The re-assessment in NW Syria to review the number of acute food insecure people has been completed in NW Syria and integrated into the "FSL gap analysis" database (traffic lights).

The re-assessment has provided the following results:

- The population figure has been updated by OCHA as of May 2021; an estimated number of 4,627,721 people currently live in NW Syria in the areas accessible by the FSL partners.
- **87,228 persons are acute food insecure** as a result of the re-assessment, reaching the total number of **3.4M people in need in NW Syria**.
- The reassessment was conducted in May 2021 in 13 sub-districts (Atareb, Afrin, Al Bab, Jandairis, Jarablus, Salqin, Sharan, Bennsh, Ariha, Mhambal, Ehsem, Mare, and Badama). The mid-year review (MYR) will be published in September 2021 by Whole of Syria.

**MAY 2021 - Key Achievements of the FSL Cluster Partners**
- 53 partners implemented SO1, SO2 and SO3 activities in northwest Syria (NWS) in May 2021.

- In May 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:
  - 9 sub-districts reached above 100% PIN,
  - 5 sub-districts from 100% to 76% PIN,
  - 10 sub-districts from 75% to 51% PIN,
  - 3 sub-districts from 50% to 26% PIN, and
  - 13 sub-districts were covered by less than 25% PIN.

- In total, in May 2021 2.1M beneficiaries were assisted through the distribution of 421K regular food assistance by food baskets, cash, or vouchers for food.
  - About 66K households (HHs) received a total amount of 2,888,559 USD as vouchers for food (the voucher value is about 60 USD per each household), while 26K HHs received 1,491,310 USD as cash for food.

- 2.4M beneficiaries had access to bread and flour distributions (including WFP assistance, WFP partners distributed 15kg of flour to 1.3M beneficiaries).
- 989K beneficiaries received Emergency Food Assistance.
- 249K beneficiaries were supported by programs on agriculture, livestock, irrigation and livelihoods assistance over 5 months from January to May 2021.
Abu Muhammed is supported through a rehabilitation project on irrigation facilitated by CARE International and implemented by Shafak Organization, FSL Cluster partners on the cross-border programme in Northwest Syria. Click here to listen to his story.

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATES

In July 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 participated in the Inter Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG-OCHA) and STIMA & HISMA meetings led by OCHA.

The FSL Cluster ST hub has finalized the "Voices from the Field" campaign that elevated the stories of beneficiaries from NW Syria in the framework of the renewed UN Resolution 2585 (2021) on Syria-Turkey Cross-Border programme. What's at Stake - NWS Fact Sheet was published prior to the renewal of the UN Resolution 2533 to showcase the results achieved by the FSL partners on food assistance and livelihoods programs in Northwest Syria over the last 10 months (July 2020-May 2021) through the Cross-Border Humanitarian Assistance.

AREA COORDINATION HIGHLIGHTS

IDLIB & WESTERN ALEPPO GOVERNORATES

- 46 FSL partners implemented activities in May 2021 (43 partners on SO1, and 10 partners on
Out of 20 sub-districts in Idlib and W. Aleppo governorates, 6 sub-districts were covered by food assistance above 100% PIN (Armanaz, Ehsem, Mhambal, Bennsh, Sarmin, Jisr-Ash-Shugur), 3 from 100% to 76% PIN, 6 sub-districts from 75% to 51% PIN, no sub-districts from 50% to 26% PIN, and 5 sub-districts (Kafr Takharim, Salqin, Harim, Ariha, Qourqena) were covered by less than 25% PIN.

36 FSL partners have planned to implement food security programs in the next 6 months from August to January 2022 (34 partners on SO1, and 6 partners on SO2 - SO3).

*NSome 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 May 2021 (27 partners on SO1, and 10 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, 3 sub-districts were covered from 75% to 51% PIN, 3 subdistricts were covered from 50% to 26% PIN, and 7 sub-districts (Ein Issa, Ras Al Ain, Suluk, Tell Abiad, Arima, Jarablus, Ghandorah) were covered by less than 25% PIN.

- 22 FSL partners have plans to implement food security programs over next 6 months from August 2021 to January 2022 (19 partners on SO1, and 8 partners on SO2 - SO3).

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

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

**NORTHERN ALEPPO (Afrin District)**

- 18 FSL partners implemented activities in May 2021 (16 partners on SO1, and 2 partners on SO2 - SO3).*

- Out of 7 sub-districts in Afrin, 3 sub-districts were reached by food assistance above 100% PIN (Bulbul, Sheikh El-Hadid, Raju), 2 sub-district from 100% to 76%, and 1 sub-district from 75% to 51% PIN. No sub-districts were covered from 50% to 26% PIN, and 1 sub-district (Sharan) were covered by less than 25% PIN.

- 10 FSL partners have plans to implement food security programs over next 6 months from August 2021 to January 2022 (10 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 May 2021, two activities were reported on agriculture, irrigation, livestock, and livelihoods programs implemented in Afrin district.

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