WHOLE OF SYRIA (WOS) Food Security Sector Factsheet, September 2015 (August - response)

Key facts and figures:

7.6 million people internally displaced and between January – June 2015 an estimated 1 million people have been further displaced.

4.8 million in hard to reach areas

12.2 million require humanitarian assistance

9.8 million require food assistance

People Targeted:

7.5 Million*
7 Million Food and Cash
2.5 Million Agriculture
*Approximately 2 million receive both

Requested:

$1,218,000,000

Met: $391,730,946 (32.2%)
Gap: $825,269,054 (67.8%)
As of 30.09.2015

Funds requested for prioritized activities as per JOP for second half of the year:
SRP Appeal 1.2 billion
Funds mobilized (FTS and partner inputs) 398 million
Funds needed for July – December for prioritized activities and scale up 516 million
Funds available 214 million
Funding gap 302 million

Food Security Sector - Whole of Syria Products
(Percent click on the links)
1. Number of people reached by sub district (Sector Objective 1)
2. Number of people reached by sub district (Sector Objective 2)
3. Combined SO1 and SO2 coverage map
4. Tables of sub districts covered and number of people assisted with various modalities (attached)
5. Food Security kilocalories coverage map
6. Food Security Sector operational partners presence by sub district for SO1 & SO2
7. Food Security Sector assessment registry as of 30.09.2015
9. FSS WOS Factsheet, July Response Analysis

Food Security Sector Reached against Targets

Based on August 4W response data from 32 partners

Sector Objective 1: Provide life-saving and life sustaining assistance to meet the food needs of the most vulnerable crisis affected groups (based on data from 24 partners)

- Number of people receiving food baskets
- Number of people receiving bread and wheat flour
- Number of people receiving cash and voucher for life saving activities
- Number of people receiving emergency food rations

Sector Objective 2: Protect and strengthen the asset base, support income generating activities and increase agricultural production (based on data from 8 partners)

- Number of people receiving agriculture inputs
- Number of people receiving horticulture and small livestock production support
- People benefitting from animal feed, veterinary services and animal treatment/vaccination
- People benefitting from cash for work and/or agricultural vouchers

Information provided includes SRP and Non SRP Partners reporting in the 3 hubs and Iraq.
Food Security Sector Technical Working Group

Following the recommendation at the Whole of Syria Assessment Coordination meeting (19-20 August 2015), a Technical Working Group (TWG) has been established with representatives from all hubs. The current members of the TWG are food security technical experts from FAO, GOAL, IRD, NRC, RFSAN, Tdh and WFP. Representatives of this TWG met on 7-8 September, 2015 in Beirut to develop the Food Security Sector People in Need Numbers and Severity Ranking, along with key messages for needs in the sector for the Humanitarian Needs Overview.

Outcomes of the meeting:

- NIF/SIMAWG suggested overall population estimates were reviewed and suggestions were provided on the estimated population in Syria.
- People in Need and Severity per sub district were determined drawing largely from sector assessments; and from other inter sector assessments where sector assessments did not cover.
- Sector inputs for the Humanitarian Needs Overview were determined in regards to most vulnerable groups, drivers for food insecurity, trends analysis in prices, markets, cereal balance sheet and other aspects of food security.
- This TWG will carry forward other work in relation to assessment coordination within the sector and more updates on it will be provided next month.

The Humanitarian Needs Overview is expected to be released in October 2015.

Food Security Sector’s progress with targeting/selection criteria harmonization

As reported in August update, Food Security Sector Hubs will compile the targeting/selection criteria and monitoring indicators by its partners and then a group of experts representing each hub will meet at WoS platform to take this exercise forward.

In Jordan, sector partners are already working on drafting a guidance note for the hub to gain a common understanding on how villages will be targeted and selection criteria should be developed. Other hubs will also compile their feedback from partners and based on this a WoS guidance is expected to be released by early November, 2015.

Food Security and Livelihood Assessments (FSLA)

South of Syria

A comprehensive FSLA has been conducted during the month of September by CARE in partnership with RFSAN and NRC. At the moment, CARE, with the support of RFSAN, is analysing the data and preliminary results were presented recently.

North of Syria

The FSLA for Northern Syria is progressing; partners have provided feedback on the information domains shared through an online survey, and the Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster south Turkey hub (with support from RFSAN) is now working on formulating these domains into data collection sources and tools.

Events in October, 2015

> Humanitarian Response Plan Sector inputs

Food Security Sector Whole of Syria in close conjunction with hubs will be developing sector plan which will include a response framework (sector objectives, activities and indicators) for the HRP 2016. A tentative timeline suggests sector level workshop in hubs in mid October, following a WoS level workshop to determine the final sector response framework. A more detailed timeline along with guidance will be provided to partners in early October.

> Price Monitoring Workshop, RFSAN, 26 - 27 October

RFSAN will conduct a workshop on price monitoring data collected inside Syria on 26-27 October in Amman. This workshop will focus on harmonizing, collection and analyzing of price data. This will be part of Food Security Sector Technical Working Group’s deliverables too.