

External Situation Report – June 2024

Highlights

- WFP supported 1.1 million people across Syria in June, through its emergency food assistance distributions, school meals programme, and malnutrition prevention and treatment services.
- Thus far in 2024, WFP has received US\$54.1 million as confirmed contributions. This is a significant drop from the US\$218 million received by the same time in 2023. Lack of visibility on 2024 funding is hampering operational planning.

In Numbers



1.1 million people received WFP assistance in June 2024



7.2 million Internally Displaced People (2024 [HNO](#))



12.9 million people are food insecure, including 3.1 million who are severely food insecure (2024 [HNO](#))



WFP requires **US\$459 million** for the next 6 months (July – December 2024) across all its activities in Syria

Situation Update

- According to WFP monitoring, the cost of living measured by the minimum expenditure basket in Syria nearly doubled compared to last year.
- The minimum wage in Syria buys only a fifth of a family's basic food needs and only a tenth of what a household requires to meet their essential needs.

WFP Operations



Emergency Food Assistance

- In June, WFP reached 1,072,000 people with emergency food assistance across the country.
- Registration of beneficiaries for the new highly targeted programme continued throughout June.

- Despite strict targeting and prioritization, WFP will be able to support **only one-third of the severely food insecure population with current funding shortfall.**



School Meals

- Most school meals activities were paused in June as schools are on summer break until September.
- WFP provided **cash-based assistance** to 37,535 vulnerable schoolchildren across the country who enrolled back in formal education after prolonged absence, as well as to 614 children receiving non-formal education in Dar'a governorate.
- WFP provided **fortified date bars** to 9,400 children enrolled in non-formal self-learning programmes in camps in northeast Syria.



Nutrition

- **Prevention** of moderate acute malnutrition reached 55,300 children (6-23 months).
- **Treatment** of moderate acute malnutrition reached 1,600 children (6-59 months) and pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls across the country.



Building Resilience

- WFP started the rehabilitation of Al-Tebni bakery in Deir Ezzor governorate. Once operational, the bakery will provide daily fresh bread to 26,700 people.



Monitoring

- WFP and third-party monitoring companies (TPM) conducted 916 on-site monitoring visits and 1,600 post-distribution monitoring interviews across all governorates in Syria.
- WFP processed 5,100 cases received through its community feedback mechanism helplines. Most calls were requests for information and assistance.

Operational challenges

- Since November 2023, UN agencies, including WFP, have not received approvals to conduct missions to As-Sweida governorate, due to ongoing civil unrest.
- WFP suspended field missions to Deir Ezzor governorate and activated an alternative working modality for all staff in the governorate between 22-27 June, after several stray bullets hit the front area of the UN Hub building and impacted the power transformer which supplies the Hub with electricity.
- As tensions among the population increased following months without food assistance, WFP's cooperating partners faced several security incidents at food distribution points involving non-beneficiaries demanding food rations by force. Furthermore, in Shat'hah subdistrict, north rural Hama, a violent crowd forced WFP's cooperating partner to temporarily suspend the registration of beneficiaries.

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Clusters and Common Services



Food Security Sector

- The Food Security Sector continues to play a key role in coordinating the humanitarian response across the three hubs, to ensure an effective response. The Sector provided technical guidance to sector partners on the prioritization of food assistance based on needs, with a focus on underserved subdistricts, while also providing support and guidance on the recommended targeting approaches and criteria.
- Because of the reduced funding, in the coming months, the cluster will focus on the following three key issues: geographic coverage; targeting and eligibility criteria; risk assurance.



Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster transhipped 70 trucks carrying 1,134 mt of humanitarian relief items through Bab al-Hawa and Bab al-Salameh border crossings on behalf of six UN agencies. The number of trucks transhipped every month remains significantly low compared to last year. For WFP, this is directly linked to the lack of funding and the reduced number of WFP beneficiaries.



UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- UNHAS Syria conducted 15 flights from Damascus to Aleppo and Qamishli, transporting 360 passengers and 0.5 mt of light cargo on behalf of 28 humanitarian organisations.

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WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (2022-2025)

	2024 Requirement (in USD)	6-Month Net Funding Requirement (July 2024 – December 2024)	People Assisted (June 2024) *	Female	Male
ICSP (January 2022– December 2025)	1 billion	459.3 million			
Activity 1: General Food Assistance			1,071,915	555,252	516,663
Activity 2: School Feeding			46,925	22,289	24,636
Activity 3: Livelihoods and Resilience			0**	0	0
Activity 4: Prevention of Acute Malnutrition			55,322	27,163	28,159
Activity 5: Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition			1,666	856	810

* The total unique beneficiaries-figure represents the total number of beneficiaries reached across all activities, excluding overlaps between beneficiaries in camps of northeast Syria who were assisted through more than one activity. Monthly distribution figures are estimates and subject to change pending final beneficiary reconciliation.

** No projects were completed in June.