Issue 10

Insights on Northwest Syria
Monthly Updates from FSL Cluster

APRIL 2021 - Key Achievements of the FSL Cluster Partners

- **58 partners** implemented SO1, SO2 and SO3 activities in northwest Syria (NWS) in April 2021.

- In April 2021, FSL partners delivered food assistance to the People in Need (PIN), according to the following percentage of beneficiaries reached out in 40 sub-districts in NWS:
  - 11 sub-districts reached above 100% PIN,
  - 4 sub-districts from 100% to 76% PIN,
  - 7 sub-districts from 75% to 51% PIN,
  - 7 sub-districts from 50% to 26% PIN, and
  - 11 sub-districts were covered by less than 25% PIN.

- In total, in April 2021 2.13M beneficiaries were assisted through the distribution of 420K regular food assistance by food baskets, cash, or vouchers for food.
  - About 87K households (HHs) received a total amount of 5,268,240 USD
as *vouchers for food* (the value is about *60 USD* per HH), while *1.9K HHs* received 116,880 USD as *cash for food*.

- **2.26M beneficiaries** had access to bread and flour distributions (including WFP assistance, WFP partners distributed 15kg of flour to 1.3M beneficiaries).
- **920K beneficiaries** received Emergency Food Assistance.
- **207K beneficiaries** were supported by programs on agriculture, livestock, irrigation and livelihoods assistance over 4 months from January to April 2021.

_FSL partner's agricultural team is checking the flowering phase of tomato plants, during the second week of March 2021 in one of the 120 greenhouses that were installed at the backyards of vulnerable female-headed households. An average of 18 kg per greenhouse per day of tomatoes were harvested through the training, technical follow-up, and agricultural inputs provided._ (Photo: Kids Paradise & Ai.Bi)

In June 2021, in addition to the regular monthly meetings (*3 Area Coordination Groups, Agriculture TWG, Livestock TWG, Bread and Bakery CG, FSL Cluster Monthly Meeting*) FSL Cluster ST hub conducted a meeting with the Wheat Task Force and also participated in the Whole of Syria...
Retreat on planning food security activities across Syria. Further meetings were held with the Inter Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) and HISMA led by OCHA.

The FSL Cluster ST hub has kicked-off the "Voices from the Field" campaign that elevates the stories of beneficiaries from NW Syria whose access to food assistance and livelihood support depends on the renewal of the UN Resolution 2533 on Syria-Turkey Cross-Border programme in July 2021.

**AREA COORDINATION HIGHLIGHTS**

**IDLIB & WESTERN ALEPPO GOVERNORATES**

- 49 FSL partners implemented activities in April 2021 (47 partners on SO1, and 10 partners on SO2 - SO3).*

- Out of 20 sub-districts in Idlib and W. Aleppo governorates, 6 sub-districts were covered by food assistance above 100% PIN (Jisr-Ash-Shugur, Mhambal, Ehsem, Teftnaz, Armanaz, Bennsh), 3 from 100% to 76% PIN, 4 sub-districts from 75% to 51% PIN, 3 sub-districts from 50% to 26% PIN, and 4 sub-districts (Sarmin, Badama, Salqin, Qourqeena) were covered by less than 25% PIN.

- 40 FSL partners have planned to implement food security programs in the next 6 months from July to December 2021 (37 partners on SO1, and 9 partners on SO2 - SO3).

- FSL Cluster partners highlighted that frontline areas are unsafe, and the implementation of long-term livelihoods programmes is not recommended yet.

*Some FSL partners implement projects under more than one Sector Objective.

**NORTHERN ALEPPO * (A’zaz, Jarablus, and Al-Bab Districts)**

- 29 FSL partners implemented activities in April 2021 (26 partners on SO1, and 8 partners on SO2 - SO3).**

- Out of 13 sub-districts in A’zaz-Jarablus and Tell Abiad corridors, no sub-districts were covered by food assistance from 100% to 75% PIN, 2 sub-districts were covered from 75% to 51% PIN, 4 subdistricts were covered from 50% to 26% PIN, and 7 sub-districts (Ar-Rae, Ein Issa, Ras Al Ain, Suluk, Arima, Tell Abiad, Ghandorah) were covered by less than 25% PIN.

- 21 FSL partners have plans to implement food security programs over next 6 months from July to December 2021 (20 partners on SO1, and 6 partners on SO2 - SO3).

- FSL partners pointed out some challenges in getting approvals from the local authorities to move commodities - particularly wheat - from Idlib to A’zaz, Jarablus, and Al-bab areas.

*Including 4 sub-districts Ras Al Ain, Ein Issa, Suluk, Tell Abiad.

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NORTHERN ALEPPO (Afrin District)

- **22 FSL partners** implemented activities in April 2021 (21 partners on SO1, and 3 partners on SO2 - SO3).*

- **Out of 7 sub-districts in Afrin,** 5 sub-districts were reached by food assistance above 100% PIN (Bulbul, Sheikh El-Hadid, Raju, Mabtali, Jandairis), 1 sub-district from 100% to 76%, and 1 sub-district from 75% to 51% PIN. **No sub-districts were covered between 50% - 0% PIN.**

- **13 FSL partners have plans** to implement food security programs **over next 6 months in July to December 2021** (13 partners on SO1, and 2 partners on SO2 - SO3).

- **It is highly recommended to scale-up livelihoods programs in Afrin district** (in 7 sub-districts). In April 2021, only three activities were reported on agriculture, irrigation, livestock, and livelihoods programs implemented in Afrin district.

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