



# WFP Syria Situation Report #2

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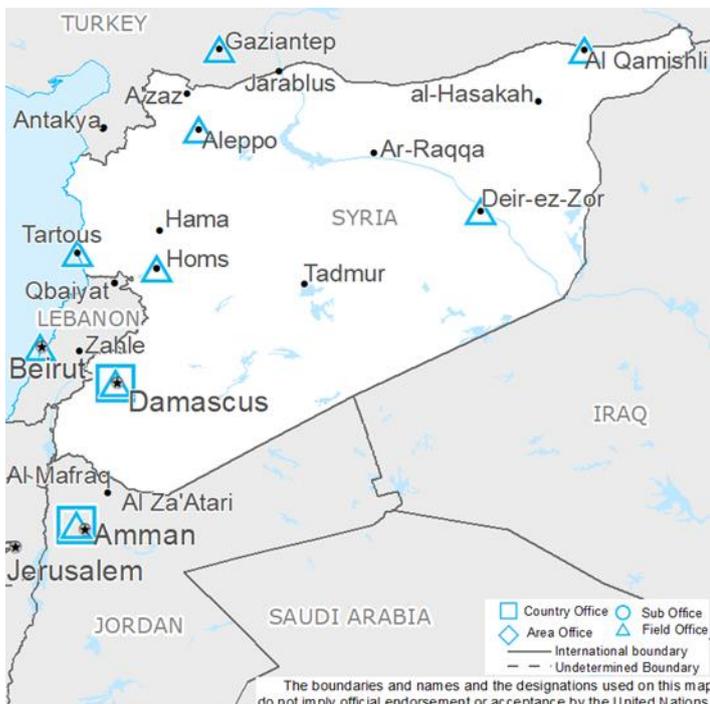
**5.5 million people assisted**

February 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> (March– August 2022) <a href="#">WFP Syria 2022-2023 Interim Country Strategic Plan</a> (November 2021)	<b>US\$ 479.0 m</b>



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## In Numbers

**12.4 million** people food insecure

**1.3 million** severely food insecure

**6.8 million** people internally displaced

## Highlights

- WFP dispatched humanitarian assistance sufficient for an estimated 5.5 million people across all activities in Syria in January.
- Twelve million people, 55 percent of the total population, are facing acute food insecurity in Syria, according to the results of the nationwide food security assessment conducted in late 2021. The number of food-insecure remains extremely high and 51 percent higher than 2019 levels – pre-financial crisis and the outbreak of COVID-19.
- In February, the monthly average price of WFP's standard reference food basket increased by two percent compared to January 2022, marking a new record high for the sixth consecutive month since WFP started price monitoring in 2013, according to the latest [WFP data](#).
- In February, WFP completed its emergency response to the severe winter weather conditions, which impacted tens of thousands of internally displaced people (IDPs) across north-western Syria. WFP reached more than 296,000 people with ready-to-eat rations since the emergency response started in December 2021.

## Situation Update

### Humanitarian and Food Security situation

- According to the [2022 Syria Humanitarian Need Overview \(HNO\)](#), released on 22 February, 14.6 million people inside Syria are in need of humanitarian assistance in 2022, an increase of 1.2 million (9 percent) from 2021.
- The food security situation has steadily worsened over the past four years across Syria, 12 million people, 55 percent of the total population of the country<sup>1</sup>, are facing acute food insecurity and 1.9 million people are at risk of sliding into food insecurity, according to the results of the nationwide Food Security and Livelihoods assessment conducted by WFP and the Whole-of-Syria Food Security Sector in late 2021<sup>1</sup>. While the food insecurity figures have slightly declined by 4 percent since last year's record increase, the number of food-

insecure people remains extremely high and 51 percent higher than 2019 levels preceding the financial crisis and the COVID-19 outbreak.

- The acute food insecure figure includes 1.9 million people residing in camp settings who are considered fully dependent on humanitarian assistance.
- The assessment data found that returnees are by far the most affected by the deteriorating food security situation, with a higher prevalence of food insecurity found among assessed returnees, followed by internally displaced people (IDPs).

### **Economic situation**

- In February, the monthly average price of WFP's standard reference food basket increased by two percent compared to January 2022, according to the latest [WFP Syria Market Price Watch Bulletin](#). In February, the nationwide average reference food basket price reached SYP 231,004 (USD 92.4 at the official exchange rate of SYP 2,500/USD), marking a new record high for the sixth consecutive month since WFP started price monitoring in 2013.
- As the implications of the Ukraine crisis materialize, the cost of food commodities and fuel are increasing, affecting food assistance and public markets.

### **North-Western Syria**

- In February, WFP completed its emergency response to the severe winter weather conditions, which impacted tens of thousands of internally displaced people (IDPs) across north-western Syria. WFP reached more than 296,000 people with ready-to-eat rations since the emergency response started in December 2021.
- The Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) cluster recorded more than 9,000 displacements in north-western Syria in February, with departures principally occurring from Dana, Ariha and A'rima sub-districts. The main locations where displaced people arrived included Dana, Maaret Tamsrin and Ariha sub-districts. The top three needs reported for newly displaced persons were food security and livelihood, winterization assistance, and shelter.

### **North-Eastern Syria**

- Most of the 45,000 originally displaced following the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) militants' attack on Ghweiran prison in southern Al-Hasakeh city in January returned to their homes. As part of the emergency response, WFP provided emergency food assistance to newly displaced families during the initial days of displacement, reaching some 12,800 people. WFP also provided general food baskets to IDP

returnees in Ghweiran neighbourhood reaching 37,400 people in February.

## **WFP Operations**

- WFP dispatched food and nutrition assistance sufficient for an estimated 5.5 million people across all activities in Syria in February. Additionally, US\$ 3.2 million in cash-based transfers (CBT) was distributed to 162,500 WFP beneficiaries.

### **General Food Assistance (GFA) Programme**

- In February, WFP dispatched GFA sufficient for some 5.3 million people across all 14 Syrian governorates.
- Due to insecurity and delays in receiving necessary approvals from Al-Hasakeh Governor's office, WFP was not able to complete the February dispatch plan for north-eastern Syria. Thus, the February cycle was extended into March to reach all beneficiaries.
- Cross-border deliveries from Turkey accounted for 27 percent of the total WFP general food assistance dispatched. This includes food rations for some 1.4 million people in areas of Idlib and Aleppo governorate inaccessible from inside Syria.

### **Livelihoods, Resilience and Social Safety Nets**

- 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 February, WFP reached some 389,500 children with fortified date bars in 1,362 schools across the country. WFP also distributed fortified date bars to 4,779 children receiving non-formal education in IDP camps in north-eastern Syria.
- The fresh meals programme reached 31,500 children in Aleppo in February 2021.
- WFP also supported 37,200 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 237,300 children (6-23 months old) and Pregnant and Lactating Women and Girls (PLWG). This includes some 67,000 PLWG who received CBT to purchase fresh food from WFP-contracted shops.
- WFP dispatched nutrition products for the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition for 16,700 children and PLWG for one month.

## Clusters and Common Services

### Food Security Sector

- The Food Security Sector reached 5.8 million people with regular food baskets and another 2.3 million people with bread and flour distribution in January. In addition, at least 324,745 people were reached with emergency response through ready to eat rations, cooked meals, and emergency food baskets. Cumulatively, at least 128,785 beneficiaries have been reached with livelihoods in 2022.

### Logistics Cluster

- Facilitating the cross-border operation from Turkey, the WFP-led Logistics Cluster transhipped 516 Syrian trucks from Turkey in February through the Bab al-Hawa border crossing. A total of 10,852 mt of Food Security, Shelter, Health and WASH sector items were transhipped on behalf of WFP, IOM, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNFPA and WHO.
- In February, the WFP-led Logistics Cluster facilitated the storage of 3,349 m<sup>3</sup> of humanitarian goods in its common storage facilities in Aleppo, Homs, Rural Damascus and Qamishli on behalf of COOPI, OXFAM, UNDP, WHO, NRC and UNFPA.

### Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- In February, the WFP-led Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC) continued to provide internet connectivity services to over 350 humanitarian 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.
- ETC communications services in the humanitarian hub in Aleppo were enhanced following a mission carried out from 21-24 February. Aleppo is the first of five humanitarian hubs scheduled to undergo the same ETC maintenance and enhancement activities.

## United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- In February, UNHAS Syria completed 17 rotations on its two routes from Damascus to Qamishli and Aleppo, transporting 333 passengers and 1.67 mt of light cargo.

## Resourcing Update

- WFP requires US\$ 479.0 million to keep operations running at current levels through August 2022.

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

	2022 Requirement (in US\$)	6-Month Net Funding Requirement (March 2022 - August 2022)	People Assisted (February 2022 dispatches)	Female	Male
<b>ICSP (January 2022 - December 2023)</b>	<b>1.37 billion</b>	<b>479.0 million</b>	<b>5,451,670</b>		
Activity 1: <b>General Food Assistance</b>			<b>5,345,770</b>	2,727,946	2,617,824
Activity 2: <b>School Feeding</b>			<b>462,737</b>	226,741	235,996
Activity 3: <b>Livelihoods and Resilience</b>			<b>5,000</b>	2,552	2,449
Activity 4: <b>Prevention of Acute Malnutrition</b>			<b>237,316</b>	153,869	83,447
Activity 5: <b>Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition</b>			<b>16,705</b>	9,104	7,601