

Food and Agriculture Sector Meeting Report

Draft Minutes of 7 February 2017

Chair: Bernard Mrewa (F&AS Co-Coordinator)
 Venue: WFP Offices, Damascus – Four Seasons

Agenda:

| Subject | Agency Presenting | Time |
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| Introductions (of agenda and participants) | All | 5 min |
| Review and approval of previous minutes | All | 5 min |
| Introduction of sub-national hub coordinators | All | 5 min |
| Food Security Alerts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aleppo - Update on Raqqa plan - Coordination of support to rehabilitate bakeries | Coordinators/OCHA | 20 min |
| Sector update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Dec maps o Achievements and plans | IMOs/All | 10 min |
| Food security and prices update | VAM (WFP) | 10 min |
| Agriculture update | FAO | |
| Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection mainstreaming for Food security activities • Outcome monitoring initiative • Nutrition and Food sector action plan | Christine Coordinators Coordinators | 30 min |
| AOB | | |

Action Points from previous meeting

Reminder to all members of deadlines for data submission:

- Achievements of previous month (18th of the month)
- Plans for subsequent 3 months (25th of the month)

Introduction of sub-national hub coordinators

- The sector is conducting a 2 days training (7-8 February) for the F&AS sub-national focal points (Homs, Qamishli, Aleppo, and Damascus). The objective is to strengthen coordination at the sub-national level
- Partners with presence in Damascus are requested to ensure their counterparts at the sub-national level are actively engaging with the sector

Coordination of support to rehabilitate bakeries

- The sector is reaching out to partners with plans to rehabilitate bakeries to share their plans, targeting criteria including type of support
- The sector will set up an adhoc team to look at the rehabilitation to bakeries with the objective of coming up with basic guidelines to inform the response

Al Raqqa contingency plan (Ongoing action point)

- There are discussion to update the scenarios as well as the response. Below map indicate the current status in terms of preparedness for the F&AS.
- Partners with additional inputs on the response are requested to share these with the sector accordingly.

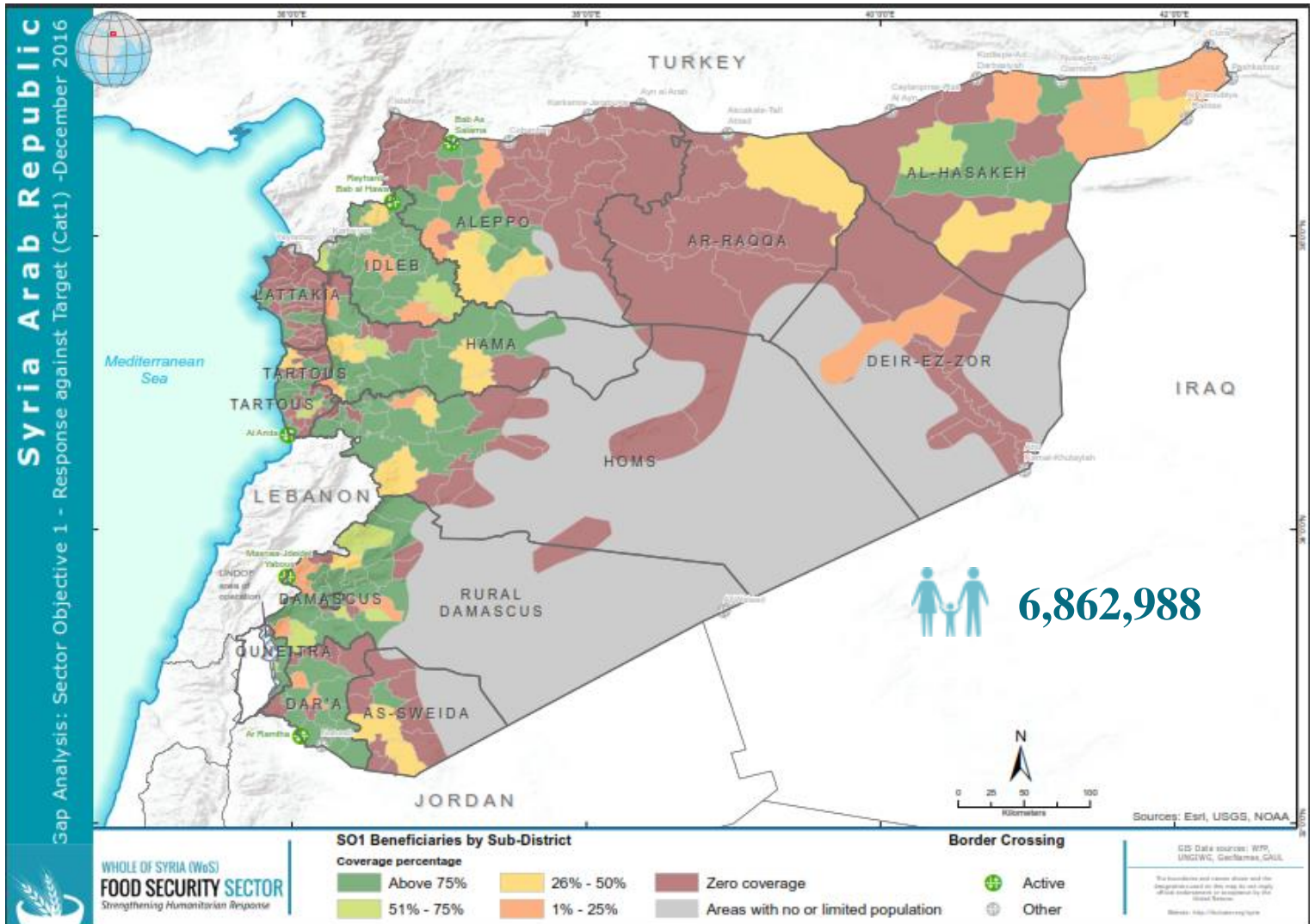
Partners Updates

| AGENCY | Notes/highlights |
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| ICRC Working with SARC | <p>January 2017 Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In January, about 1 million beneficiaries were reached with food parcels, canned food parcels, bulk food and bread packs• Except for Sweida, seeds and fertilizer distribution completed in 5 governorates- Rural Damascus, Quneitra, Hassakeh, Homs and Hama <p>Plan for Feb-March 2017:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ICRC plans to cover over 1 million beneficiaries with various food packages per month during Feb-Mar 2017.• Distribution of seeds and fertilizer in Sweida will be completed in February and Post-distribution monitoring in various governorates covered by the agro program will be commenced and hopefully completed by March.• During this Quarter, ICRC together with the SARC will start planning for the agro/livelihood program 2017, some of the livelihood programs are already on-going (Aleppo, Homs, Lattakia). |
| WFP working SARC and | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jan- WFP dispatched 711,254 food rations enough to feed 3,556,270 Beneficiaries (89% of the plan), equivalent to 41,317 MT, WHF Dispatches reached (5,903 MT) in total• Feb 17 plan submitted to MoFA included most of besieged and HtR area and only few locations approved for WFP |

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| other partners | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feb Cycle deliveries started aiming to reach 4 million people. • A total of 5,130 food boxes/ were delivered During Jan through airdrop operations from Amman to Deir Ezzor. • The Airdrop operation has been extended for the whole 2017 (Based on fund availability) • The allocation of the airlift to Hassaka Gov has been increased by 3,500 FR to support Iraqi refugees in Al-Hol for 6 months, extendable based on the situation. • WFP prepositioned 23,000 RTEs in Hassaka for all immediate responses for IDPs and Refugees • The plan for Aleppo Gov is under review as to redistribute the plan between cross borders and from inside after the developments in Aleppo. |
| IFRC working with SARC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheep & Feed Project in Lattakia and Homs targeting 300 families |
| UNRWA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spillover distribution cycle from 2016. • Logistic issue delaying the distribution process |
| Aga Khan | <p>JANUARY ACHIEVEMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of post-distribution assessment for the vegetable kits beneficiaries (3250 interviews) • Implementation of technical training sessions on agro-processing (85 women) • Formation of 2 pilot saving groups (36 women) • Implementation of lab screening services for 59 livestock and poultry farmers <p>PLANS FOR FEBRUARY -APRIL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of demonstration plots, broiler chicken, biogas, vertical agriculture and integrated water use management. • Implantation of training for livestock and crop farmers. • Distribution of, feed, vet kits and food aids. • Implementation of apprenticeship and cash for work projects • Distribution of summer vegetable production inputs |
| FAO | <p>Jan Actual Achievements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A poultry Package (15 chickens + 150 kg feed + supplementary vitamins and minerals) were distributed to 744 HHs in rural Damascus. • Vegetable Seeds was distributes in HTR in Rural Damascus for 1000 HHs. • 200 Kg of Wheat seeds were distributed to 250 HH in Hama <p>Plan (Feb – March – April):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 1300 000 head of sheep and goats and 65 000 head of cattle in the targeted governorates (Rural Damascus, Sweida, Quneitra, Dar’a, Tartous, Latakia, Homs, Hama, Aleppo and Hassakeh). • Will be treated against external parasites for the whole 2017 season (2 treatments for each head). • Vegetable Packages will be distributed in Homs and Lattakia for 2500 households. |

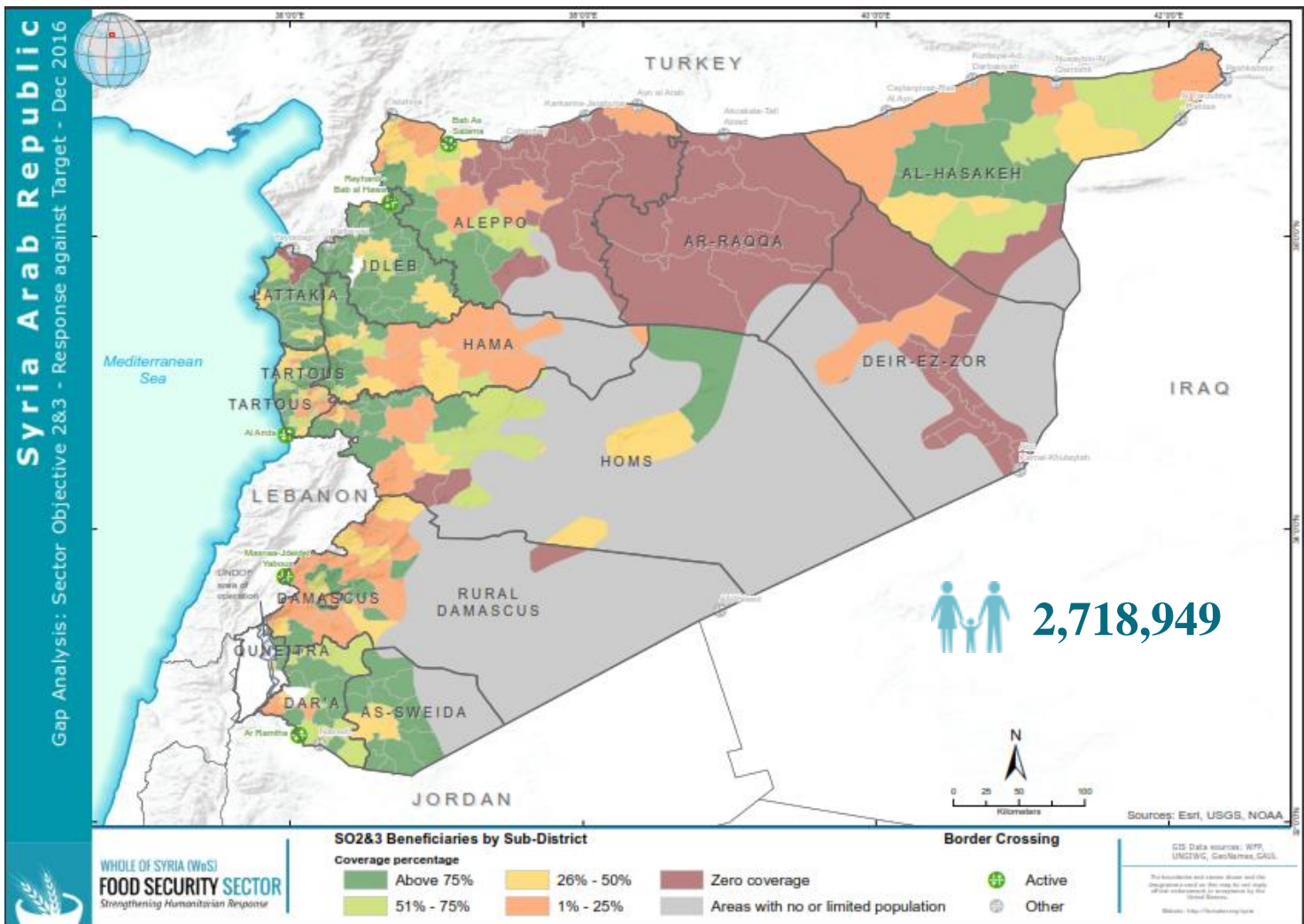
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| TDH | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribute 16,465 food parcels in Aleppo, Homs, Damascus and Rural Damascus, (Approval for dispatching from Beirut still pending). • Distribution of 685 conditioned vouchers (food) to families with disabled members in the city of Aleppo and for 5 months starting from March, |
| Mother Agnes-Mariam of the Cross | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSJM has applied for continuing its life saving food provision in Aleppo countryside and Ard Al Hamra, Sakkhur district in Eastern Aleppo • Conducted new assessment which shows continuous displacement of population from Al-Bab and Madsneh etc... • Launch with UNDP a mushroom agriculture in Walamun and Aleppo countryside. |
| ACF | <p>Achievements in December:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community training sessions on agriculture production and livestock care and management in Daraa and Hassake governorate • PDM survey in Hassake and Daraa governorate for delivered inputs (certified wheat seeds, farming tools animal feed, veterinary kits) • Distribution of 468,000 bread bundle in Rural Damascus <p>Plans for February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution of 222,348 bread bundle in Rural Damascus |
| Armadilla | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan to start with distributions in late January in Midan (Damascus). Targeting 500 families for a six month period. • Discussions underway to integrate the food rations with dried milk for children >6 months <36 months (aprox 200 children). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need to coordinate with other partners on this |

Syria FSC: Sector Objective 1 - Response against Target (Cat 1) – December 2016



- **5,779,983** beneficiaries' benefits from distribution **food basket, food basket & wheat flour**.
- **878,849** beneficiaries' benefits from distribution **wheat flour, bread, and flour distributed to bakery**.
- **204,157** beneficiaries' benefits from distribution **emergency food rations (RTE, cooked meals)**.

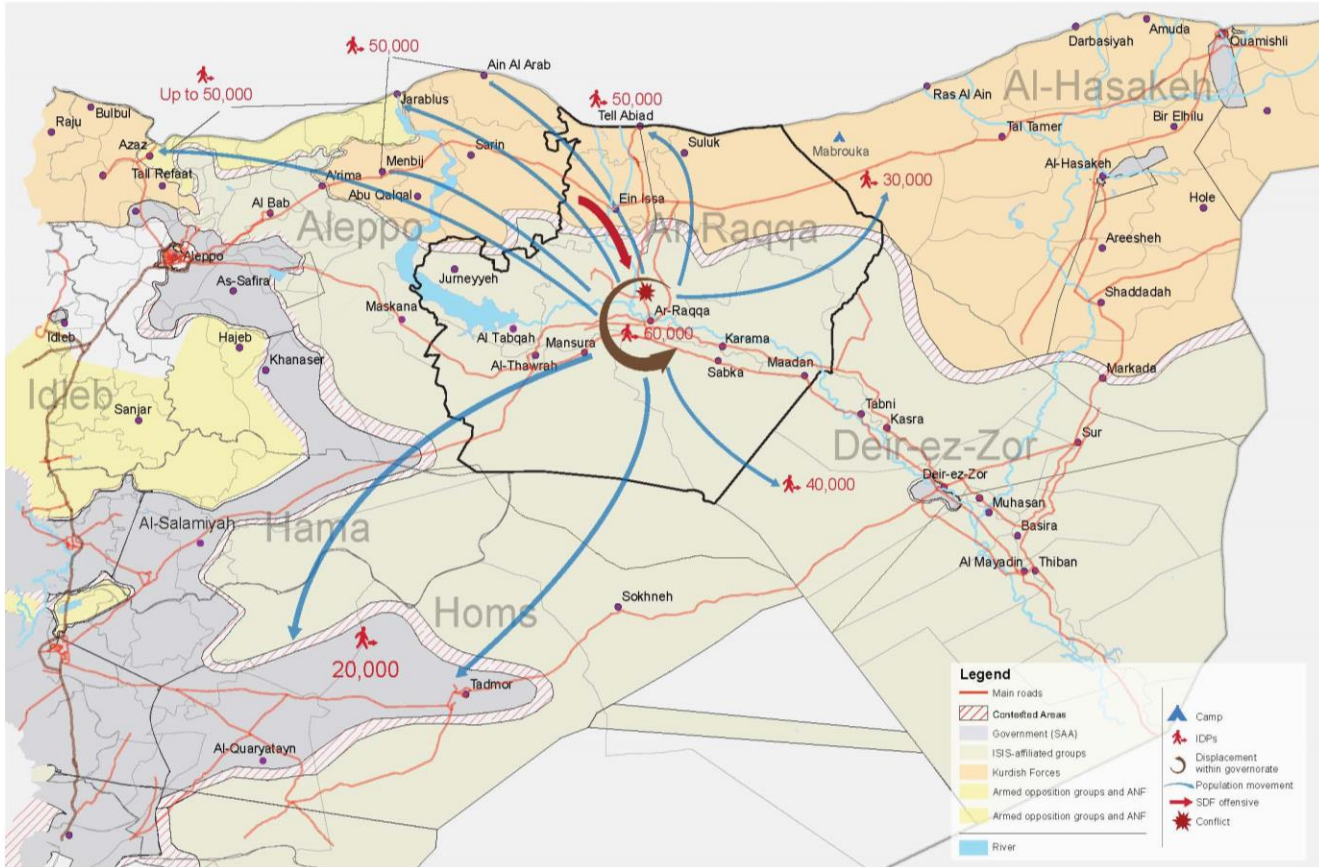
Syria FSC: Sector Objective 1 - Response against Target (Cat 2) – December 2016



- 60,591 beneficiaries' benefits from **animal feeds**.
- 1,122,809 beneficiaries' benefits from **agriculture inputs**.
- 33,209 beneficiaries' benefits from **animal distribution**.
- 432,706 beneficiaries' benefits from **animal treatments**.
- 357,703 beneficiaries' benefits from **backyard kits**.
- 5,000 beneficiaries' benefits from **vaccination treatment**.
- 73,028 beneficiaries' benefits from **training services**.
- 127,189 beneficiaries' benefits from **cash for work activity, small business activity and income generating activities**.
- 247,750 beneficiaries' benefits from **bakery support**.
- 91,938 beneficiaries' benefits from **rehabilitation of infrastructure**.

Raqqa Update:

- WoS Sectors are updating the preparedness plan, in the light of the development on the ground and the response to date.



Ain Issa Inter-Agency Assessment (23 Nov)

- An estimated 5,000 people are staying at the cotton facilities in Ain Issa, and the nearby villages, incl. 1,500 are sheltering in the open
- Limited response by XB partners to date
- Need to preposition humanitarian supplies in Tal Abyad city
- Priority needs: NFIs, shelter, food, and WASH for 2,000 HH

Mabrouka Camp Assessment (14 Nov)

- Transit camp for families from Ar-Raqqa and west Hasakeh
- A/HCT decided to prepare Mabrouka Camp to receive 5,000 IDPs.

Support to IDP site in Ain-Issa (incl. over night possibility in Ras Al-Ain + supplies to Tal Abyad)
Support to IDPs and host population in SDF controlled areas of northern Raqqa (incl. Tal Abyad, Alourneya)

Prepare Mabrouka camp for 5,000 IDPs.

Increase Qamishli hub capacity as required – staff and logistics

Agencies and HC to engage GoS on UN's ability to surge additional staff capacity + logistics as required

Warehousing space is available if prepositioning is done in Tal Abyad.

Access to Hasakeh

Airbridge

Feshkabour

Nusaybin

GoS blanket approval to reposition supplies from Hassekeh to ArRaqqa

Continued informal engagement with the NE NGOs on Ar-Raqqa response (so far limited response due to lack of funds and # of IPDs)

Nutrition and Food sector action plan

- A workshop has been planned for 14- 15 March in Amman with participants from Gaziantep, Amman, Damascus and Jordan to finalise on the key nutrition messages as well as the mapping on areas of complementary programming.

Outcome monitoring initiative

- The draft report has been finalised and now being circulated for comments.
- 17 partners participated.
- A total of over 11,000 household interviews were conducted

Protection mainstreaming for food security activities

- A presentation on some of the typical food security protection mainstreaming activities was provided by the Gender focal person for WFP.
- The sector will share the presentation with partners

Price Update

Main highlights include:

The Market Price Watch Bulletin for December is available on

http://documents.wfp.org/stellent/groups/public/documents/ena/wfp289505.pdf?_ga=1.20824056.1390618206.1482837721.

- Following humanitarian access and better food availability in east Aleppo city, food prices significantly decreased.
- As a result of intensified conflict, accessibility to sufficient and nutritious food becomes a great challenge for most of the vulnerable and food insecure households in Deir-ez-Zor city.
- In January 2017, the average national nominal retail prices of rice, wheat flour, bulgur and bread in monitored markets showed downward trends.
- Remarkable decrease in average national nominal price of fuel compared to December 2016 (20 percent for diesel and 29 percent for a cylinder of butane gas).