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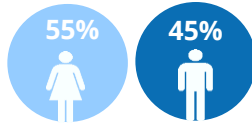
WFP Syria Situation Report #12

December 2022



5.96 million people assisted*

December 2022 (based on distribution)



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 (January 2023 – June 2023)	US\$ 701.5 m
WFP Syria 2022-2023 Interim Country Strategic Plan (November 2021)	

In Numbers

12 million people food insecure

2.5 million severely food insecure

6.9 million people internally displaced

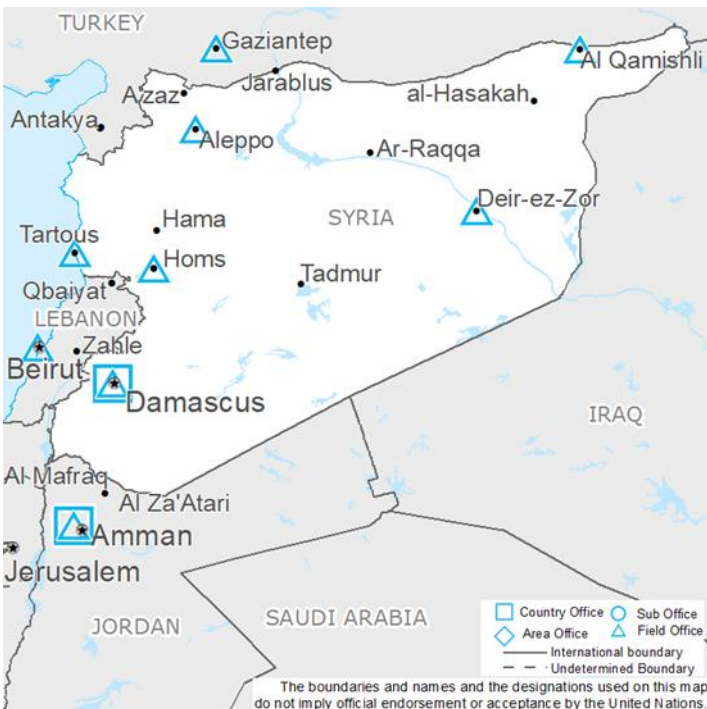
Highlights

- Under Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs to the Security Council: "People in Syria struggle a little bit more every day to put food on the table... The trend is clear: more people need humanitarian support each year to survive."
- Syria is facing an unprecedented fuel crisis. Higher demand for fuel due to the winter season, and delays in international fuel supplies, have resulted in fuel shortages.
- WFP distributed humanitarian assistance sufficient for an estimated 5.96 million people across all activities in Syria in December.
- By November 2022, the national average price of a WFP reference food basket reached a new record high of SYP 381,351 (≈USD 126), up 6.7 percent compared to the previous month, with fourteen-fold increase since November 2019.

Situation Update

Economic situation

- On 29 November, the Under Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator [briefed](#) the Security Council on the humanitarian situation in Syria. He stated that people in Syria struggle a little bit more every day to put food on the table and that the trend is clear: more people need humanitarian support each year to survive. "The slight ray of hope in 2017, when the number of people in need started to decline, has quickly been erased since 2020. We expect to see a surge in the number of people needing humanitarian assistance from 14.6 million this year to over 15 million in 2023." and continued, "almost 12 years since the conflict in Syria started, 80 per cent of the country's population depend on aid."
- In November, the monthly average price of WFP's standard reference food basket increased by 6.7 percent compared to October 2022, with fourteen-fold increase since November 2019, reaching SYP381,351 (≈USD126 at the official exchange rate of SYP3,015/USD), according to the latest [WFP Syria Market Price Watch Bulletin](#).



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- Moreover, as of November 2022, the food and non-food components of the Minimum Expenditure Basket had increased by 68 percent and 64 percent, respectively, compared to a year earlier. Gas prices accounted for 47 percent of the non-food component and its proportion is likely to increase as winter progresses.

Fuel Crisis

- Syria is facing an unprecedented fuel crisis. Higher demand for fuel due to the winter season, and delays in international fuel supplies, have resulted in fuel shortages. Fuel crises inevitably raise the price of food due to higher transportation costs. WFP field offices have already cancelled some monitoring visits due to lack of fuel for WFP vehicles. Households need fuel to face the winter which is anticipated to be one of the harshest. Some WFP staff are facing challenges commuting to the office, filling their own vehicles, and heating their homes.

North-Western Syria

- On 27 December, WFP completed the December round of cross-line distributions of food and nutrition items, reaching some 37,700 beneficiaries in 54 locations with food assistance and around 1,800 children under two years old with supplementary nutritious food for, in non-government-controlled areas of north-western Syria.

North-Eastern Syria

- On 26 December a curfew started in Al-Deriah neighborhood, Ar-Raqqa city, due to insecurity in the area. Therefore, activities in WFP's distribution sites and contracted retail shops were suspended until further notice, affecting some 25,000 households, planned to receive assistance in that area.

WFP Operations

- WFP distributed food and nutrition assistance sufficient for an estimated 5.96 million people across all activities in Syria in December. Additionally, US\$ 6.48 million in cash-based transfers (CBT) was distributed to some 337,300 WFP beneficiaries.

Vulnerability Needs Review exercise:

- After WFP and partners completed the Vulnerability Needs Review (VNR) exercise in September, the roll out of results started in mid-December and will cover all governorates gradually. The VNR is a household level data collection and analysis conducted by WFP and partners to direct food assistance to the most vulnerable families in Syria, of whom over 1.2 million households were interviewed. The VNR identified families eligible for assistance based on their socioeconomic situation, living situation and family characteristics. In this regard, partners were prompted to

start sensitization and awareness raising sessions through tailored communication packages shared by WFP.

General Food Assistance (GFA) Programme

- In December, WFP distributed GFA sufficient for some 5.77 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 December 2022 dispatch cycle was extended into January 2023 to reach all beneficiaries in Qamishli.

Livelihoods, Resilience and Social Safety Nets

- WFP reached more than 6,300 people under its livelihoods, resilience, and social safety-nets-projects by providing the agricultural inputs composed of hybrid seeds of fodder maize, and high-quality fertilizers, as well as support with technical on-field guidance on best cultivation and irrigation practices of fodder maize crop.

School Meals Programme

- In December, WFP reached some 459,100 children with fortified date bars in 1,892 schools across the country. Of those, around 12,200 children are from the UNICEF-supported self-learning programme in Al-Hasakeh and Ar-Raqqa camps governorates of northeast Syria.
- WFP also supported more than 26,900 out of school children with food vouchers in Al Hasakeh, Aleppo, Damascus, Dar'a, Deir Ezzor, Hama, Homs, Lattakia, Quneitra, As-Sweida, Rural Damascus, Raqqa and Tartous governorates.
- The fresh meals programme reached some 51,500 children in schools of Aleppo and Rural Damascus, in addition to some 500 children in social care centres.

Nutrition Programme

- WFP distributed nutrition products for the prevention and treatment of acute malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies, reaching some 165,300 children (6-23 months old) and Pregnant and Lactating Women and Girls (PLWGs). This includes more than 57,000 PLWGs who received CBT to purchase fresh food from WFP-contracted shops.
- WFP distributed nutrition products for the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition for some 8,000 children and PLWGs for one month.

Clusters and Common Services

Food Security Sector

- The Food Security Sector reached 7 million people with regular food baskets and another 2.8 million people with bread and flour distribution in November. In addition, some 131,100 people were reached with emergency response

through ready-to-eat rations, cooked meals, and emergency food baskets. Cumulatively, at least 1.97 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-led Logistics Cluster transhipped 1,155 Syrian trucks carrying 49,430 mt of humanitarian relief items from Türkiye in December through the Bab al-Hawa border crossing.
- The Logistics Cluster provided storage services for United UNFPA and Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) in Aleppo and Kisweh warehouses, with a total of 27.9 MT of water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) items.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- The ETC installed a satellite phone and docking station in the UNDSS Security Operations Centre (SOC) in Tartous, making the total of SOCs provided with satellite phones in Syria four out of planned six.
- The ETC programmed the 20 very high frequency (VHF) handheld radio devices for UNDSS that were cleared by customs in November, and which will be deployed to the six SOCs in Syria to enhance security communications services.

United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- In December, UNHAS Syria completed 14 flights on its two routes from Damascus to Qamishli and Aleppo, transporting 398 passengers and 2.51 mt of light cargo.

Resourcing Update

- WFP requires US\$ 701.5 million through June 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 (January 2023 – June 2023)	People Assisted (December 2022 distribution)	Female	Male
ICSP (January 2019 – December 2021)	1.37 billion	701.5 million			
Activity 1: General Food Assistance			5,771,180	2,945,033	2,826,147
Activity 2: School Feeding			537,940	263,591	274,349
Activity 3: Livelihoods and Resilience			6,314	3,222	3,092
Activity 4: Prevention of Acute Malnutrition			165,294	112,222	53,072
Activity 5: Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition			7,925	4,319	3,606