**Key Highlights**

- Limited livelihood opportunities reduce the ability to meet HH’s minimum food needs. HH’s resorting to meal rationing.
- Availability of food and Agric. items is high due to area’s strategic location; access to Turkish & Iraq’s products
- High food assistance and humanitarian presence
- Urban HH’s highly vulnerable to food insecurity due to income volatility + very high currency depreciation
- IDP’s & returnees highly vulnerable to food insecurity
- Over-reliance on humanitarian food assistance (covers 60% of the PIN)
- Large disruption in HFA could severely increases food insecurity for the population

**Food Security Dimensions**

- Social Tensions & Conflict
- Food Security Risk Evaluation
- Pre - COVID-19 Food Insecurity

**COVID-19 and Shocks**

- Food availability & market access are the main challenges.
- Marginal to no Livestock & agriculture market access – driven by large decrease in HH purchasing power

**Recommendations**

- Increase coordination of the FS Wg & the ER Sector to mobilize more assistance
- Initiate linkage with Agriculture Wg to expand Agric. support to Talha
- Enhance data collection for FCS at HH level, market assessments & income sources & trends
- To analyze response versus needs and monitor the gap
- Increase advocacy for humanitarian access with, DEZ authorities

**JMF Main Findings**

- Slight increase in international shipping of agric. inputs & products
- Remittances increasing in some areas (compared to previous year)
- Increased prices for agric. inputs (due to currency depreciation)
- Very high currency depreciation & decreasing purchasing power
- Significant lack of funding & limited UN presence in most areas analyzed
- Pre-COVID-19 vulnerability to food insecurity > 50% in Basirah, Kisreh & Ar-Raqqa
- Use of stress and crisis coping strategies observed in all areas e.g. meal rationing, sale of assets, child labour

**N.E. Syria JMF Overview – Sept 2020**

- Data resources & Workshop Participation
  - 4 unique data sources
  - 20+ factsheets & reports
  - 14+ participants
  - 7 analysis areas
  - 7 organizations

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