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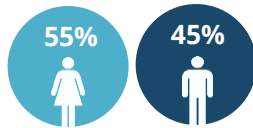
# WFP Syria Situation Report #4

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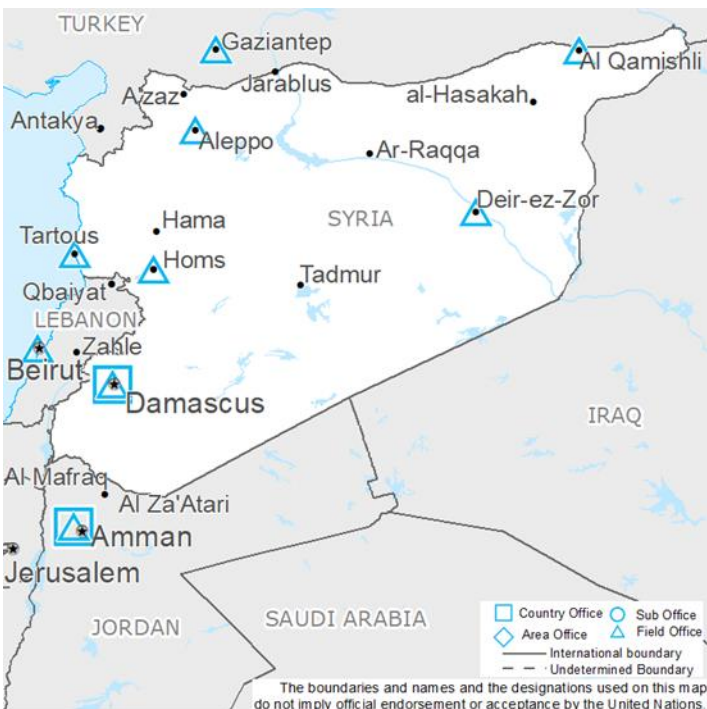
**5.3 million people assisted\***

April 2022 (based on dispatches)



WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP)

<b>2022 Syrian Arab Republic Humanitarian Response Plan</b>	Overall requirement: US\$ 4.2 billion
	WFP share: <b>US\$ 1.37 billion</b>
<b>WFP 6-Month Net Funding Requirement</b> (May – October 2022) <a href="#">WFP Syria 2022-2023 Interim Country Strategic Plan</a> (November 2021)	<b>US\$ 595.2 m</b>



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## In Numbers

**12 million** people food insecure

**2.5 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 April.
- On 5 April, the [WFP Syria 2021 Annual Country Report](#) was released. The report provides a complete overview of WFP's operation in Syria in 2021. Overall, WFP successfully reached 7 million girls, boys, women, and men across its activities in Syria in 2021.
- On 4 April WFP completed the fourth round of cross-line distributions of food and nutrition items, reaching 41,835 beneficiaries in 51 locations in non Government of Syria controlled areas of north-western Syria. The assistance included food rations for families and supplementary nutritious food for children under two years old.
- Syria's central bank has weakened its official exchange rate to 2,814 Syrian pounds per US dollar. The ongoing depreciation of the Syrian pound is a driving factor in increasing the prices of goods in the country, making basic goods increasingly more expensive for the population.

## Situation Update

### Economic situation

- In March, the monthly average price of WFP's standard reference food basket increased by **24 percent** compared to February 2022, according to the latest [WFP Syria Market Price Watch Bulletin](#). The nationwide average reference food basket price reached SYP 286,757 (USD 114.70 at the official exchange rate of SYP 2,500/USD), marking a new record high for the seventh consecutive month since WFP started price monitoring in 2013.
- Food prices in March were 54 percent higher than six months ago, and 59 percent higher compared to the same time last year. The increase is mainly attributed to the ongoing fuel shortage countrywide, as well as to an increase in global food prices, inflation and the Ukraine crisis.

\* Number are subject to change as April dispatch cycle has been extended to reach all beneficiaries.

- On 13 April, Syria's central bank has weakened its official exchange rate to 2,814 Syrian pounds per US dollar. The official rate was previously set at around SYP 2,500 per USD. The ongoing depreciation of the Syrian pound is a driving factor in increasing the prices of goods in the country, making basic goods increasingly more expensive for the population.

### Ration Reductions

- WFP has been forced to slightly reduce food rations in all areas of Syria due to funding constraints and increasing global food prices. Food rations will be reduced from 1,341 to 1,177 kcal per person in the north-western Syria cross-border operation starting in May. Food rations have already been reduced from 1,220 to 995 kcal per person elsewhere due to resource shortfalls and global supply chain challenges impacting the timely delivery of commodities to Syria.
- The operation needs to urgently identify new funding to maintain its already reduced levels of assistance.

### North-Western Syria

- On 4 April, WFP completed the fourth round of cross-line distributions of food and nutrition items, reaching 41,835 beneficiaries in 51 locations in non Government of Syria controlled areas of north-western Syria. The assistance included food rations for families and supplementary nutritious food for children under two years old.
- WFP is undertaking crossline deliveries of food and nutrition assistance from its warehouse in government-controlled Aleppo city, Aleppo governorate, to its warehouse in non-government controlled Sarmada city, Idlib governorate. So far, WFP has successfully undertaken four cross-line deliveries to north-western Syria, with the first delivery on 30 August 2021 and the latest on 16 May 2022.

### WFP Operations

- WFP dispatched food and nutrition assistance sufficient for an estimated 5.3 million people across all activities in Syria in April. Additionally, US\$ 3.6 million in cash-based transfers (CBT) was distributed to 199,100 WFP beneficiaries.

### General Food Assistance (GFA) Programme

- In April, WFP dispatched GFA sufficient for some 5.2 million people across all 14 Syrian governorates.
- Cross-border deliveries from Turkey accounted for 27 percent of the total WFP general food assistance dispatched. This includes food rations for some 1.37 million people areas of Idlib and Aleppo governorate inaccessible from inside Syria.

- April disptach cycle was extended to 31 May to reach all beneficiaries.

### Livelihoods, Resilience and Social Safety Nets

- WFP's livelihoods and resilience activities support families across Syria to reduce their dependency on humanitarian assistance over time by protecting and restoring their livelihoods. This improves their food security and enhances their resilience to future shocks.
- Recently, WFP finalized the rehabilitation of the Ain Alqusair irrigation project in Homs governorate. The project will help about 750 people to resume agricultural activities in an area where the main crops are apricots, grapes, and olives. Homs has a population of 1.5 million people of which 934,000 are food insecure (62 percent of the population) and WFP supports 312,905 people monthly with general food assistance.
- WFP reached some 5,000 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.

### School Feeding Programme

- In April, WFP reached some 399,600 children with fortified date bars in 1,390 schools across the country. WFP also distributed fortified date bars to 7,100 children receiving non-formal education in IDP camps in north-eastern Syria and in Ar-Raqqa governorate.
- The fresh meals programme reached 27,200 children in Aleppo in April 2021.
- WFP also supported 43,400 out of school children with food vouchers in Al Hasakeh, Aleppo, Damascus, Dar'a, Deir Ezzor, Hama, Homs, Lattakia, Quneitra, Rural Damascus and Tartous governorates.

### Nutrition Programme

- WFP dispatched nutrition products for the prevention of acute malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies for 182,300 children (6-23 months old) and Pregnant and Lactating Women and Girls (PLWG). This includes some 65,600 PLWG who received CBT to purchase fresh food from WFP-contracted shops.
- WFP dispatched nutrition products for the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition for 7,200 children and PLWG for one month.

### Clusters and Common Services

#### Food Security Sector

- The Food Security Sector reached 6.7 million people with regular food baskets and another 2.7 million people with bread and flour distribution in March. In addition, at least 219,027 people were reached with emergency response through ready-to-eat rations, cooked meals,

and emergency food baskets. Cumulatively, at least 515,967 beneficiaries have been reached with livelihoods interventions in 2022.

## Logistics Cluster

- Facilitating the cross-border operation from Turkey, the WFP-led Logistics Cluster transshipped 647 Syrian trucks from Turkey in March through the Bab al-Hawa border crossing. A total of 16,290 mt of Food Security, Shelter, Health and WASH sector items were transhipped on behalf of WFP, IOM, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNFPA and WHO.
- In April, the WFP-led Logistics Cluster facilitated the storage of 422.9 m<sup>3</sup> of humanitarian goods in its common storage facilities in Aleppo, and Rural Damascus on behalf of COOPI, Medair and UNFPA.

## Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- In April, the WFP-led Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC) continued to provide internet connectivity services to over 350 humanitarians from 11 UN agencies, and security communications services to 660 users from 14 UN agencies across eight sites in Syria and Gaziantep to support the response.

## United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- In April, UNHAS Syria completed 14 rotations on its two routes from Damascus to Qamishli and Aleppo, transporting 267 passengers and 1.68 mt of light cargo. Further, UNHAS in April completed one medical evacuation from Qamishli to Damascus.

## Resourcing Update

- WFP requires US\$ 595.2 million to keep operations running at current levels through October 2022.

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## WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (2022-2023)

	2022 Requirement (in US\$)	6-Month Net Funding Requirement (May 2022 – October 2022)	People Assisted (April 2022 dispatches)	Female	Male
<b>ICSP (January 2019 – December 2021)</b>	<b>1.37 billion</b>	<b>595.2 million</b>			
Activity 1: <b>General Food Assistance</b>			<b>5,209,384</b>	2,658,349	2,551,035
Activity 2: <b>School Feeding</b>			<b>477,465</b>	233,958	243,507
Activity 3: <b>Livelihoods and Resilience</b>			<b>5,000</b>	2,552	2,449
Activity 4: <b>Prevention of Acute Malnutrition</b>			<b>182,259</b>	125,081	57,178
Activity 5: <b>Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition</b>			<b>7,195</b>	3,921	3,274