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Food Security Update, Dar'a Al-Baled, Syria

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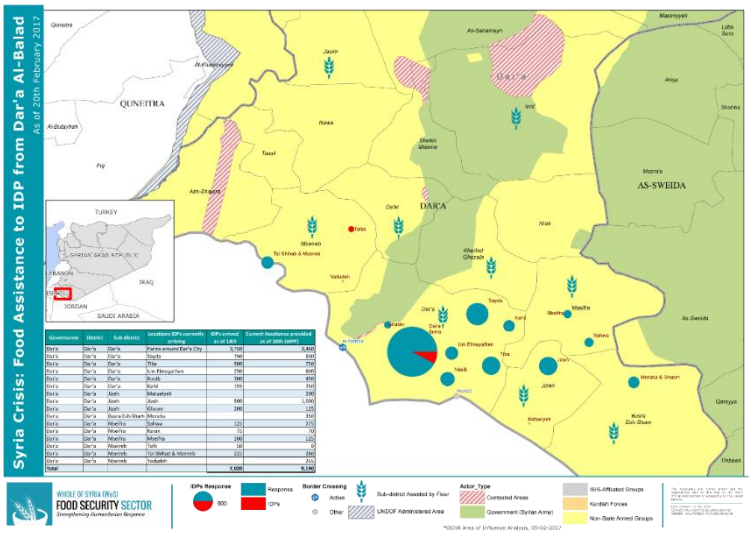
Needs

Dar'a al- Baled City with an estimated population of 15,000 - 25,000 people has recently come under intensified insecurity. A substantial increase in conflict has been recorded with displacements in Dar'a, Jizeh, Mseifra, Mzeireb and Busra Esh-Sham sub districts. As of 19 February OCHA reports an estimated 9,000 people have been displaced. If the battle continues at current pace, it is expected that the majority of Dar'a Al-Baled population will displace largely to the farms and villages of South Eastern Dar'a Governorate. Rapid Needs Assessment conducted by WFP and various partners indicate that food and shelter are the top priorities of the displaced people.

Response



- As of 20 February, 2017 WFP and its partners (ACTED & IRD) have assisted 9,190 IDPs from Dara Al Balad and 5,480 IDPs from the Yarmouk Valley with Ready to Eat Rations (RTEs). The RTE packages are for a family of 5 lasting for 5 days.
- For regular food distribution with monthly Food Rations, WFP and another sector partner serve up to 300,000 people in Southern Syria every month.
- From WFP's plan for February, 74% of the targeted households have received monthly Food Rations in Dar'a and 39% of the targeted households in Quneitra. The gaps in the number of people reached is because of the suspension of convoys from the Ramtha BCP due to insecurity. As of 20 February, distributions in Jabaliyeh, Sokkhariyeh, Jlein, Nahj and Sayda locations have been put on hold due to the ongoing security situation in the areas. The caseload that has been on-hold is to cover 4,365 HHs (21,825 people).
- From the other sector partner's plan for February, almost 50% of their allocation has been distributed. This implies 21,367 monthly Food Rations have been distributed for almost 107,000 people in Dar'a and Quneitra governorates. A further 20,000 monthly Food Rations are yet to be distributed. Out of these 20,000 Food Rations, 10,000 packages are prepositioned inside Syria. The remaining 10,000 packages are still in Jordan. The rations in Jordan could not be sent across to Syria due to the suspension of Ramtha BCP but option to use the informal border crossing is still open.
- A partner that provides flour to bakeries in the affected areas reported that flour and yeast were available with the bakeries, and it is expected that as of now the bakeries will be able to serve the bread needs of the communities. A total of 184 MT of flour has been allocated for the week of 19th to 25th February, which is an increased allocation to cater for IDPs. A total of 9 MT is also being prepositioned in case the caseloads increase.

Preparedness

- In the sector preparedness plan, with contributions from WFP and another sector partner, a total of 30,000 Ready to Eat Rations (10,000 RTEs from WFP and 20,000 RTEs from NGO) and 15,000 Monthly Food Rations (10,000 FRs from WFP and 5,000 FRs from NGO) were to be prepositioned inside southern Syria.
- From the above pre-positioned plan, WFP has 11,404 RTES (for upto 57,020 people) prepositioned inside Syria in Nawa, Ajami, and Tiba which will be used for repeat distribution as well as for additional IDPs.
- One sector partner has food rations inside Syria to cater for an estimated 55 households. Contents of baskets are: Rice - 8 Kg, Sugar - 2 Kg, Canned peas - 3 Can, Canned chicken - 1 Can, Oil - 2 L.
- The sector is in discussion with nutrition sector to include High Energy Biscuits targeting children and Pregnant and Lactating Women along with food distribution.

Gaps

- As reported, preposition efforts have been halted due to the suspension of convoys from Ramtha BCP. Unless the BCP opens, there will be **CRITICAL** gap in responding to the food needs for both regular as well as emergency response for not only Eastern Dar'a but also for the rest of southern Syria.
- The two bakeries in the city are still functional and providing bread to people in the city and IDPs in the farmlands, and they have enough flour till now, however have urgent need for fuel.
- Tell Shihab, the informal crossing is running normally as of now, NGO partners reported severe insecurity but some crossings have been reported from Western Dar'a to Eastern Dar'a.

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