



World Food Programme

WFP SYRIA

Situation Report – April 2024

Highlights

- WFP assisted 740,800 people across Syria in April, most of them assisted through school meals (75 percent).
- WFP initiated the registration of beneficiaries for the new and more targeted emergency food assistance programme in northwest Syria, while the process is planned to start in May in the rest of the country.
- Lack of visibility on 2024 funding and uncertainties around forecasted contributions are hampering the planning for the new emergency food assistance programme.
- Food prices remained stable in April but were still 87 percent higher than one year ago. Families earning a minimum wage can only buy 29 percent of their food needs.

In Numbers



740,800 people in Syria received WFP assistance in April 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 USD 471 million for the next 6 months across all its activities in Syria.

double rations for 86,540 people in four camps who did not receive assistance in March due to delays in extending field-level agreements with cooperating partners.

- WFP reached 70,000 people in non-government-controlled areas of northwest Syria with one-off crisis response assistance. Meanwhile, preparations were underway to expand distributions to the rest of the country in May.
- The registration of beneficiaries for the new and more targeted emergency food assistance programme focused on the severely food insecure population was initiated in northwest Syria, while the process is planned to start in May in the rest of the country. The new programme is set to launch in a staggered manner across the country between May and June.



School Meals

- WFP provided fortified date bars to 454,000 schoolchildren across the country, including 10,000 children enrolled in non-formal self-learning programmes in three camps in northeast Syria.
- WFP provided fresh meals to 63,000 schoolchildren in Aleppo, Deir Ezzor and Rural Damascus governorates, including 309 children with disabilities in three centres in Aleppo and Deir Ezzor.
- WFP provided cash-based assistance to 37,500 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.

Situation Update

- Food prices were relatively stable in April, with the cost of WFP's reference food basket remained almost unchanged from the previous month. This was attributed to the relatively stable exchange rate over the past two months. However, food prices remain 87 percent higher compared to one year ago. Families earning a minimum wage can only afford 29 percent of their food needs.

WFP Operations

General Food Assistance (GFA)

- WFP provided in-kind food assistance to 101,000 people in six camps in northeast Syria, including

Nutrition

- Prevention of moderate acute malnutrition reached 23,105 children (6-23 months). As the distribution of this assistance is linked to the GFA, these activities will continue to have a reduced reach until the new emergency food assistance interventions are launched.
- Treatment of moderate acute malnutrition reached 22,000 children (6-59 months) and pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls across the country.

Building Resilience

- WFP completed the rehabilitation of a damaged rooftop at Nawa bakery in Dar'a governorate. The bakery was rehabilitated by WFP in 2022, increasing its capacity to provide daily fresh bread to approximately 45,000 people.

Clusters and Common Services

Food Security Sector

- The Food Security Sector reached 1.2 million people with regular food baskets and another 1.2 million people with bread and flour distributions in March 2024. In addition, 712,100 people were reached through ready-to-eat rations, cooked meals, and emergency food baskets.

Logistics Cluster

- In April, the cluster transhipped 33 trucks carrying 519 mt of humanitarian relief items through Bab Al-Hawa border crossing between Türkiye and northwest Syria on behalf of four UN agencies.
- Since the beginning of 2024, the Logistic cluster has transhipped 152 trucks, of which 44 were from WFP. This is a stark comparison with the 2,062 trucks, of which 1,277 were from WFP, transhipped in the same period in 2023. In the case of WFP, the 97 percent reduction is directly linked to 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 312 passengers and 1.4 mt of light cargo on behalf of 25 humanitarian organisations.

Monitoring

- WFP and third-party monitoring companies (TPM) conducted 798 on-site monitoring visits and 627 post-distribution monitoring interviews across all governorates in Syria.
- WFP processed 2,900 cases received through WFP's community feedback mechanism helplines, including 65 from the new helpline for the non-government-controlled parts of northwest Syria. 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 had to cancel missions in Deir Ezzor governorate, including a donor visit, as security situation deteriorated significantly in late April with several incidents of stray bullets and sniper activities reported within the proximity of the UN Hub.
- Lack of visibility on 2024 funding and uncertainties around forecasted contributions are hampering the planning for the new emergency food assistance programme, including the start of the food procurement process that has a lead time of 5-6 months.

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WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (2022-2025)

	2024 Requirement (in USD)	6-Month Net Funding Requirement (May 2024 – October 2024)	People Assisted (April 2024) *	Female	Male
ICSP (January 2022– December 2025)	1 billion	470.9 million	740,821		
Activity 1: General Food Assistance			170,952	88,554	82,400
Activity 2: School Feeding			555,264	263,750	291,514
Activity 3: Livelihoods and Resilience			45,000**	23,310	21,690
Activity 4: Prevention of Acute Malnutrition			23,105	11,345	11,760
Activity 5: Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition			22,169	11,388	10,781

* 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.

** This represents the number of indirect beneficiaries reached through communal asset rehabilitation activities, and therefore are not included in the total number of direct beneficiaries reached. As part of its livelihood strategy, WFP is gradually phasing out household-level interventions and focusing more on communal asset rehabilitation. Thus, direct distribution of assistance is now implemented as a complementary activity to communal asset rehabilitation activities and when necessary.