



World Food Programme

WFP Syria Situation Report #6

June 2020



4.6 million people assisted

June 2020 (based on dispatches)



WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (ICSP)

2020 Syrian Arab Republic Humanitarian Response Plan	Overall: USD 3.82 billion
	WFP share: USD 1.07 billion
WFP Net Funding Requirement (July - December 2020) WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan	USD 269 million

In Numbers

6.7 million people internally displaced

9.3 million people food insecure

2.2 million people at risk of food insecurity

Highlights

- WFP dispatched assistance sufficient for 4.6 million people across all activities in Syria in June.
- Syria is facing unprecedented and uncontrolled food price growth. Food prices skyrocketed in June, increasing by 48 percent from May, and have now tripled in just eight months.
- The number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Syria more than doubled in June, with two towns in southern Syria put under full lockdown.
- The security situation in north-western Syria deteriorated significantly in June.
- WFP in June completed pre-positioning efforts in north-western Syria ahead of the 10 July expiration of the Security Council resolution authorizing the cross-border delivery of aid.
- WFP has commenced UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) services in Syria.

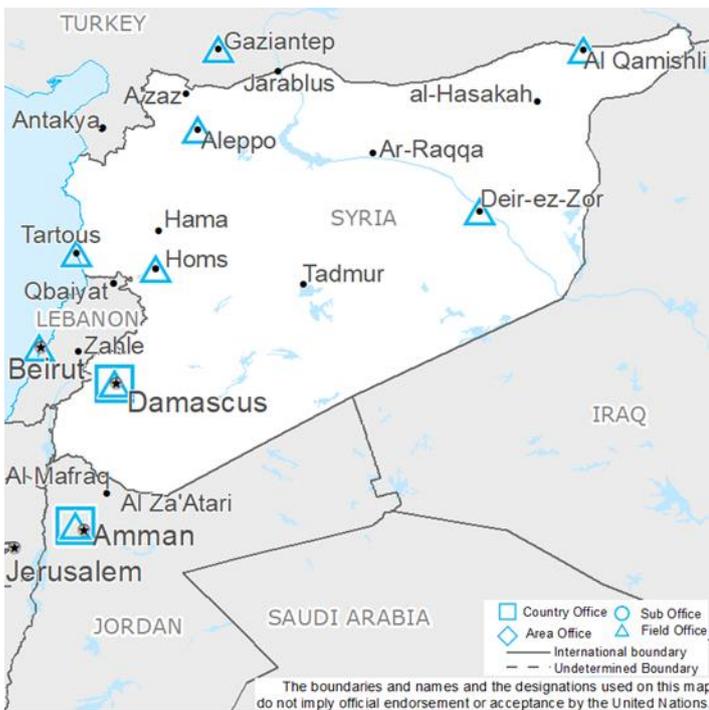
Situation Update

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

- The number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Syria increased by 121 percent in June. As of 30 June, 279 cases of COVID-19 had been confirmed in Syria, with nine related deaths.
- Southern Syria remains the epicentre of the COVID-19 pandemic in Syria, and two towns; Ras Al-Ma'ara (Rural Damascus governorate) and Jdeidet Al-Fadel (Quneitra governorate), were put under full lockdown in June due to multiple confirmed cases of COVID-19. WFP assistance to both towns is continuing with all necessary precautions.

Economic Situation

- Syria is facing unprecedented and uncontrolled food price increases which continue to accelerate, according to the latest market price monitoring data from WFP Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping (VAM). Nationwide, the monthly average price of the WFP reference food basket increased by 48 percent from May to June and is now up a staggering 240 percent year-on-year.



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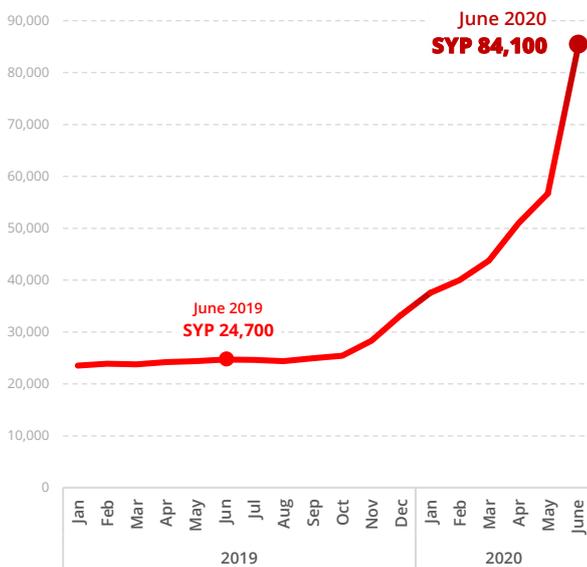
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Photo: A WFP-chartered CRJ-500 UNHAS aircraft on the tarmac of Damascus International Airport, June 2020. ©WFP/Nelli Jensen

- As of June 2020, food prices have tripled in just eight months (since November 2019), with the average price of the reference food basket reaching 23.5 times the five-year pre-crisis average; the highest ever recorded.

WFP Syria reference food basket nationwide average price (Jan 2019 – June 2020)



- Spurred by the deteriorating economic situation, a number of incidents involving people not registered for WFP assistance requesting food assistance has been reported. In north-western Syria, distributions at a distribution point in Idlib governorate were temporarily halted on 08 June as non-beneficiaries forcefully attempted to take WFP food.
- In western Syria, more than 3,000 people not registered for WFP assistance gathered at a WFP distribution in Tartous governorate on 15 June requesting food assistance. Following the incident, WFP's cooperating partner in the area met with local community leaders to explain WFP's beneficiary selection approach and conducted assessments to identify newly vulnerable households eligible for General Food Assistance (GFA).

North-Western Syria

- After three months of relative calm following the 06 March ceasefire, the security situation in north-western Syria deteriorated significantly in June. Airstrikes resumed across multiple areas of southern Idlib and northern Hama governorate, resulting in the displacement of thousands of civilians.
- In anticipation of the 10 July expiry and possible non-renewal of the Security Council resolution which authorizes cross-border delivery of humanitarian aid, WFP in June completed the pre-positioning of more than two months worth of food stocks in north-western Syria.
- WFP reached 1.3 million people in north-western Syria under the June GFA distribution cycle and reached 149,100 people with emergency food assistance through

ready-to-eat rations (RTEs). WFP also assisted 65,900 children with nutrition assistance.

North-Eastern Syria

- In June, WFP completed distributions of two months' worth of food rations in the IDP camps of north-eastern Syria that started in mid-May. WFP adapted its operations to ensure the safety and security of staff and beneficiaries while limiting COVID-19 exposure risk.
- WFP delivered food for 890,000 people across the north-eastern governorates of Al-Hasakeh, Ar-Raqqa and Deir Ezzor in June.

Southern Syria

- The security situation in southern Syria remained volatile in June. Operations in Dar'a governorate resumed in mid-June following a temporary suspension of food dispatches in May due to insecurity across the western countryside of the governorate.
- WFP delivered food for 1 million people across the southern governorates of As-Sweida, Dar'a, Damascus, Rural Damascus, and Quneitra in June.

WFP Response

- WFP dispatched humanitarian assistance sufficient for an estimated 4.6 million people across all activities in Syria in June.
- A total of USD 1.9 million in cash-based transfers (CBT) was distributed to 150,800 WFP beneficiaries across three activities: Nutrition (Malnutrition prevention - support to pregnant and lactating women and girls), Livelihoods and Resilience, and School Feeding (support to out-of-school children).
- As part of the COVID-19 response, WFP is supporting UNICEF and UNFPA with the provision of hygiene items through WFP's CBT programmes. In June, a total of USD 195,800 from both agencies were distributed to 174,800 beneficiaries through WFP's CBT delivery mechanism.

General Food Assistance (GFA) Programme

- In June, WFP dispatched GFA sufficient for some 4.5 million people across all 14 Syrian governorates.
- Cross-border deliveries from Turkey accounted for 26 percent of the total WFP general food assistance dispatched. This includes food rations for some 1.2 million people areas of Idlib and Aleppo governorate inaccessible from inside Syria.
- Working with UNICEF, soap is included in all WFP GFA food rations, as well as drawing kits to children in 250,000 families across UNICEF-targeted areas.

Livelihood and Resilience Programme

- In June, WFP reached some 64,000 people under its livelihood and resilience projects across Rural Damascus, Dar'a, Quneitra, As-Sweida, Aleppo, Homs, Hama, Latakia, Tartous and Deir Ezzor governorates.

- As part of the COVID-10 response, WFP has made hygiene items available to beneficiaries of the Livelihoods and Resilience programme receiving CBT.

School Feeding Programme

- As a result of the closure of all schools to curb the spread of COVID-19, WFP's in-school School Feeding activities remained suspended in June, affecting the provision of assistance to close to one million children.
- The support through CBT/e-vouchers to out-of-school children enrolled in the UNICEF-supported "Curriculum B" accelerated learning programme remained operational, and WFP in June supported some 45,600 out-of-school children in Damascus, Rural Damascus, Homs, Hama, Qamishli, Tartous, Latakia and Aleppo governorates.

Nutrition Programme

- In June, WFP dispatched nutrition products for the prevention of acute malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies for 154,200 children and pregnant and lactating women and girls (PLWG). This includes 63,600 PLWG who received nutrition support through CBT to purchase fresh food from 108 WFP-contracted shops.
- WFP dispatched nutrition products sufficient for the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition for 9,500 children and PLWG for one month.

Clusters and Common Services

Food Security Sector

- The Food Security Sector (FSS) in June submitted an expression of interest for inclusion in the first Syrian Humanitarian Fund (SHF) funding window, which will see a focus on addressing both immediate food assistance and medium term livelihood opportunities.
- The FSS is conducting a food security vulnerability assessment among IDPs in north-western Syria. The results, expected in August, will inform the upcoming 2021 Humanitarian Needs Overview analysis.

Logistics Cluster

- Facilitating the cross-border operation from Turkey, the WFP-led Logistics Cluster transhipped 1,578 Syrian trucks from Turkey in June. A total of 33,981 mt of Food Security, Nutrition, Shelter, Health, Education and WASH items were transhipped on behalf of WFP, FAO, UNICEF, UNHCR, UNFPA, WHO and IOM.
- The Logistics Cluster facilitated the storage of 1,713 m³ of humanitarian goods in its storage facilities in Rural Damascus and Qamishli governorates on behalf of IMC, UNICEF and UNFPA.

United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- The aircraft chartered by WFP to operate UNHAS services in Syria arrived in Damascus on 26 June. UNHAS Syria will initially operate flights serving the humanitarian community in Syria on the Damascus – Qamishli – Damascus-route, providing passenger transport, evacuation/medevac services, as well as light cargo transport through the Logistics Cluster.

Resourcing Update

- WFP requires USD 269 million to keep operations running at currently levels through December 2020. Without indications from donors of at least USD 200 million by August, WFP will be forced to make substantial reductions in the ration size and number of beneficiaries effective as of October.

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See also the [WFP Syria 2019 Annual Country Report](#).

WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (2019-2020)					
	2020 Requirement (in USD)	6-Month Net Funding Requirement (July - December 2020)	People Assisted (Dispatches) (June 2020)	Female	Male
ICSP (January 2019 – December 2020)	1.07 billion	269 million	4,593,460		
Activity 1: General Food Assistance			4,536,925	2,495,309	2,041,616
Activity 2: School Feeding			45,618	22,353	23,256
Activity 3: Livelihoods and Resilience			64,000	35,200	28,800
Activity 4: Nutrition - Prevention of Acute Malnutrition			154,184	107,708	46,477
Activity 5: Nutrition - Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition			9,455	5,578	3,877