



**World Food Programme**



# **Syria Crisis Response**

**Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey, Iraq & Egypt**

**2014 Third Quarterly Operational Briefing**

Presentation to the  
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# Humanitarian Situation

- **Over 2.8 million refugees** in neighbouring countries and **more than 6.5 million internally displaced persons** within Syria
- **10.8 million** people **in need of humanitarian assistance** inside Syria
- **6.3 million** people in Syria are **in need of urgent food assistance**
- **Low rainfall and conditions of drought** in parts of the country will lead to increased food insecurity and greater risks of malnutrition



# Security Situation

## Situation

- Within Syria, *fighting continues unabated*, with the Syrian Army gaining ground in recent months
- Regionally, Iraq has seen a significant deterioration in security, *causing mass displacement*



## Impact

- Access inside Syria remains extremely challenging; ***insecurity has affected WFP's response***
- In Iraq, insecurity resulted in ***relocation of non-essential staff***. WFP operations are further complicated by the expansion of the extremist elements, thus ***further reducing humanitarian access***

# Syria and Syrian Refugees Crisis

Operational Overview - July 2014



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- Sub Office
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- Regional Emergency Coordinator's Office
- ▲ Refugee / IDP Camp
- ⚓ Border Crossing Point

- 🏠 Warehouse
- ⚓ Port
- 🛣️ Road Supply Route

- ★ National Capital
- Major Town
- Intermediate Town
- Small Town

- International Boundary
- Undetermined Boundary
- Governorate Boundary

Data Sources: OCHA, WFP, GLCS, UNHCR, Geonames  
 The boundaries and names and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

# Framework of Interventions

- **EMOP 200339 (BR12)**  
Emergency food assistance to people affected by unrest in Syria
- **EMOP 200433 (BR12)**  
Food assistance to vulnerable Syrian populations in Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Turkey and Egypt affected by the events in Syria
- **SO 200477 (BR5)**  
Logistics & Telecommunications Augmentation and Coordination to Support Humanitarian Operations in Syria

*Operations' activities align with the WFP Strategic Objective 1: to "save lives and protect livelihoods in emergencies"*

## Syria Operation

- **Emergency Food Assistance** targeting up to 4.25 million vulnerable food insecure Syrians
- **Blanket Supplementary Feeding** for up to 360,000 children aged 6-23 months
- **Nutrition Support** for up to 15,000 pregnant and lactating women
- **School Feeding** programme for up to 350,000 pre-primary and primary school children

## Regional Operation

- **Emergency Food Assistance** for up to 2.75 million refugees through vouchers and food parcels
- **Emergency Nutrition** for up to 22,280 Syrian refugees in Jordan targeting CU2, CU5 and PLWs
- **School Feeding** interventions targeting up to 70,000 pupils in Jordan and Iraq
- Support of **vulnerable communities in Lebanon** targeting up to 36,000 in host communities and 37,500 returnees from Syria

# Operational Priorities

## Syria Operation

- Expand **food assistance delivery**, especially to all areas to target 4.25 million beneficiaries/month
- Launch **voucher-based nutrition support programme** for PLWs
- Launch **school-feeding programme**
- Conduct the **Crop and Food Security Assessment Mission (CFSAM)**
- Expand **monitoring** coverage
- Establish **new UN hubs**

## Regional Operation

- Expand **vulnerability-based targeting**
- **Transition to e-vouchers** by the end of 2014
- Establish a **common assistance platform (OneCard)**
- Introduce resilience and development programmes focusing on **vulnerable local communities**
- Enhance **monitoring** activities

## Syria Operation

- **Monitoring coverage varies** according to developments on the ground
- Areas particularly affected include Aleppo, Ar-Raqqa, Da'ra, Deir Ez-Zor, Quneitra, and parts of Rural Damascus
- **Dedicated WFP monitoring teams** are active in accessible areas
- **Private contractors** monitor activities and verify distributions in hard-to-reach areas
- Significant improvements in Aleppo, Dar'a, Idleb, Rural Damascus, Homs and Hama

*(In Syria, coverage improved from an average of 15% for most of 2013, to 29% in December and up to 40% in the first six months of 2014)*



## Regional Operation

- ***Harmonised set of monitoring and evaluation*** (M&E) data collection tools
- Introduction of ***geo-referenced real-time acquisition of statistics platform (GRASP)*** and use of mobile devices by field monitoring assistants (Lebanon, Jordan and Egypt)
- ***Expansion of household-level post-distribution monitoring activities, price monitoring activities*** and enhanced use of cooperating partners
- ***Pre-assistance baseline monitoring*** on new arrivals (Lebanon )
- ***Baseline exercises and cost effectiveness studies***

# Access Constraints

- **Continued bureaucratic obstacles and access constraints** prevent WFP from reaching its 4.25 million monthly target
- OCHA estimates that some **4.67 million people currently live in 287 areas** where humanitarian access is restricted; at least **241,000 person still live in 12 besieged areas**
- The **dispatch record for 4.1 million people in March** was followed by 3.8 million in April, 3.3 million in May and 3.4 million in June

# Access Constraints

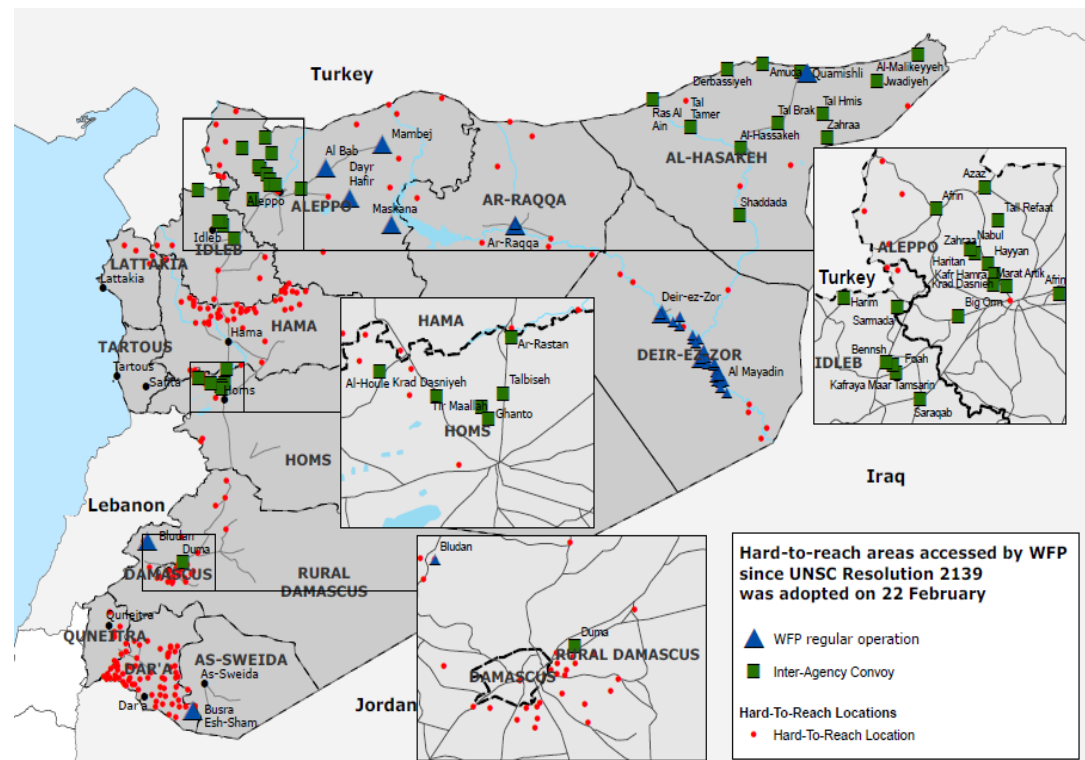
## Access Improvements

(after UNSC Resolution 2139, dated 22 February)

- Partially resumed deliveries to **Al-Hasakeh, Ar-Raqqa, Deir-ez-Zor and rural Aleppo**. However, deliveries remain mostly irregular, intermitted and below plans
- Inter-agency convoys and regular WFP deliveries provided assistance to hard-to-reach locations in **Idleb, Homs, Rural Damascus and Dar'a**

*WFP's efforts have helped deliver sufficient food for 1,032,585 people in besieged and hard-to-reach areas since UNSCR 2139*

## Hard-to-reach areas inside Syria - 11 June 2014



# Operational Requirements

PROJECT	BUDGET (US\$ million)	PLANNED BENEFICIARIES (million)	RECEIVED (US\$ million)	CURRENT SHORTFALLS (US\$ million)
<b>Syria EMOP 200339</b> (October 2011 to 31 December 2014)	<b>915.5</b>	<b>4.250</b>	<b>226.7</b>	<b>688.8</b>
<b>Regional EMOP 200433</b> (July 2011 to 31 December 2014)	<b>1040.2</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>258.3</b>	<b>781.9</b>
<b>Special Operation SO 200477</b> (July 2012 to 31 December 2014 )	<b>16.8</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>14.3</b>

# Resource Mobilization in 2014

## EMOP 200339

DONOR	AMOUNT (US\$ million)
<b>Multilateral</b>	\$10,700,000
<b>UN CERF</b>	<b>0</b>
USA	\$94,848,600
UAE	\$26,000,000
UK	\$25,305,344
Canada	\$23,339,318
Germany	\$13,710,243
Kuwait	\$13,000,000
Saudi Arabia	\$5,000,000
Denmark	\$4,711,363
Switzerland	\$4,545,454
Japan	\$4,500,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$214,960,322</b>

AS OF 3 JULY 2014

# Resource Mobilization in 2014

## REGIONAL EMOP 200433

DONOR	AMOUNT (US\$ million)
<b>Multilateral</b>	\$14,231,000
<b>UN CERF</b>	<b>0</b>
USA	\$140,500,000
UK	\$33,180,662
Kuwait	\$22,000,000
Canada	\$14,362,658
Japan	\$10,402,317
Saudi Arabia	\$8,569,655
Germany	\$6,802,721
UAE	\$5,000,000
France	\$3,392,130
Denmark	\$1,800,618
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$246,010,761</b>

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# Implementing Capacity

## Syria Operation

**Staff:**

**195 staff in-country** (168 national and 27 international)

**WFP Offices:**

**Damascus** Country Office- **Homs, Tartous, Aleppo, Qamishli** sub-offices

**Warehouses:**

WFP currently has 7 operational warehouses in the country

**Cooperating Partners:**

25 local NGOs, 1 international NGOs (the Aga Khan Foundation) and SARC

## Regional Operation

**Staff:**

**390 staff member** (294 national and 96 international)

**WFP Offices:**

A Country Office in each country in the region supported by 8 area/ sub-offices as needed

**Cooperating Partners:**

20 local and international NGOs

## Food and Agriculture Sector

- For Syria, establishment of “***whole of Syria***” ***Food Sector and Livelihood Working Group***
- At the regional level, WFP is ***a member of the Comprehensive Regional Strategic Framework Steering Committee***
- At the country level, ***food security working groups are either led or co-led by WFP***

## Logistics Cluster

## Emergency Telecommunications Cluster



# Critical Risks

## CONTEXTUAL RISKS:

- Further deterioration of security conditions (and spreading that to neighbouring countries)
  - Population movements in Syria and/or sudden refugee influxes in the region
- Governments policy change
- Tensions in hosting communities
- Insufficient funding
- Increased transport rates

## PROGRAMMATIC RISKS:

- Constraints to humanitarian access (incl. limited monitoring coverage)
- Inadequate capacity of SARC and/or NGO partners
- Limited local food supplies and insufficient regional prepositioned stocks

## INSTITUTIONAL RISKS:

- Transfers used for unintended purposes (misappropriation)
- Negative media coverage of WFP and its cooperating partners
- Staff safety and security

# Mitigation Measures

RISKS	MITIGATION MEASURES
<p><b>Further deterioration of security conditions</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Remote management plans</li> <li>- Contingency planning and monitoring of risks</li> <li>- Communication with national authorities</li> <li>- Ensure the safety of staff with full time WFP security presence</li> </ul>
<p><b>Access</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reach out to local authorities and community leaders/ensure safe passage of humanitarian assistance</li> <li>- Expand the shortlist of qualified and reliable transporters</li> <li>- Advocate for unhindered access across the country</li> </ul>
<p><b>Population movements and growing needs</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Needs monitoring</li> <li>- Flexible approach in operations</li> <li>- Preparedness capacity (for WFP and CPOs)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Governments' policy change</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Close dialogue with all governments to ensure cooperation</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tensions in local communities</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assistance to host communities in Lebanon</li> <li>- Vouchers Programme</li> <li>- Align other Programmes/WFP CO</li> </ul>
<p><b>Inadequate capacity of SARC and/or NGO partners</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Currently 24 partner in Syria and 20 in the region</li> <li>- Strengthen CPs capacities/ provide necessary training</li> <li>- Expand CPs network</li> </ul>
<p><b>Limited local food supplies</b> <b>Negative media coverage</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Augment storage infrastructure in and around Syria</li> <li>- Communication outreach throughout Syria</li> <li>- Assess and choose capable and neutral CPs (DD)</li> <li>- Insert leaflets on WFP mandate into GFD ration box</li> <li>- Superintendence services</li> </ul>

## Security Conditions

Further deterioration and potential regionalization of the conflict may:

- Force WFP to **reduce its in-country footprint** and deploy staff to work from other places
- Hinder **WFP's ability** to provide and monitor assistance **in many areas in-need**
- Cause further population displacements, thus **stretching WFP's capacity to respond**
- Hinder **operational planning due to fluid movements** (spill over/backflows)

## Funding

- WFP urgently needs **US\$275 million** to fund its operations in Syria and the region for the next 3 months
- A total of **US\$ 736 million** is required to support operations until the end of 2014

### Funding requirements and shortfalls

