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

Key facts and figures:

HNO 2016
6.5 million people internally displaced

4.5 million in hard to reach areas, including 0.39 million people besieged.

13.5 million require humanitarian assistance

8.7 million require food assistance

SRP 2015
People Targeted: 7.5 million*

7 million Food and Cash

2.5 million Agriculture

*Approximately 2 million receive both

Requested:

$ 1.2 billion

Met: USD 391,730,946 (32.2%)

Gap: USD 826,269,054 (67.8%)

As of 5.11.2015

Prioritized fund for 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 (Please 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. Kilocalories coverage map
6. Operational partners presence by sub district SO1 and SO2
7. Six month bulletin (January - June 2015)
8. Factsheet, July Response Analysis
9. Factsheet, August 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 (from 17 partners)

6,875,737

6,174,800

Number of people receiving bread and wheat flour (from 13 partners)

2,421,562

1,655,000

Number of people receiving cash and voucher for life saving activities (from 7 partners)

515,495

450,000

Number of people receiving emergency food rationscumulative (from 13 partners)

551,689

800,000

Number of people receiving agriculture inputs

269,183

836,400

Number of people receiving livestock production support

36,342

583,400

People benefiting from animal feed, veterinary services & animal treatment/vaccination

393,055

480,000

People benefiting from cash for work and/or agricultural vouchers

180,826

Information provided includes SRP and Non SRP Partners reporting in the 3 hubs and Iraq.
Food Security Sector WoS Workshop for Humanitarian Response Plan 2016, Beirut

A whole of Syria sector meeting took place on 2-3 November in Beirut to finalize the Strategic Response Framework for HRP 2016 and to make consultative recommendations on a harmonized response approach in 2016. 34 partners representing all three hubs attended together with partners working from Lebanon and Iraq to build on the hub level consultations already made on the HRP.

Outcomes of the meeting:

Finalization of the sector Log Frame for HRP
Sector objectives, activities and indicators. Apart from output indicators, outcome indicators were also included to measure progress through a few core food security indicators.

Harmonized response in 2016
Recommendations were made on targeting, selection criteria and response packages such as food baskets, agriculture and livelihood support. A complete guidance will soon be circulated to sector partners.

Consultation on Cash based response
Presentations from CARE/RFSAN on the findings from EMMA in Southern Syria, Cash Based Response Working Group (south Turkey) on cash coordination and GOAL on cash based programming in Northern Syria were made. Following which recommendations made were on cash being one of the modalities for assistance, further work on its feasibility and sharing of information on current level of work on Cash Based Response.

Price monitoring workshop, Amman

The main aim for the meeting was to have a consensus on harmonizing price monitoring inside Syria and ensure uniformity in the collection of information. A tentative list of food items was developed and shared with partners currently conducting price monitoring inside Syria. Data collection is planned to commence in November with initial product to be circulated in December.

Food Security and Livelihood Assessments (FSLA)
Findings from South Syria FS/Livelihoods Assessment and EMMA conducted by CARE, FAO/RFSAN and NRC, in collaboration with implementing partners in Southern Syria was shared with the final report expected in the coming weeks. The assessment covered Dar’a and Quneitra governorates.

Key findings:
- Livelihoods was severely eroded by the conflict
- Low households’ income and limited access to cash do not enable households to cover other needs, including livelihood needs.
- Soaring prices of inputs being influenced by a combination of disruptions and new dynamics in the market systems.

Recommendations:
- Support to better governance and economic paradigm shift
- Support to inputs and services
- Support to processing and marketing
- Adapting of programming to fluid conflict dynamics

Upcoming events in November, 2015
- HRP finalization
- Food Security and nutrition workshop in Gaziantep, 19 – 20 November
- Briefing on Food Security Sector strategy and initiatives for harmonized response 2016. Date and venue to be determined.

Highlight of the month

Cash Based Response in the Food Security Sector
Cash Based Response via cash or voucher is one of the modalities for both food assistance (SO 1) and agriculture and livelihood assistance (SO2). Our 4Ws analysis for the month of September provides the following overview on the current scale of Cash Based Response.

SO 1: Out of 24 partners reporting, 7 partners have Cash and/or Voucher as a modality for food assistance. In September, 185,995 people received Food Assistance by cash (26%) or voucher (74%) in addition to 5.88 million people receiving Food Assistance by Food Baskets (in kind). Click here for the Map

SO 2: Out of 8 partners reporting, 5 partners have Cash and/or Voucher as a modality in agriculture/livelihood assistance. In September 2,172 received voucher support for cash for work, seeds and water. Click here for the Map

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Updates on the Food Security Sector assessment registry as of 10.11.2015

In October 2015 the three additions made to the registry are:
1. PIN Situation and needs assessment report Al-Hasakeh Governorate, Syria
2. WFP Food Security Assessment Executive Summary
3. CARE led FSLA and EMMA presentations of findings for South Syria

In the registry you will also find two tools updated
1. WFP FSA tool and Community questionnaire
2. FSLA questionnaire English & Arabic
to download the full registry click here:
Assessment registry link: http://tinyurl.com/pwt44rx