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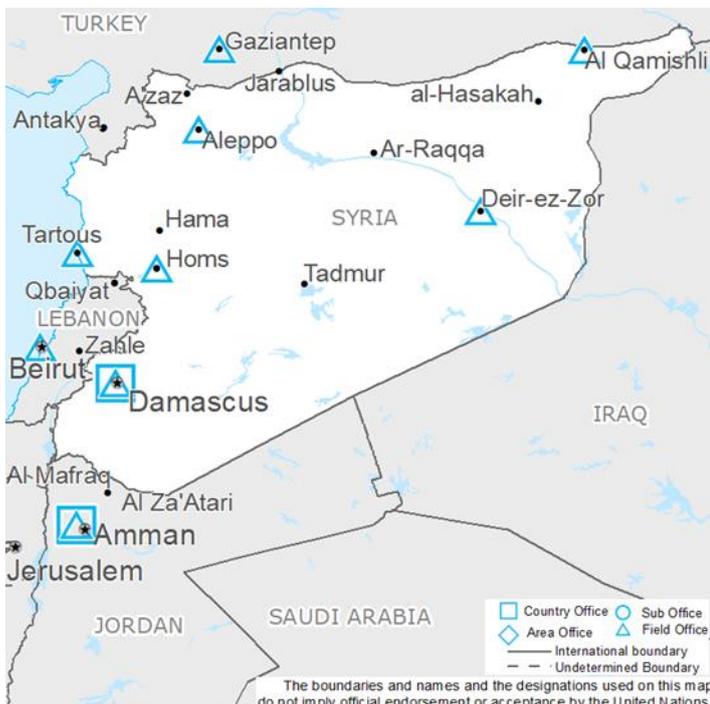
5.2 million people assisted*

September 2022 (based on dispatches)



WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP)

2022 Syrian Arab Republic Humanitarian Response Plan	Overall requirement: US\$ 4.2 billion
	WFP share: US\$ 1.37 billion
WFP 6-Month Net Funding Requirement (October 2022 – March 2023)	US\$ 811.1 m
WFP Syria 2022-2023 Interim Country Strategic Plan (November 2021)	



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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 5.2 million people across all activities in Syria in September.
- In August, the monthly average price of WFP's standard reference food basket increased by 2 percent compared to July 2022, reaching SYP 321,356 (≈USD 114).
- An ongoing cholera outbreak in Syria is believed to be linked to the irrigation of crops with contaminated water, as well as people drinking from the Euphrates River, which runs north to east in the country from the Turkish border to the Iraqi border.

Situation Update

Economic situation

- In August, the monthly average price of WFP's standard reference food basket¹ increased by 2 percent compared to July 2022, reaching SYP 321,356 (≈USD 114 at the official exchange rate of SYP 2,814/USD), influenced by significant price gains in rice and sugar according to the latest [WFP Syria Market Price Watch Bulletin](#). As of 19 September, the Central Bank of Syria has set the official exchange rate at SYP 3,015/USD.
- The price of the standard reference food basket was 36 percent higher than February 2022 (start of the Ukraine crisis) and 85 percent higher than the same time last year.
- Syria is more susceptible to high global prices due to a high import dependency on essential commodities (wheat flour, bulgur, rice, cooking oil, sugar, and petrol among other items) aggravated by poor performing agriculture seasons, and other economic factors.
- The economic crisis adds to the effects of the ongoing conflict and displacement, resulting in 12 million people facing acute food insecurity in 2022. Of these, 2.5 million people were severely food insecure, including 1.8 million people living in internally displaced people (IDP) camps.

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

Cholera Outbreak

- An ongoing cholera outbreak in Syria is believed to be linked to the irrigation of crops with contaminated water, as well as people drinking from the Euphrates River, which runs north to east in the country from the Turkish border to the Iraqi border. On 10 September, the Syrian Ministry of Health declared an outbreak of cholera. The UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Syria stressed that the outbreak was an indicator of severe shortages of water throughout Syria, adding that it presented a serious threat to people in Syria and the region.

WFP Goodwill Ambassador visit to Aleppo

- During the week of 18 September, WFP Goodwill Ambassador George Strombolopolous visited Aleppo along with WFP's Country Director. They visited WFP beneficiaries at their homes as well as WFP operations in the city, including schools receiving fresh meals for children, registration centres for pregnant and lactating women and girls, and general food assistance distribution points.

North-Western Syria

- The seventh cross-line convoy occurred on 17-18 September with items offloaded at WFP warehouses. The convoy carried food rations and nutrition items to enable WFP to reach its monthly cross-line target of 43,500 people. The convoy crossed from government-held Aleppo city, Aleppo governorate, to opposition-controlled Sarmada city, Idlib governorate, through the Miznaz crossing. The convoy also carried non-food items on behalf of other UN agencies. Preparations are ongoing for the next convoy expected in October.
- The Camp Coordination and Camp management (CCCM) cluster recorded more than 12,000 displacements in north-western Syria in September, with departures principally occurring from Dana, and other notable departures from Idleb, as well as atareb. The main locations where displaced people arrived to included Dana, Maaret Tamsrin and Idleb sub-districts. During the same period, more than 3,500 IDP returnees were reported as returning to the place of origin, mainly arriving to Ehsem, Mhambal and Jisr-Ash-Shugur sub-districts.
- The top three needs reported for newly displaced persons were food and livelihood, shelter, and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). The main push-factors for new displacements were loss of income, reduced

access to shelter/increase of rents and reduced access to healthcare services.

North-Eastern Syria

- WFP food dispatches to north-eastern Syria resumed on 12 September after having been on hold since mid-August due to an alleged rice quality issue. This had been spurred by recent changes to food safety inspection requirements by local authorities.

Southern Syria

- The security situation in southern Syria continued to deteriorate in September. In Dar'a governorate, WFP operations were not impacted, however the security situation impacted farmers' abilities to access their lands, shedding concerns on domestic agricultural production.

WFP Operations

- WFP dispatched food and nutrition assistance sufficient for an estimated 5.2 million people across all activities in Syria in August. Additionally, US\$ 3.6 million in cash-based transfers (CBT) was distributed to some 284,000 WFP beneficiaries.

General Food Assistance (GFA) Programme

- In September, WFP distributed GFA sufficient for some 5.15 million people across all 14 Syrian governorates including food delivered through the cross-border operation from Türkiye to areas of Idlib and western rural Aleppo governorates not accessible from inside Syria.
- The September dispatch cycle was extended into October to reach all beneficiaries.

Livelihoods, Resilience and Social Safety Nets

- WFP reached some 6,300 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

- With schools reopening in September, the School Feeding programme reached some 33,700 children through its e-voucher assistance. Fresh meals in Aleppo resumed during the second week of September reaching 31,900 children. The project is being extended to schools in Rural Damascus and to social care centres. Date bar distribution will resume in October. What about fresh meals?

Nutrition Programme

- WFP dispatched nutrition products for the prevention and treatment of acute malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies. Reaching some for 184,620 children (6-23 months old) and Pregnant and Lactating Women and

Girls (PLWG). This includes some 59,800 PLWG who received CBT to purchase fresh food from WFP-contracted shops.

- WFP dispatched nutrition products for the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition for 8,600 children and PLWG for one month.

Clusters and Common Services

Food Security Sector

- The Food Security Sector reached 6.8 million people with regular food baskets and another 1.8 million people with bread and flour distribution in August. In addition, some 73,850 people were reached with emergency response through ready-to-eat rations, cooked meals, and emergency food baskets. Cumulatively, at least 1.32 million beneficiaries have been reached with livelihoods interventions since the beginning of the year across various activities with support provided to enhance self-reliance of affected households by protecting and building productive assets and restoring or creating income generating opportunities to save and sustain lives.

Logistics Cluster

- Facilitating the cross-border operation from Türkiye, the WFP-Logistics Cluster transhipped 293 Syrian trucks carrying 6,600 mt of humanitarian relief items from Türkiye in August through the Bab al-Hawa border crossing.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- In response to a request from the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), the WFP-led Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC) completed the dismantling of VHF systems and Vehicle Tracking System (VTS) from two unused Armoured Vehicles (AVs) and partially re-installed the equipment in one new AV. The ETC will continue work to install VHF in a second new vehicle with support from WFP Fleet personnel.

United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- In September, UNHAS Syria completed 15 flights on its two routes from Damascus to Qamishli and Aleppo, transporting 463 passengers and 3 mt of light cargo.
- Flights to and from Aleppo airport were cancelled again after missile strikes targeted the vicinity of the airport in Aleppo. This was the second time in the space of one week where the previous strikes occurred on 31 August. UNHAS flights resumed on 10 September upon the re-opening of the airport. UNHAS is a critical service for the humanitarian operation. It is the basis upon which staff deploy and move, and it is also a vessel for humanitarian assistance.

Resourcing Update

- WFP requires US\$ 811.1 million through March 2023 to implement the Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP) for Syria.

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WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (2022-2023)

	2022 Requirement (in US\$)	6-Month Net Funding Requirement (October 2022 – March 2023)	People Assisted (August 2022 dispatches)	Female	Male
ICSP (January 2019 – December 2021)	1.37 billion	811.1 million			
Activity 1: General Food Assistance			5,146,315	2,626,165	2,520,150
Activity 2: School Feeding			33,668	16,497	17,171
Activity 3: Livelihoods and Resilience			6,314	3,222	3,092
Activity 4: Prevention of Acute Malnutrition			184,620	123,453	61,167
Activity 5: Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition			8,580	4,676	3,904