



WFP Syria Situation Report #5

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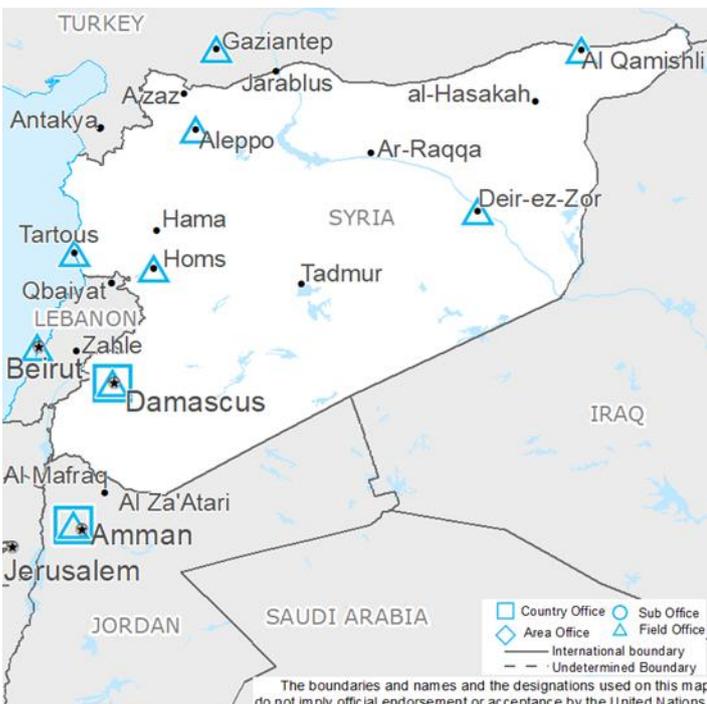
5.4 million people assisted*

May 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 (May – October 2022) WFP Syria 2022-2023 Interim Country Strategic Plan (November 2021)	US\$ 595.2 m



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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 5.4 million people across all activities in Syria in May.
- The fourth cross-line WFP convoy successfully proceeded on 16 May, transporting 13,200 dry food rations into Idlib governorate. During the last week of May, WFP distributed these items reaching 36,500 beneficiaries in 54 locations in opposition-controlled areas of north-western Syria.
- In April, the monthly average price of WFP's standard reference food basket increased by 8 percent compared to March 2022, according to the latest [WFP data](#). Food prices in April were 59 percent higher than six months ago, and 84 percent higher compared to the same time last year.

Situation Update

Economic situation

- In April, the monthly average price of WFP's standard reference food basket increased by **8 percent** compared to March 2022, according to the latest [WFP Syria Market Price Watch Bulletin](#). The nationwide average reference food basket price reached SYP 321,994 (USD 114.4 at the official exchange rate of SYP 2,814/USD), marking a new record high for the eighth consecutive month since WFP started price monitoring in 2013.
- Food prices in April were 59 percent higher than six months ago, and 84 percent higher compared to the same time last year. The increase is mainly attributed to the ongoing fuel shortage countrywide, as well as to an increase in global food prices, inflation and the Ukraine crisis.
- The ongoing crisis in Ukraine continues to fuel hikes in global commodity prices, inflation as well as freight costs. High imports dependency (wheat flour, bulgur, rice, cooking oil, sugar and petrol among other items) aggravated by poor performing agriculture-seasons and

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

other economic factors render Syria highly susceptible to high global prices. In April 2022, food prices in Syria were 37 percent higher than in February (Pre-Ukraine crisis).

North-Western Syria

- On 16 May, WFP successfully completed the fourth crossline convoy from Aleppo to WFP's warehouse in Sarmada, Idlib, north-western Syria. The convoy transported 13,200 dry food rations. The convoy consisted of 14 trucks and proceeded without incident. During the last week of May, WFP distributed these items reaching 36,500 beneficiaries in 54 locations in opposition-controlled areas of north-western Syria. The assistance included nutrition items for the prevention of malnutrition in children, benefiting 1,642 children under two.
- The Camp Coordination and Camp management (CCCM) cluster recorded more than 7,000 displacements in north-western Syria in May, with departures principally occurring from Dana, Afrin and Badama sub-districts. The main locations where displaced people arrived to included Dana, Badama and Jisr-Ash-Shugur sub-districts. The top three needs reported for newly displaced persons were food security and livelihood, Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), and shelter.

WFP Operations

- WFP dispatched food and nutrition assistance sufficient for an estimated 5.4 million people across all activities in Syria in May. Additionally, US\$ 4 million in cash-based transfers (CBT) was distributed to 232,000 WFP beneficiaries.

General Food Assistance (GFA) Programme

- In May, WFP dispatched GFA sufficient for some 5.37 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 1.37 million people areas of Idlib and Aleppo governorate inaccessible from inside Syria.
- May dispatch cycle was extended into June to reach all beneficiaries.

Livelihoods, Resilience and Social Safety Nets

- WFP reached some 5,750 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

- No fortified date bars distributions were conducted in May to allow schools to consume any remaining stock in May 2022 before the end of the 2021-2022 school year. WFP distributed fortified date bars to 9,450 children receiving non-formal education in IDP camps in north-eastern Syria and in Ar-Raqqa governorate.
- The fresh meals programme reached 34,800 children in Aleppo in May 2021.
- WFP also supported 44,100 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 200,500 children (6-23 months old) and Pregnant and Lactating Women and Girls (PLWG). This includes some 65,900 PLWG who received CBT to purchase fresh food from WFP-contracted shops.
- WFP dispatched nutrition products for the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition for 8,400 children and PLWG for one month.

Clusters and Common Services

Food Security Sector

- The Food Security Sector reached 6.9 million people with regular food baskets and another 2.6 million people with bread and flour distribution in April. In addition, at least 894,800 people were reached with emergency response through ready-to-eat rations, cooked meals, and emergency food baskets. Cumulatively, at least 684,800 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 Turkey, the WFP-led Logistics Cluster transhipped 1,093 Syrian trucks from Turkey in May through the Bab al-Hawa border crossing. A total of 23,761 mt of Food Security, Shelter, Health and WASH sector items were transhipped on behalf of WFP, IOM, UNHCR, UNICEF and WHO.
- In May, the WFP-led Logistics Cluster facilitated the storage of 92 m³ of humanitarian goods in its common storage facilities in Aleppo, and Rural Damascus on behalf of UNFPA.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- In May, the WFP-led Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC) continued to provide internet connectivity services to over 350 humanitarian users 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.

United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- In May, UNHAS Syria completed 18 rotations on its two routes from Damascus to Qamishli and Aleppo, transporting 537 passengers and 2 mt of light cargo.

Resourcing Update

- WFP requires US\$ 595.2 million to keep operations running at current levels through October 2022.

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WFP Syria Interim Country Strategic Plan (2022-2023)

	2022 Requirement (in US\$)	6-Month Net Funding Requirement (May 2022 – October 2022)	People Assisted (May 2022 dispatches)	Female	Male
ICSP (January 2019 – December 2021)	1.37 billion	595.2 million			
Activity 1: General Food Assistance			5,370,260	2,740,444	2,629,816
Activity 2: School Feeding			88,302	43,268	45,034
Activity 3: Livelihoods and Resilience			5,750	2,934	2,816
Activity 4: Prevention of Acute Malnutrition			200,527	134,563	65,964
Activity 5: Treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition			8,445	4,602	3,843