

## Syria Crisis Response: Update on Operations and Resource Situation 29 September 2017

### Key Messages on the Resource Situation

- Thanks to generous and continuous donor support, WFP has been able to continue providing life-saving assistance to the most vulnerable and food insecure people in Syria and the region, reaching 7 million people so far in 2017.
- **However, funding prospects for 2018 are very uncertain.** WFP is particularly concerned about a possible suspension of assistance for Syria and the region from January 2018. Total contributions confirmed for 2018 represent only three percent of needs (USD 69 million out of USD 2 billion). To continue assistance for Syria and the region beyond 2017, WFP urgently requires new contributions from donors and an indication on the level of resources to be expected for 2018 in order to leverage WFP's internal advance financing mechanisms.
- To ensure continued assistance for the next six months (October to March), **WFP requires USD 485 million in additional contributions (USD 190 million for inside Syria and USD 295 million for the regional response).**
- In light of the uncertain funding situation, WFP has already begun a **prioritization plan** inside Syria to reduce the number of beneficiaries from 4.2 million in August to 3.8 million in September, October and November, and further reduce to 3.3 million in December.
- Applying this prioritization will allow WFP to stretch available resources to target a reduced number of affected Syrians until the end of the year, but no resources are available to cover needs in January and beyond. WFP requires USD 53 million per month in order to reach and feed 4.2 million people.
- WFP will prioritize those communities that remain affected by conflict and lack of access to or availability of food. These operational preparations are underway. More information can be shared at the next Operational Brief to be held in Rome 25 October.
- **For the regional response,** WFP requires **USD 30 million before the end of October** to avoid pipeline breaks in Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt and Turkey by mid-December, and breaks in Iraq by January. From January, no resources are currently available for the regional response. WFP may have to suspend its assistance if no funding is received, or resort to a prioritization plan if resources received are insufficient to cover needs.

### Net funding requirements and expected pipeline breaks for the next six months (October 2017 - March 2018):

Country Office	Requirements (US\$ M)	Net Funding Requirements (US\$ M)	Pipeline Breaks
Syria PRRO 200988	458.8*	189.8**	January
Regional PRRO 200987	640.4	295.7	
Lebanon	184.9	98.2	mid-December
Jordan	113.5	51.2	mid-December
Egypt	19.7	14	mid-December
Turkey	307.1	126.7	mid-December
Iraq	15.2	5.6	January
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,099.20</b>	<b>485.5</b>	

\* Requirements as per needs-based plan (October 2017-March 2018). \*\* At current rate of implementation with a reduced number of beneficiaries until the end of 2017, and as per needs-based plan for January-March 2018.