

## WFP SYRIA EMERGENCY RESPONSE

### Situation Report 3

18 November 2024

4-years-old Joud was displaced from Lebanon along with his family and now receiving WFP assistance in Syria. WFP/M/2024/001

#### Highlights

- More than **half a million people** have already crossed into Syria since the escalation of hostilities in Lebanon started on 23 September. Around two thirds of them are Syrian, arriving in communities that already face high levels of food insecurity and economic hardship.
- So far, WFP has reached over **322,000 displaced Lebanese and Syrians** with food at the borders (date bars and fresh meals) and within communities and host centers (hot meals, ready-to-eat (RTE)), and regular food rations.
- In addition to the funding needed for its regular programme, **WFP requires USD 50 million in new funding against the total appeal of USD 54.4 million to support the current emergency response**, in line with Inter-Agency [plans](#). WFP is currently diverting in-country food rations for this response and urgently requires new contributions to replenish this vital stock.

#### IN NUMBERS



**322,647 people**

assisted since 23 September



**US\$ 54.4 million**

needed to reach 480,000 people until the end of March 2025



**1,501.73 mt** of food distributed

including date bars, ready-to-eat rations, and regular food rations.



**53,074 fresh and hot meals**

provided

- The influx of displaced persons continues to increase. **To date, an estimated 540,000 people have crossed into Syria**; of these, 62 percent are Syrians and 38 percent are Lebanese and other nationalities (UNHCR).
- The vast majority of displaced individuals are hosted by communities and families who are already experiencing high levels of food insecurity. **This situation is exacerbating humanitarian needs and negatively impacting social cohesion.**
- **Many host centres accommodating displaced Lebanese are reaching full capacity**, leading to resource strains and growing hygiene concerns. With winter approaching, many of these centres are also inadequately equipped with heating facilities.
- **Fuel shortages** are hindering WFP's cooperating partners' ability to operate.

#### WFP RESPONSE

- WFP's emergency response continues to adapt to the evolving needs, shifting from the borders to the homes of Syrian families and host centres. Beyond immediate humanitarian assistance, people seek livelihood support to support integration and increased self-reliance.
- To date, WFP reached **322,000 new arrivals from Lebanon at the borders with food assistance, and inside Syria** across Rural Damascus, Dar'a, Homs, Hama, Aleppo, Tartous, Lattakia, Ar-Raqqa, Deir Ezzor and Idlib governorates.

#### SITUATION UPDATE

- **The security situation in Syria remains highly volatile, worsened by ongoing regional tensions.** Airstrikes increased in the past week, getting increasingly closer to urban centers, particularly in Homs and Damascus. Strikes on and around official and unofficial border crossings forces people to seek riskier alternatives to cross into Syria. Tensions continue in the northwest and northeast parts of the country.

## Supply Chain

- WFP has **distributed 53,074 fresh and hot meals, in addition to 1,501.73 mt of date bars, RTE rations, and food parcels** across Syria since 23 September.
- **WFP continues to divert in-country food commodities from its regular programmes to respond to the current emergency.** WFP currently has a stock of food rations sufficient to feed 850,000 people for one month and ready-to-eat rations (RTEs) sufficient to cover the needs of over 45,000 people for five days. **WFP requires additional funding to replenish this vital stock.**

## ASSESSMENTS AND MONITORING

- WFP continues to **monitor** all food distributions at critical points of displacement. So far, WFP monitoring teams completed 164 surveys at borders, collective shelters, hosted communities, and kitchens.

## ACCOUNTABILITY TO AFFECTED POPULATIONS

- The WFP **call center** number is prominently displayed at all major entry points, guiding displaced individuals to WFP assistance. Additionally, all WFP RTEs and food ration packages include leaflets with the same information.
- Key messages and Q&As have been developed and provided to WFP's helpline team and field staff to help address questions on WFP's response. These include information on available humanitarian services, guidance on accessing services, and mapping UNHCR community centres and Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) branches, as well as key messages on optimal hygiene and food consumption practices.

## CLUSTERS AND COMMON SERVICES



### Food Security and Agriculture Sector

- The Food Security Sector continued to support the emergency response, coordinating with partners to maximize the available resources, ensure complementarity, and avoid assistance overlaps.



### Logistics Cluster

- The WFP-led Logistics Cluster continues to support the emergency response and appealed for USD 2.5 million through the Inter-Agency Appeal to procure fuel to support the needs of partners responding to the crisis for six-month period. The Cluster already provided 20,000 litres of diesel to partners to support the response; an additional 20,000 litres of diesel are currently needed.

## VOICES FROM THE FIELD

*Mustafa, a farmer from Maskaneh in rural Aleppo, is now hosting the families of his three daughters, who recently fled Lebanon due to escalating conflict. This has brought his household total to 17 people, mostly children, in addition to his own family.*

*Mustafa himself was displaced from his home in Maskaneh in 2017 as violence surged in Aleppo. During his three-year displacement, Mustafa and his family endured the many challenges of starting over again. WFP's food assistance was a critical lifeline.*

*Upon their return in Maskaneh in 2020, they found their livelihood severely impacted by the destruction of the irrigation canals, which left Mustafa without an income to support his family. However, WFP's rehabilitation of the irrigation canals in Maskaneh in 2021 helped Mustafa to start farming again, restoring his livelihood.*

*"Just when we were beginning to get back on our feet, the crisis in Lebanon began. My three daughters and their families had no choice but to flee south Lebanon, enduring incredible hardship until they reached us here. They are safe now, and I'm grateful for that. I will gladly share what little I have with them."*

*Despite his remarkable generosity, Mustafa's resources were being stretched as he attempted to support his growing household. On 28 October, WFP's cooperating partner assessed the three families in Mustafa's care and will ensure they receive the assistance they need.*

