The Food Security sector/cluster WoS partners are making strong contributions to the two sector/cluster Objectives that contribute to SRP Strategic Objectives Two and Three by delivering lifesaving food and cash assistance and supporting interventions that help communities to stabilize their livelihoods. Through its third sector/cluster objective – “effectively coordinate the Food Security sector/cluster partners in the WoS framework” - this sector is also contributing to the SRP Strategic Objective Four. Additionally, it is also contributing to SRP Strategic Objective Five by using early warning systems like market price watch and satellite imagery - Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) and Agriculture Stress Index (ASI) - to monitor food security. The FS sector is disseminating all products to its network and partners (http://foodsecuritycluster.net/countries/syria).

Sector partners have reported to have received 24% of the funding requirements as per Financial Tracking System. However, the numbers reported against the indicators in this report are from 4Ws by all sector partners; and hence the percentage of funding does not reflect the assistance provided entirely.

Progress towards Sector/cluster objective 1:
Provide lifesaving and life-sustaining assistance to meet the food needs of the most vulnerable crisis affected groups

The Food Security Sector response for food assistance is on track during the reporting period. Overall, the sector has assisted 6.3 million people under SO1 which includes monthly food basket at its peak in February 2015 and cumulative emergency food ration as of April 30, 2015 against an overall target of 7 million people per month.

Further analysis shows, that the distribution of Monthly Family Food Rations is achieving 94% of the target on an average each month despite extreme weather conditions (especially in January and March) and severe insecurity and access issues. The response has exceeded the target for wheat flour and bread at 144% mostly due to government subsidies to bakeries being reduced. This led Food Security Sector partners to scale up this activity to meet the emerging needs. With regard to cash and voucher assistance, the numbers of people reached on average is 36% which is lower than targeted due to funding and access issues faced by UNRWA. Detailed breakdown is provided below for each of the sector activities under SO1.

Monthly Family Food Rations: 22 sector partners reported to have reached on average 5,783,323 people every month with monthly Family Food Rations. Overall partners were able to reach all Syrian governorates, with the exception of Deir ez-Zor. The number of people reached peaked in February, 2015 when 6,298,552 people were reached with monthly Family Food Rations in 12 governorates. This was against the SRP target of 6.174 million people with Family Food Rations on a monthly basis in all the 14 governorates.

Wheat Flour and Bread: 10 sector partners provided wheat flour and bread to 2,369,465 people on average each month. Overall partners were able to reach 10 governorates. This number peaked in January 2015 when 3,130,271 people were reached in 10 governorates. This was against the SRP target to reach 1.650 million people on a monthly basis in all 14 governorates.

Cash and Voucher: Six sector partners reported to have on average reached 194,443 people every month with Cash/Voucher assistance which peaked in February 2015 when 316,653 people were reached in 9 governorates. This included 218,429 Palestine refugees inside Syria. This was against the SRP target to reach 540,000 people on a monthly basis in governorates where such assistance could be provided.

Emergency Food Ration: One sector partner has provided emergency food ration to 49,495 people since the beginning of the year in Idleb. This is a one-off support to respond to sudden emergencies with an SRP target of 800,000 people on an annual basis.

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1- 11 In January and February 12 governorates and in March 13 governorates were reached with monthly Family Food Rations. Ar Raqqa was not reached in January and February and Deir-ez-Zor could not be reached with food assistance in all three months.
2- For more details, please see section 4 of the Periodic Monitoring Report - 2015, Strategic Response Plan, page 35
PROGRESS AGAINST 2015 SECTOR OBJECTIVE(S)

Number of people provided with monthly family food rations: 5,783,323 (93.7% Covered)
Number of people provided with wheat flour and bread: 2,369,465 (36.0% Covered)
Number of people provided with cash/vouchers assistance: 194,443 (6.2% Covered)
Number of people provided with emergency food ration: 49,495 (22.3% Covered)
Number of households provided with agriculture inputs: 31,128 (63.5% Covered)
Number of households receiving animal feed and veterinary services and animals treated/vaccinated: 50,807 (0.4% Covered)
Number of households benefitting from horticulture and small livestock production support: 381 (103.6% Covered)
Number of households receiving cash for work and/or agriculture voucher: 10,671

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