

Situation Report 6 - June 2023

Highlights

- In June, WFP assisted 5.6 million people across all its programmes in Syria. This included 400,000 people who received cash-based assistance with a transfer value of USD 3.8 million.
- Due to unprecedented funding shortfalls, WFP [announced](#) that it will be unable to assist 2.5 million out of the 5.5 million people who relied on WFP assistance each month. Reductions of assistance will start in July.
- The 11th crossline convoy from Aleppo city to northwest Syria was completed on 23 June. The crossline operation had been on hold since January due to the lack of relevant authorizations.

IN NUMBERS



5.6 million people in Syria received WFP assistance in June 2023



12.1 million people are food insecure in Syria.



6.8 million Internally Displaced People.



WFP requires a minimum of USD 155 million to resume monthly emergency food assistance to 2.5 million people each month with reduced rations.

Situation Update

- In June, food prices in Syria [continued](#) to soar. The food security situation showed no signs of improving. The national average price of the WFP's standard reference food basket increased by 27 percent in the first six months of 2023. At the same time, the value of the Syrian Pound fell to record lows. The first half of this year saw it lose 27 percent of its value on the parallel market. This depreciation is one of the key drivers for the increase in food prices in the country.
- On 13 June, WFP publicly [announced](#) that due to unprecedented funding shortfalls, it will be unable to assist 2.5 out of the 5.5 million people who relied on WFP assistance each month starting from July. WFP ramped up communication with communities, partners, and authorities to mitigate the tensions that might expose the operation to a heightened level of risk. WFP has expanded the capacity of its helpline and trained all operators to support the process while an appeal mechanism will allow affected beneficiaries to appeal. WFP continued to advocate for additional funding to sustain essential food assistance to vulnerable Syrians.

- The eleventh crossline convoy took place on 23 June, delivering UN humanitarian supplies from government-held areas of Aleppo into non-government-controlled areas of Idlib in line with the UN Security Council Resolution 2672. The interagency convoy consisted of ten trucks carrying UN humanitarian supplies including six trucks with 168 mt of WFP food and nutrition commodities. The crossline operation had been on hold since 8 January 2023 due to lack of relevant authorizations.

WFP Operations

General Food Assistance (GFA)

- In June, WFP reached 5.5 million people across Syria with in-kind and cash-based food assistance.
- WFP distributed 35,123 mt of food assistance.
- A total of 400,000 people received cash-based assistance for a total value of USD 3.8 million, including 194,000 people in northwest Syria.
- As part of its operational continuity plan, WFP prepositioned 15,000 mt of food and nutrition commodities inside northwest Syria in June. The exercise will continue in July.

School Meals Programme

- While regular schools are on summer break until September, WFP's school meals programme continued to support the education of vulnerable children.
- WFP reached 40,200 out-of-school children with food vouchers and provided fortified date bars to 11,000 children enrolled in self-education in IDP camps in northeast Syria.
- WFP also provided food assistance to 8,300 students coming from non-government-controlled areas to sit for their national exams.

Resilience and Safety Nets

- WFP completed the upgrade of one pumping station and two dams in Quneitra governorate in June. These assets will supply water to irrigate 300 ha of agricultural lands.
- WFP started works to install a medium-voltage electrical line at Al-Twaineh water pumping station in Hama governorate. The station is out of service due to the absence of electrical power.

Once operational, it will pump water enough to irrigate 3,000 ha of agricultural lands.

Nutrition

- WFP continued providing nutrition support to improve the health and well-being of vulnerable women and children amid rising malnutrition in Syria.
- WFP's prevention of acute malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies interventions reached 148,000 children (6-23 months) and 41,400 pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls (PBWG) who received vouchers to purchase food from WFP-contracted shops.
- Treatment of moderate acute malnutrition interventions reached 33,000 children (6-59 months) and PBWGs.

Clusters and Common Services

Food Security Sector

- In May, the Food Security Sector reached 6.5 million people with food baskets and another 2.3 million people with bread and flour distribution. In addition, the sector's emergency response reached 375,700 people with ready-to-eat rations, cooked meals, and emergency food baskets.
- The sector has reached 1.1 million people with livelihoods interventions in 2023.

Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster continued to facilitate the cross-border operation from Türkiye into northwest Syria. In June, the cluster transhipped over 890 trucks carrying 19,280 mt of humanitarian relief items through Bab al-Hawa, Bab al-Salam, and Al Ra'ee border crossings on behalf of WHO, IOM, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNFPA and WFP.

UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- UNHAS in Syria is facing a funding gap of USD 2 million until the end of 2023. Flights will be suspended from September 2023 if no additional funding is received.

- In June, UNHAS conducted 15 flights transporting 500 passengers and 1.2 mt of light cargo on behalf of 28 humanitarian organizations.
- Since its launch in Syria, UNHAS transported over 12,000 humanitarian community members between Damascus, Qamishli and Aleppo and over 82 mt of light humanitarian cargo. On ad-hoc basis, UNHAS also performs security and medical evacuations, with 29 life-saving interventions completed since its launch.



Funding Situation

- An unprecedented funding crisis in Syria is forcing WFP to remove assistance for 2.5 million out of the 5.5 million people who rely on general food assistance each month. Reductions of assistance will start in July. All beneficiaries were already receiving half of the standard ration except for those in camp settings in northeast Syria who will continue receiving full rations.
- WFP urgently requires a minimum of USD 155 million to resume assistance at its previous level with reduced rations until the end of the year.

Operational challenges

- WFP has identified a temporary solution to resume assistance in July to 14,000 beneficiaries in Mahmoudli and Twahina camps who had not received assistance since April due to a conflict of jurisdiction between local and central authorities.

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WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (2022-2023)

	2023 Requirement (in US\$)	6-Month Net Funding Requirement (July – December 2023)	People Assisted (June 2023 distributions)	Female	Male
ICSP (January 2022– December 2023)	1.5 billion	751.8 million	5,570,718		
Activity 1: General Food Assistance			5,533,516	2,866,361	2,667,155
Activity 2: School Feeding			59,240	28,139	31,101
Activity 3: Livelihoods and Resilience			0	0	0
Activity 4: Prevention of Acute Malnutrition			189,369	114,034	75,335
Activity 5: Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition			32,936	17,480	16,018