



# WFP Syria

## North-Western Syria Emergency Situation Report #5

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### Situation Update

- The security and humanitarian situation continues to deteriorate across north-western Syria due to ongoing fighting between government and non-state armed group forces. Large scale population movements and casualties continued to be reported as a result of the surge in conflict, with at least 450 civilian casualties reported since late April according to the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).
- Mass population displacement is accelerating across the affected areas, with close to twice as many displacements recorded in July across northern Hama and southern Idlib governorates (126,200) as compared to June (67,500), according to the UNHCR-led Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Cluster.
- As of 31 July, a total of 518,000 displacements have been recorded since 01 May, according to the CCCM Cluster. Many of these have been displaced several times. The majority of the displaced are heading towards already densely populated areas of northern Idlib governorate, with the Dana sub-district receiving the biggest share of the displaced.
- Significant damage to critical infrastructure continues to be reported, with UNICEF [reporting](#) that attacks on water facilities over the past two months has affected the water supply to some 250,000 people. On 22 July, Mark Cutts, the Deputy Regional Humanitarian Coordinator for the Syria Crisis, issued a [statement](#) expressing concern over a new wave of attacks affecting civilians and civilian infrastructure.
- On 01 August, the Government of Syria stated that it had agreed to a ceasefire in north-western Syria, conditional on the retreat of non-state armed groups 20 kilometres away from the north-west demilitarized buffer zone. Following the announcement, a decrease in airstrikes and fighting was temporarily noted.

### In Numbers

**518,000** displacements since 01 May<sup>1</sup>

**256,000** newly displaced people reached with ready-to-eat rations since 01 May

**916,000** people reached with WFP general food assistance in July

**933,000** people targeted for WFP general food assistance in August

### Highlights

- The situation in north-western Syria remains extremely volatile, with mounting civilian casualties and accelerating population displacement. Twice as many displacements were recorded in July as compared to June.
- In response, WFP has scaled up its general food assistance programme in north-western Syria and reached more than 916,000 people in July.
- WFP continues to face significant challenges in its response efforts and has been forced to temporarily suspend planned distributions in some areas due to insecurity.



Food Distribution Points (FDPs):

- FDP Regular Deliveries
- FDP Cross-line Deliveries
- FDP Cross-border Deliveries
- Country Office
- Sub Office
- △ Field Office
- 🏠 Warehouse
- Road Supply Route
- 🚧 Open Border Crossing Point
- 🚧 Sporadically Open Border Crossing Point
- 🚢 Port

<sup>1</sup> CCCM Cluster IDP Situation Monitoring Initiative (ISMI), as of 31 July 2019. Note that this figure includes people displaced more than once.

However, the Syrian army announced on 05 August that they would resume military operations, citing ceasefire violations by non-state armed groups.

## WFP Response

- WFP and its cooperating partners are providing emergency food assistance through ready-to-eat rations (RTEs) to the recently displaced population and have so far distributed RTEs to more than 256,000 newly displaced people since 01 May.
- In addition, WFP has scaled up its general food assistance (GFA) programme across north-western Syria, increasing the number of people targeted and the size of the food rations provided<sup>2</sup>. WFP in July reached some 916,000 people across north-western Syria with GFA via the Logistics Cluster-facilitated cross-border operation from Turkey.
- In August, WFP is targeting some 933,000 people with GFA, including some 35,000 people in the hard-to-reach district of Afrin in northern Aleppo governorate.
- Extensive aerial bombardment forced the temporary suspension of WFP assistance in southern Idlib governorate from 25 to 28 July, affecting the provision of humanitarian assistance to some 13,400 people.
- WFP operations in northern Hama governorate remain suspended due to the ongoing hostilities, affecting food distributions to some 7,000 people. WFP will resume distributions as soon as conditions allow.

## WFP Preparedness

- WFP currently has RTEs pre-positioned inside Syria in Idlib and Aleppo governorates, with additional stocks pre-positioned in Turkey ready to be dispatched into Syria via the Logistics Cluster-facilitated cross-border operation as needed. WFP is continuously replenishing its stocks of RTEs in Turkey through already active procurement contracts.

Should the situation in the north-west deteriorate further, WFP remains ready to respond to the growing humanitarian needs with strategic stocks of RTEs, food rations as well as nutrition supplies pre-positioned inside Idlib governorate, in other hubs inside Syria, as well as in Turkey as part of the inter-agency Readiness and Response Plan in place for north-western Syria.

<sup>2</sup> GFA rations in north-western Syria now provide 1,900 kilocalories per person per day.

### Previous reports:

- [WFP Syria North-Western Syria Emergency Situation Report #4](#) (16 July 2019)
- [WFP Syria North-Western Syria Emergency Situation Report #3](#) (30 June 2019)
- [WFP Syria North-Western Syria Emergency Situation Report #2](#) (17 June 2019)
- [WFP Syria North-Western Syria Emergency Situation Report #1](#) (03 June 2019)

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