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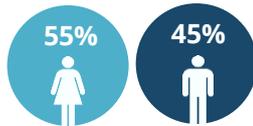
WFP Syria Situation Report #9

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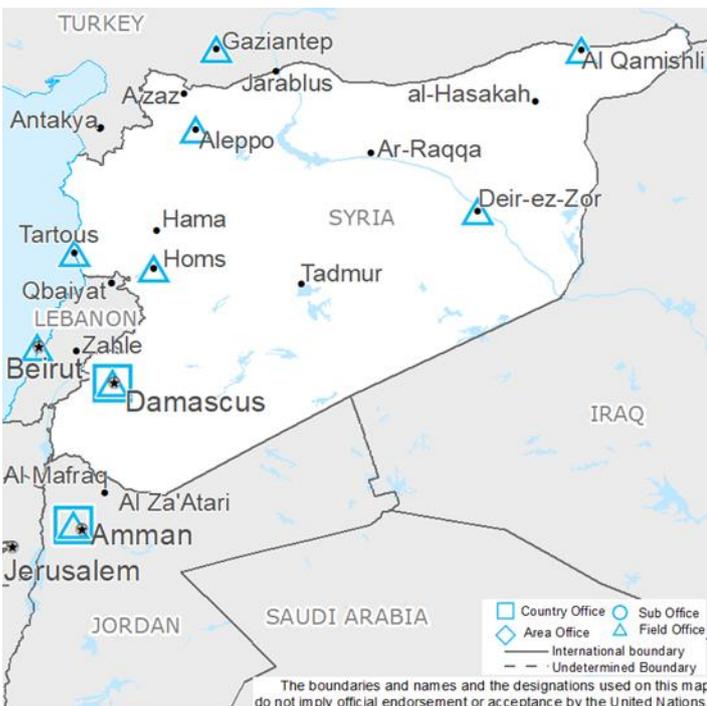
5.3 million people assisted

September 2021 (based on dispatches)



WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP)

2021 Syrian Arab Republic Humanitarian Response Plan	Overall requirement: US\$ 4.2 billion
	WFP share: US\$ 1.27 billion
WFP 6-Month Net Funding Requirement (October 2021 – March 2022) WFP Syria 2019-2021 Interim Country Strategic Plan (November 2018) Interim Country Strategic Plan Revision 04 (April 2020)	US\$ 477.8 m



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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 5.3 million people across all activities in Syria in August.
- The price of the reference food basket has increased by an average of 107 percent across all 14 governorates Compared to the same time last year.
- A lock-down was imposed by Kurdish Authorities in the three north-eastern governorates of Al-Hasakeh, Ar-Raqqa and Deir Ezzor. Humanitarian organizations and grocery stores are exempted from lock-down restrictions. However, movement restrictions are preventing beneficiaries from reaching food distribution points. To accommodate this, WFP is now delivering food rations to beneficiaries in their local neighbourhoods.
- WFP received approvals for distribution of general food assistance (GFA) rations in Dar'a governorate for September and October for some 450,000 people per cycle. WFP also provided food assistance to internally displaced people (IDP) returnees through these regular distributions.

Situation Update

Economic situation

- The informal exchange rate weakened between July and August 2021, and the Syrian pound lost four percent of its value, reaching SYP 3,412/US\$. Compared to one year ago, the Syrian pound has depreciated by 36 percent. The official exchange rate and the UN operational rate remain at SYP 2,500/US\$.
- The national average price of WFP's standard reference food basket¹ increased by four percent between July and August 2021 to around SYP 173,634 (US\$ 69 at the official exchange rate of SYP 2,500/US\$), according to the latest [WFP Syria Market Price Watch Bulletin](#).
- Compared to the same time last year, the price of the reference food basket has increased by an average of 107 percent across all 14 governorates.

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.

Southern Syria

- The situation in Dar'a al Balad (Dar'a governorate) remained relatively calm in September this comes after the Government of Syria reached new settlement agreements in localities across Dar'a Governorate.
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North-Western Syria

- According to the latest data released by the UNHCR-led Camp Management and Camp Coordination (CCCM) Cluster in September, 1.7 million IDPs remain in IDP sites in north-western Syria as of August 2021. Of these, 80 percent are women and children, and some 37,700 IDPs are reported to be persons with specific needs. The CCCM cluster also noted that most of IDP sites in north-western Syria report critical levels of population density.

North-Eastern Syria

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Coastal Syria

- Several fires erupted in various places of the coastal area (ten in Lattakia city and its rural area and five in Tatous rural) due to the increase of weather temperature. All the fires were successfully put out and only material damages reported.

WFP Operations

- WFP dispatched food and nutrition assistance sufficient for an estimated 5.3 million people across all activities in Syria in August. US\$ 1.8 million in cash-based transfers (CBT) was distributed to 112,800 WFP beneficiaries.

General Food Assistance (GFA) Programme

- In September, WFP dispatched GFA sufficient for some 5.26 million people across all 14 Syrian governorates.
- Cross-border deliveries from Turkey accounted for 25 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 17,500 people under its livelihoods, resilience, and social safety-nets-projects by providing kitchen gardens, food processing units, and thyme cultivation assistance across many governorates in Syria.
- WFP has now completed its rehabilitation support to seven bakeries through its provision of production lines, generators, and civil works.

School Feeding Programme

- Schools reopened on 5 September, and WFP resumed the fresh meals programme in September, while preparing to implement the first round of date bar and e-voucher distributions in October. WFP assisted 31,000 children under the School Feeding activity in September.

Nutrition Programme

- WFP dispatched nutrition products for the prevention of acute malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies for 209,700 children (6-23 months old) and Pregnant and Lactating Women and Girls (PLWG). This includes some 67,700 PLWG who received CBT to purchase fresh food from WFP-contracted shops.
- WFP dispatched nutrition products for the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition for 9,700 children and PLWG for one month.

Clusters and Common Services

Logistics Cluster

- Facilitating the cross-border operation from Turkey, the WFP-led Logistics Cluster transshipped 433 Syrian trucks from Turkey in August through the Bab al-Hawa border crossing. A total of 10,900 mt of Education, Health, WASH and Shelter items were transhipped on behalf of IOM, UNHCR and UNICEF.
- In September, the WFP-led Logistics Cluster facilitated the storage of 450 m³ of humanitarian goods in its common storage facilities in Aleppo, Rural Damascus and Qamishli on behalf of WHO, NRC, ICRC and UNFPA.

Food Security Sector

- The WFP co-led Food Security Sector reached at least 5.7 million people with regular food baskets and an additional 2 million people with bread and flour distribution in August. In addition, at least 105,000 people were reached with emergency response through Ready to Eat Rations, Cooked Meals & Emergency Food Baskets. Cumulatively, at least 1.5 million beneficiaries have been reached with livelihoods interventions since the beginning of the year across various activities with support including enhanced self-reliance of affected households and restoration or creation of income generating opportunities to save and sustain lives.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- In September, the WFP-led Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC) completed its solar power project, following installation of the system in the Security Operations Centre (SOC) in Damascus. The system is now operational in all six UNDSS-managed SOCs in Syria – Aleppo, Damascus, Deir Ezzor, Homs, Qamishli and Tartous – and will provide sustainable back-up power to support security communications services amid a country-wide power crisis.

United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- In September, UNHAS Syria completed 18 rotations on its two routes from Damascus to Qamishli and Aleppo, transporting 427 passengers and 2.6 mt of light cargo. Of the passengers transported on both routes, 49 percent were UN staff, and 49 percent were staff from national and international non-governmental organisations, and 1 percent were donors.

Resourcing Update

- WFP requires US\$ 477.8 million to keep operations running at current levels through March 2022.

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WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (2019-2021)

	2021 Requirement (in US\$)	6-Month Net Funding Requirement (October 2021 – March 2022)	People Assisted (September 2021 dispatches)	Female	Male
ICSP (January 2019 – December 2021)	1.27 billion	477.8 million	5,290,205		
Activity 1: General Food Assistance			5,261,665	2,893,916	2,367,749
Activity 2: School Feeding			31,000	15,190	15,810
Activity 3: Livelihoods and Resilience			17,505	7,877	9,628
Activity 4: Prevention of Acute Malnutrition			189,333	60,069	129,322
Activity 5: Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition			9,670	3,965	5,705