM cluster reported 1.7 million IDPs in IDP sites in north-western Syria. Of these, 80 percent are women and children, and 36,825 IDPs are reported to be persons with specific needs.

North-Eastern Syria

- The main water pump station in Alouk town in the north-eastern countryside of Al-Hasakeh is partially operational again after having been suspended for more than a month due to conflict. The station supplies drinking water to approximately 460,000 people in and around Hasakeh and Tel Tamer cities, including displaced families living in camps and informal settlements.

COVID-19 Pandemic

- Approximately 70,873 COVID-19 cases and 3,397 deaths have been confirmed across all areas of Syria as of the end of July. This includes 25,930 cases and 1,911 deaths in government-controlled areas, 26,283 cases and 722 deaths in north-western Syria, and 18,660 cases and 764 deaths in north-eastern Syria
- As part of the Health Sector-led response to COVID-19 in Syria, WFP, in cooperation with the World Health Organization (WHO) has so far provided food assistance to 16,868 people in ten quarantine and ten isolation centres in Aleppo, Hama, Homs, Latakia, Tartous, and Rural Damascus governorates. The project is funded through the Syria Country-Based Pooled Fund (CBPF).

WFP Operations

- WFP dispatched food and nutrition assistance sufficient for an estimated 4.9 million people across all activities in Syria in July. USD 1.8 million in cash-based transfers (CBT) was distributed to 128,200 WFP beneficiaries.
- Following the [successful hybrid transfers pilot](#) (mixed CBT and a smaller food parcel assistance), WFP is preparing to increase the use of the use of hybrid transfers among the most vulnerable GFA beneficiary households.

General Food Assistance (GFA) Programme

- In July, WFP dispatched GFA sufficient for some 4.8 million people across all 14 Syrian governorates.
- Cross-border deliveries from Turkey accounted for 28 percent of the total WFP general food assistance dispatched. This includes food rations for some 1.3 million people areas of Idlib and Aleppo governorate inaccessible from inside Syria.

Livelihoods, Resilience and Social Safety Nets

- WFP reached some 38,520 people under its livelihoods, resilience, and social safety-nets-projects across Rural Damascus, Dar'a, Quneitra, As-Sweida, Homs, Hama, Ar-Raqqa, Al-Hasakeh, Aleppo, Latakia, Tartous and Deir Ezzor governorates.
- Rehabilitation work of irrigation channels in Maskanah Sharq (rural Aleppo governorate) is now complete, with

12,200 farmer households now enabled to resume their agriculture activities.

School Feeding Programme

- WFP continued to provide vouchers to the families of out-of-school children during school closure as a form of a safety net to those vulnerable families. WFP reached 1,045 beneficiaries in the July cycle in Aleppo, Homs, Hama, Dar'a, Al-Hasakeh, Quneitra, Deir Ezzor, Lattakia, Tartous, Damascus and Rural Damascus.

Nutrition Programme

- WFP dispatched nutrition products for the prevention of acute malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies for 306,900 children (6-23 months old) and Pregnant and Lactating Women and Girls (PLWG). This includes some 68,175 PLWG who received CBT to purchase fresh food from WFP-contracted shops.
- WFP dispatched nutrition products for the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition for 2,690 children and PLWG for one month.

Clusters and Common Services

Logistics Cluster

- Facilitating the cross-border operation from Turkey, the WFP-led Logistics Cluster transhipped 300 Syrian trucks from Turkey in July through the Bab al-Hawa border crossing. A total of 5,364 mt of Food Security, Nutrition, Education, Health, WASH and Shelter items were transhipped on behalf of WFP, IOM, UNICEF, UNFPA and WHO.
- In July, the WFP-led Logistics Cluster facilitated the storage of 240 m³ of humanitarian goods in its common storage facilities in Qamishli on behalf of WHO.

United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- In July, UNHAS Syria completed 15 rotations on its two routes from Damascus to Qamishli and Aleppo, transporting 446 passengers and 1.2 mt of light cargo. Of the passengers transported on both routes, 56 percent were UN staff, and 44 percent were staff from national and international non-governmental organisations.

Resourcing Update

- WFP requires USD 444.8 million to keep operations running at current levels through January 2022.

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WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (2019-2021)

	2021 Requirement (in USD)	6-Month Net Funding Requirement (August 2021 – January 2022)	People Assisted (July 2021 dispatches)	Female	Male
ICSP (January 2019 – December 2021)	1.27 billion	444.8 million	4,859,134		
Activity 1: General Food Assistance			4,819,060	2,650,483	2,168,577
Activity 2: School Feeding			1,045	533	512
Activity 3: Livelihoods and Resilience			38,520	21,186	17,334
Activity 4: Prevention of Acute Malnutrition			306,900	189,925	116,975
Activity 5: Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition			2,690	1,587	1,103