Situation Update # 5
Northeast Syria – October 16
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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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 partners, the Food Security Sector’s preparedness is summarized below from both hubs:

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<td>Immediate assistance (RTERs)</td>
<td>Second Level Assistance (Food Rations, MPCG)</td>
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<td>NES</td>
<td>Up to 160,000 IDPs in Tal Tamer, Hassakeh, Areeshah, Qamishli, Tal Hamis and Al- Malikeyyeh in the governorates of Hassakeh, Yarubiyeh and Ar Raqqa</td>
<td>9,500 RTERs sufficient for 47,500 people</td>
<td>70,000 packages/households sufficient for 350,000 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).

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Situation Overview

Over the past 24 hours the situation has stabilized somewhat leading to a reported decline in the number of people currently displaced, there with an increase in the number of displacements from Menbij. In total an estimated, 13,740 people from Menbij District alone are reported to be displaced. GoS now have presence in the following locations: Ein Issa, Tal Tamer, Tabqa Airbase and Menbij, as a result expected displacements are likely to occur in Tal Tamer and Darbasiyeh sub districts towards Hassakeh and rural areas.

Displacement have been recorded from locations such as Ein Issa and Ain Arab/Kobani in the west, and Darbasiyah sub-district (east of Ras al Ain sub-district) in the East. However as, displacement has also been recorded from locations such as Ein Issa and Kobane in the west, and Darbasiyah sub-district (east of Ras al Ain sub-district) in the east. There are particular concerns of significant displacement from Tal Tamer town, including the secondary displacement of IDPs currently sheltering in over 20 collective centres, due to hostilities taking place in close proximity to the town1.

As of 16 October, an estimated 160,000 people are reported to be displaced, with an increase in spontaneous returns, mainly in Hassakeh, Raqqa and Kobane areas. Displaced populations continue to be present in 10 sub districts: Tal Tamer, Hassakeh, Areesah, Qamishli, Tal Hamis, Darbasiyah, Raqqa city, Al Thawra, Ein Issa and Al-Malkeyyeh in the governorates of Hassakeh and Ar Raqqa.

COORDINATION with KRI FSS:
Coordination between NES FSS and Iraq FSC have begun, with both Coordination teams tracking the refugee movement across the border. As of 16 October, approximately than 1,586 people are reported to have fled into Iraqi Kurdistan according to HNAP. WFP Iraq has already assisted the refugee arrivals as they are relocated to the Bardarash refugee camp. Barzani Charity Foundation (BCF) provides hot meals to all new camp arrivals – there are plans to host Refugees in Sوردash, Slemani and Domes camps. Coordination between the two country cluster teams are ongoing to ensure refugees are received with food assistance appropriately.

MARKETS and BAKERIES:
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. There are more reports of increasing prices of some food commodities in Hassakeh such as rice (1kg), increasing from 700 SYP to 900 SYP, 50kg of sugar has increased from 18,000 SYP to 22,000 SYP. Vegetables, oil, bulghurwheat and egg prices have also reportedly risen over the past week in conflict affected areas though most notably in Hassakeh city. There has also been unconfirmed reports of shop keepers price gauging certain commodities.

AGRICULTURE:
Since beginning of the hostilities, 7 partners have suspended agriculture and livestock programming in NES, including the Syrian Resilience Consortium (SRC). This will have a significant impact on the winter agriculture season particularly wheat and barley. Around 8,462 people will consequently be affected with the suspension of livelihood programming in Raqqa and Hassakeh governorate.
Approximately, 850,000 ha – 1.7m ha of productive agricultural land (33 - 65% of arable land in North East) is currently within the proposed ‘buffer zone’ which can range between 20 to 40km. Farmers across the area have been displaced during the crucial time of cultivation which lasts through to end of November. With continued hostilities into the planting season and consequently displacement of farmers the window to cultivate crops becomes narrower, thus impacting the long term food security of North East Syria, which has traditionally been the bread basket of the country.

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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 Derbasyeh 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 Qamishil)

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

Interactive dashboard for FSS response locations and IDPs reached [Here]

OVERALL RESPONSE:
Since 10 October, a total of 129,664 people (26,705 HH) including host community populations were reached with some form of food assistance:

- A total of 1482 kg of bread has been distributed to IDPs in 18 collective centres to date. WFP reached a total of 45,220 displaced people (9,044 HH) who have received Ready to Eat (RTE) rations and date bars. As well as a total of 9,100 displaced people (1,820 HH) who have received Ready to Eat (RTE) rations.
- WFP have reached 70,650 (14,130 HH) people with General Food Rations (GFR) in areas with high number of displacements living within the host community. General Food Rations are distributed as part of emergency and regular response.

DAILY RESPONSE:
On 16 October, WFP continued to distribute food assistance in 4 locations; Hassakeh, Raqqa, Qamishli and Al-Malikeyyeh, to meet the needs for 25,000 (5,000 HH) displaced people. 1 INGO continues to provide bread in 18 collective centres in Hassakeh reaching 4,534 people (911 HH) daily. 1 INGO continues to provide Ready to Eat rations to 800 people (160 HH) in Mabada.

PLANS:
2 INGO partners have confirmed procurement of 4,300 RTEs which are expected to be in stock by October 20. 1 INGO is planning to start RTEs distributions on October 17 in Hasskeh and Tal Tamer. 1 INGO will be distributing refreshment boxes (biscuits, juice, water and tissues). WFP will receive an additional 9,000 RTEs in Qamishli warehouse on October 16. In total 51,800 RTEs are under procurement.

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.

This includes Ready to Eat (RTE) Rations, Date bars, General Food Baskets (GFR).

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or ready to be dispatched to locations by FSS partners. INGO has conducted an RNA to provide RTEs and Food vouchers to cover 420-480 people (70-80 HHs) in collective centres in Raqqa. Below please find the Gaps analysis for Food Response – October 16.

CAMPS:
Bread distributions continues by 1 INGO partner in Twahina, Mahmoudli, Areesha, Mabrouka, Al Hol, and Abu Khashab camps in NES covering 91,634 beneficiaries and bread distribution plans remain as planned over the coming weeks. WFP remains unable to resume distribution in the Al Hol Annex. FSS and WFP continue to advocate the resumption of food in the whole camp. In Mahmoudli and Ein Issa camps INGOs have prepositioned 50 RTEs in stock in case of displacements, with regular food cycle remaining 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
  - Bread gap in Ein Issa camp
  - Raqqa governorate: Tel Abyad, Ras Alain and Ein Issa urban areas as well as in Raqqa City.
  - RTE Stocks in Mahmoudli camp
- 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.
- 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 Yarubiya4 with the NES FS sector and Cash Working Group.

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4 For a full list of markets please get in touch with NES FSS Coordinator
FFS - NES Emergency Response as of 16 October 2019

160,000 Total number of IDPs
129,664 Overall (Host communities/IDPs)
59,014 Emergency response

Summary
- 128 Villages, neighborhoods, and locations were assisted
- 28 Schools were assisted
- 18 Shelters were assisted

Schools were assisted
- 22 in Al-Hasakeh
- 4 in Tal Tamer
- 3 in Al-Malkeyyah

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