Situation Update # 3  
Northeast Syria – October 14

Needs

An estimated 2,185,855 people live in Hassakeh and Ar-Raqqa governorate as well Menbij and Ain Arab/ Kobani sub districts of Aleppo governorate accessible through North East. An estimated 1,455,488 people are thought to be food insecure or at risk of food insecurity according to FSS Mid-Year Review 2019.

Hassakeh

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<td>MYR 2019 (July)</td>
<td>1,060,341</td>
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<td>HNO 2019 (October)</td>
<td>747,896</td>
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Ar-Raqqa

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Aleppo (Menbij and AinArab/ Kobani)

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Preparedness

Drawing from the updated NES Preparedness Plan October 2019 from Damascus hub and NES Forum, a contingency plan outlining possible scenarios for North East Syria and humanitarian planning assumptions, including a potential deterioration of security situation due to military operation by Turkish Armed Forces (TAF). Based on stock updates received from WFP and sector partner, the Food Security Sector’s preparedness is summarized below from both hubs:

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<td>NES</td>
<td>Up to 160,000 IDPs in Tal Tamer, Hassakeh, Areesah, Qamishli, Tal Hamis and Al-</td>
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<td>Malikeyyeh in the governorates of Hassakeh and Ar-Raqqa</td>
<td>70,000 packages/households sufficient for 350,000 people</td>
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<td>• Pipeline (under procurement)</td>
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<td>30,000 packages/households sufficient for 150,000 people</td>
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NOTE: The stock is being updated with new information. The stock may be used for repeated distributions (especially for Food Rations).
Situation Overview

Since the launch of the military operation of Turkish Armed Forces (TAF) in 9 October, highest levels of displacements are reported to be from Tal Abiad and Ras al Ain/ Kobani sub-districts (particularly from the urban centers), which have witnessed the most of the hostilities. Qamishli City, the main urban hub in Hassakeh has also seen intense fighting. As hostilities escalate in other areas of the region extending the frontlines to the east, west and south, significant displacement have also been recorded from locations such as Ein Issa and Ain Arab/Kobani in the west, and Derbasiyah sub-district (east of Ras al Ain sub-district) in the East. While the majority of displacement continues to take the form of movement to nearby areas of relative safety, particularly away from the border, it is expected that people will continue to move further south beyond the 20 miles/ 32 km proposed ‘buffer zone’ towards Hassakeh City, Al Malikiyeh and Yarubiyah (on the border with Iraq) in the east and towards rural Raqqa and Raqqa City. As of 14 October, military operations continue, primarily centred on the towns of Ras al-Ayn (Al-Hasakeh governorate) and Tell Abyad (Ar-Raqqa governorate). As a result of the offensive, the M4 highway, a strategic main supply road which connects Aleppo and eastern Syria has been closed. WFP and its transporters are exploring alternate supply routes.

As of 14 October, an estimated 160,000 people are reported to be displaced from Ras al Ain towards Tal Tamer and Hassakeh City. As well as movement from Tel Abiad towards Ein Issa and Ar- Raqqa including displacements from Ain Arab/ Kobani and Qamishli. With 115 locations identified in seven sub districts: Tal Tamer, Hassakeh, Areeshah, Qamishli, Tal Hamis, Darbasiyah and Al-Malikeyyeh in the governorates of Hassakeh and Ar Raqqa.

Bread prices are reported to have increased since the start of the hostilities, unconfirmed reports of bread prices show an increase from 125 SYP to around 200 SYP per kilo in Raqqa city. Bakery functionality continues to be disrupted, particularly in Ras Al Ain and Tal Abiad sub districts. Since 11 October, 1 INGO partner has stopped programming in 12 bakeries due to hostilities, thus impacting an estimated 130,000 people who do not have access to bread on a daily basis. Furthermore, there are reports of increasing food prices of some commodities in Hassakeh and Qamishli though FSS and CWG have not been able to monitor markets due to hostilities. To date there are no reports of direct damages to bakeries since the start of the military operation.

The main needs remain the provision of Ready-To-Eat (RTEs) to the ongoing IDP arrivals to collective centres in Hasekeh, Tel Tamer, Qamishli and Derbaseyeh who lack cooking utensils / resources and are living in overcrowded conditions. In addition, the provision of additional support to the tens of thousands of IDPs being hosted is a priority to alleviate pressure on host community households. Priorities include:

i) Ensure all new IDP arrivals living with host community HH receive RTEs,
ii) Partners with RTEs lines to accelerate procurement and clarify delivery times through FS Coordinator
iii) As second line response, provide targeted support to IDPs being hosted by community in main urban centres (Raqqa, Ein Issa, Tal Tamer, Hassakeh, Kobani and Qamishli)
iv) Conduct Rapid Market Assessment to identify conducive areas to expand cash and voucher programming among IDPs as alternative to in-kind
Current Response and Plans

Since 10 October, a total of (41,012) people have been reached with some form of food assistance. Thus far, WFP has distributed Ready to Eat (RTE) and General Food Rations (GFR) to displaced populations, a total of 29,930 people (5,986 HH) received RTEs, as well as 5,347 who have received date bars. On 14 October, WFP continued to distribute food assistance in 6 locations; Hassakeh, Areesha camp, Ras Al Ain, Derbaseyeh, Tal Hamis, Tal Tamer to meet the needs for 25,000 displaced people. 1 INGO continues to provide bread in 12 collective centres in Hassakeh reaching 5735 people (1147 HH), who will be receiving bread daily.

Only 2 INGOs have confirmed procurement of 8,000 RTEs which are expected to be in stock by October 20th. WFP should be receiving an additional 9,000 RTEs in Qamishli warehouse on October 15. In total 13,000 RTEs are under procurement or ready to be dispatched to locations by food security partners. 1 INGO is planning to conduct an RNA to provide RTEs to cover 420 -480 people (70-80 HHs) in collective centres in Tabqa/ Al Jurnieh.

CAMPS:
First RTEs response were delivered to relocated families from Mabruka camp to Areesha camp. WFP have distributed 1000 RTEs to 5,000 people in Areesha camp over the past 24 hours with GFR to the same families set to be distributed within the week. In Mahmoudli and Ein Issa camps INGO positioned 100 RTEs in stock in case for any displacement, with regular food cycle being uninterrupted.

Gaps, Challenges and Recommendations

- Gaps identified thus far include households hosting displaced population in need of immediate response in following areas:
  - Aleppo governorate: Menbij and Ain Arab/Kobani – unconfirmed numbers
  - Hassakeh governorate: urban areas in Mabada, Tal Tamer, Hassaka and Jawadiyeh
  - Raqqa governorate: Tel Abyad, Ras Alain and Ein Issa urban areas as well as 4,000 HH in Raqqa City

- All sector partners with stocks are requested to expedite their pre-positioning to be able to respond to scale.

- Challenges in access to areas under Aleppo governorate: Menbij and Ain Arab/ Kobani subdistricts, Ein Issa as well as Raqqa city in Ar-Raqqa governorate. Access to Mabruka and Ein Issa camps.

- Due to the fluidity of the situation tracking IDP movements as well as verifying such data is challenging. Thus, various data/information is being triangulated by the sector and ISWG for operational partners to verify on the ground. **Please use the FSS tracker to update all response information.**

- The sector recommends that operational partners align with the sector endorsed guidelines for working with Local Councils, response packages and safe distribution processes to facilitate harmonized response.

- Food prices and rent have reportedly increased in Hassakeh City, according to one source. Partners are requested to share information on food commodities and market functionality in priority identified markets in Ein Issa, Ar-Raqqa, Areesha, Tel Hamis, Hassakeh city and Yarubiya with the NES FS sector and Cash Working Group.

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1 Each organization verifies these numbers on ground and based on that distributes assistance. Therefore, there is a difference between the number of households reported to be displaced and the number of households verified and assisted by location.

2 For a full list of markets please get in touch with NES FSS Coordinator
**Total number of IDPs 160,000**

**Summary**
- 76 Villages, neighborhoods, and locations were assisted
- 31 Schools were assisted
- 14 Shelters were assisted

**Schools were assisted**
- 25 in Al-Hasakeh
- 5 in Tal Tamer
- 1 in Al-Malkeyyeh

**Total of beneficiaries 41,012**
- RTEs 29,930
- Bread 5,347
- MFI (Date bars) 5,735

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**Sub-district** | **Agency** | **Type of assistance** | **Beneficiaries Assisted**
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Al-Hasakeh | NGO 1 | Bread | 5,347
Al-Malkeyyeh | NGO 2 | RTEs | 9,600
Areesheh | WFP | RTEs | 5,900
Darbasiyah | WFP | Date Bars | 3,540
Quamishli | WFP | RTEs | 125
Ras Al Ain | WFP | RTEs | 2,500
Tal Himis | WFP | RTEs | 235
Tal Tamer | WFP | RTEs | 875

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**NES Emergency response as of 14 October**

**Number of assisted people**
- 125
- 600
- 1,110
- 2,500
- 3,540
- 7,190
- 11,000
- 14,947

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Sources: IRel, USGS, NOAA

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