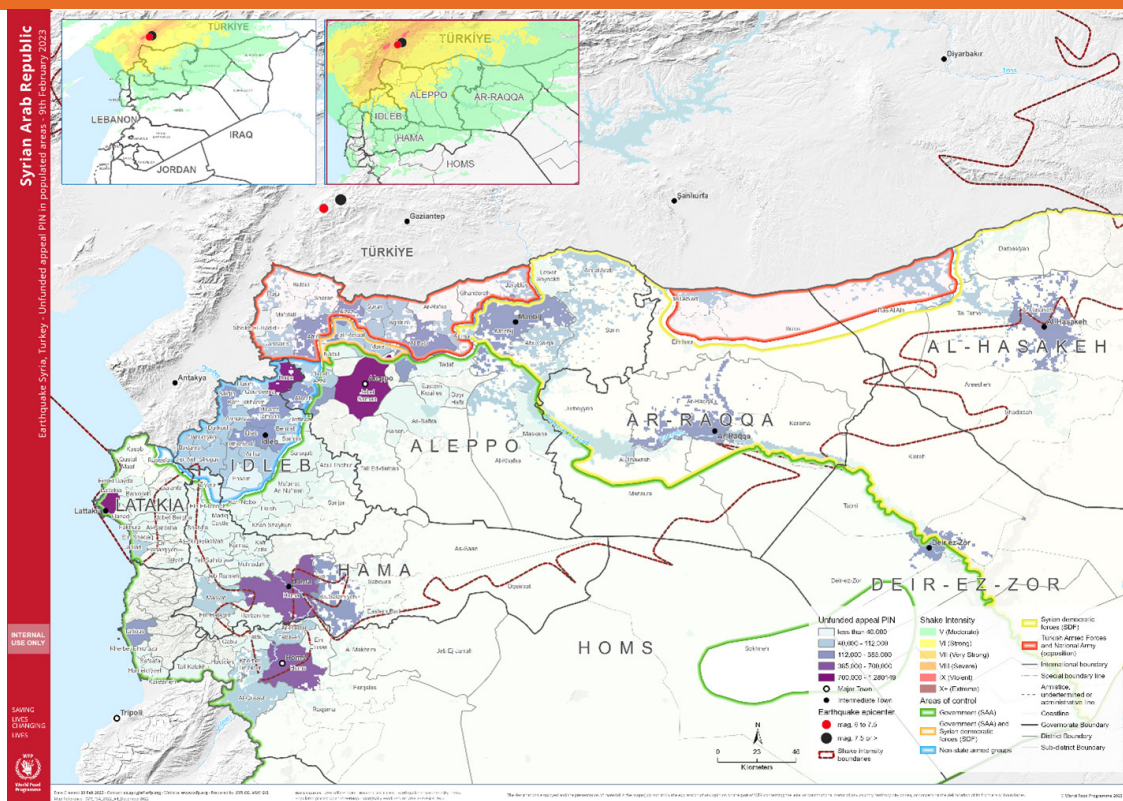


# Food Security Sector WoS EQ Response



## SITUATION REPORT #7 (17-19 FEB - 2023)



## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- [In Lattakia, partners met with the Government-led Operations Room](#), where local authorities reported that 103 buildings had collapsed, 300 buildings are at risk of collapsing (people have been evacuated from them) and 172,000 people are displaced. Most of these are staying with host communities although the authorities have made just 29 shelters available leading to overcrowding.
- [European Member States are delivering basic relief items](#) to Beirut airport for the Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) to distribute to people impacted by the 6 February earthquake.
- Following the Syria earthquake flash appeal, Food Security Sector estimated 800,000 affected people directly have been affected by the EQ at WoS level, 400,000 in NWS, 400,000 in HCT areas, the remaining 3.2 million people have been affected indirectly and in host communities, in addition to supporting farmers and agriculture in urban areas. the Food Security Sector advocating for further assessments to re-look at the needs, of the Food Security Sector in NWS and HCT in the process of launching a traffic light analysis at a sub-district level to inform partners' response to EQ impact.
- Post Syria EQ FA Needs and response overview: the product will illustrate an updated overview of needs, gaps, and response, based on the already established figures from the FA (target, affected, and requirements). The format relies on visual representations and qualitative narratives. The content should reflect the most recent information that sectors have based on planned, completed, and ongoing assessments.

### In HCT hub

Since February 6th, WFP supported 120,012 beneficiaries with hot meals, 42,445 with RTEs including prevention nutrition supplies and date bars in Aleppo, Latakia, Tartous and Hama. FAS partners supported 44,837 beneficiaries with hot meals, 4,131 with RTEs in Aleppo, Hama and Lattakia. In total the FAS partners reached 218,235 Beneficiaries. 18 partners response is ongoing and planning to continue for the people in need affected by the earthquake.

- As observed by FAS partners, many people are now moving from schools which are used as shelters as these schools started re-opening and so far no clear information have been given on how they are being moved, nor where to
- OXFAM: is planning to provide the people who moved from shelters with drinking water, hygienic materials, and cooked meals. In addition, the OXFAM team is studying protection related obstacles evolving around providing assistance to people inside the shelters and outside the shelters in the same community, therefore a plan was made to distribute cooked meals for the people in shelters and provide cash assistance to hosted communities to create a sense of balance.
- Coastal AO: The government established an operations room team to coordinate the response to the earthquake. On ground, only WFP is providing food and meals upon arrival of IDPs in coordination with ICRC. The Coastal AO team is working on activating the CWG in Lattakia given the importance of cash assistance in the area.
- FAC: is planning to provide MPCA in Lattakia governorate.
- COOPI: The data collection is currently ongoing until the target of 270 HHs is reached with food parcels.
- AAH: is targeting Hanano, Salaheddin, and Jibrin with RTEs.
- HEKS-EPER received an official approval to rehabilitate one bakery in Aleppo in Deir Hafer.
- WFP provided 20 MT of yeast to bakeries in Aleppo.
- Meetings will take place at the subnational level on the 20th of February in the coastal area and in Homs, and on the 21st of February in Hama, to coordinate the FAS partners' response and identify the gaps.
- Recommendations to coordinate with the subnational sector coordinator in the area of response and to share the location after confirming with FAS partners to avoid any duplication in the assistance.
- There is an ongoing discussion with CWG to check if there would specific recommendations for EQ response In terms of CVA activities.
- Today on the 19th of Feb, the FAS Emergency coordination meeting took place, the next meeting will take place on Thursday the 23rd of Feb 23, at 11 AM Syria time.
- BWG meeting to present assessments findings will take place soon, invitation will be shared with relevant partners.

Hot meals distribution to displaced people who lost their homes at the Hasan Bin Ali Mosque, Al-Muyassar Neighborhood of Aleppo ©WFP/Hussam Al Saleh



## RESPONSE

### In Northwest Syria

According to a rapid needs assessment conducted by REACH, involving 604 communities in north-west Syria, shelter needs were identified as the top priority among displaced populations. Many homes have collapsed in the aftermath of the earthquakes. As of 14 February, more than 8,900 buildings have been completely or partially destroyed in north-west Syria, rendering at least 11,000 people homeless.

- Top priority needs for newly arrived IDPs were winterisation and shelter support, while winterisation and multi-purpose cash assistance (MPCA) were most reported for pre-earthquake populations in affected communities.
- Damage was particularly often reported in Greater Idleb near the Turkish border, and in Afrin district of Northern Aleppo. Residential buildings were reportedly strongly impacted.
- Access to key services was reportedly low, with no access to healthcare reported in 20% of assessed communities which were directly impacted.

Results from REACH assessment confirms that overall market resilience. Even in assessed communities that reported being directly impacted by either damage or service disruption, markets are generally not fully closed and increased item unavailability was not commonly reported.

As per CCCM third on 17 February update more than 86,000 displacements took place in north-west Syria, with departures principally occurring from Jandairis, and other notable departures from Salqin, as well as Harim. The main locations where displaced people arrived to included Dana, Salqin and Idleb sub-districts.

Partners reports of close to 70 reception centers have been opened in both Aleppo and Idleb - these centers need to be covered by multiple assistance, including food assistance

FSL is coordinating with partners to ensure coverage of food need of newly established reception centres and displaced population.

FSL partners are proving first line response to food needs of people affected by earthquake with one-off Ready To Eat rations (sufficient for a family of five for one week), cooked meals (primarily in shelter and camps), and emergency MPC grant. FSL partners are recommended to follow FSS standard Response Package. Partners are recommended to input their planned response into the Emergency Response tracker for operational coordination.

A skype group among partners for operational coordination has been set up.

FSL is coordinating with CWG on the distribution of emergency MPC assistance, covering basic needs – including food – for approximately one month, based Guidelines for MPC in NWS.

WFP has resumed its regular general food assistance resumed for in-kind and cash, reaching an estimated 480,000 people to date.

Ready to eat rations, designed to cover food needs of family of five for one week. Over the last week, 191,185 people have been reached through RTEs distribution (top three SDs: 56,692 in Jandairis, 14,544 in A'zaz, 45,420 in Dana).

- [Through its emergency response tracker](#), FSL partners reported from the start of the response that 41 partners reached in total cumulative 338,311 beneficiaries with one-off distribution of ready-to-eat rations of dry food (sufficient for a family of five for one week). Over the last week, 125,451 people have been reached through RTEs distribution (top three SDs: 36,927 in Jandairis, 14,826 in Dana 13,944 in A'zaz,).
- 13 partners reached 98,687 beneficiaries with one-off emergency MPC grants of 100 to 150 USD (designed to cover 1-month basic needs) (top three SDs: 22,105 in Jandairis, 13,815 in Dana, 18,000 in Salqin).
- Additionally, 17 partners distributed 163,270 cooked meals and 67,986 the last week (top three SDs: 16,737 in A'zaz, 9,880 in Afrin, and 7,500 in Dana) with 59% of the cooked meals are reported as one-off distribution.
- 10 partners reached over 451,788 people with bread support as of last week (free bread or subsidized bread distribution) with 21% of them with one-off distribution.

## ASSESSMENTS

### In HCT hub

- Partners are continuously updating the [assessment tracker](#) to reflect the ongoing, completed, and planned assessments
- (BWG): is currently conducting different assessments. A major need for yeast is noted, WFP is looking into importing yeast from outside Syria as there is a shortage in the country. There is also a shortage of wheat flour, with no official reports on the issue.
- Aleppo: [The Directorate of Bakeries completed an assessment](#) of the damaged bakeries in Aleppo.
- AVSI: is conducting an RNA in Aleppo governorate.
- UNDAC: conducted assessments of IDP shelters in Aleppo, 300,000 HHHs in 105 shelters were covered up to 18th Feb 23, with the major needs being food, cleaning materials, and lighting as there is no power in most shelters.

## ASSESSMENTS

### In Northwest Syria

- Partners are conducting rapid needs assessment to inform their response
- Assessment tracker is available [EQ 2023 Assessment Tracking Sheet - Google Sheets](#)
- REACH Rapid Needs Assessment on earthquake in NWS has been finalized
- IMMAP is implementing a full assessment for the bread and bakery facilities to Identify the conditions of those facilities and the volume of damage for those facilities.
- Joint Market assessment targeting vendors by REACH Mercy Corps Goal Shafak Ataa with data collection next week
- ICCG recommended to assemble all partner assessments in one integrated and comprehensive assessment which could be used among all partners, and it should be inter sectoral
- To support the humanitarian response in Türkiye and Syria, IMPACT has deployed data gathering and analysis capacities to provide aid actors with timely information.
- To support ongoing decision-making around cash feasibility for the earthquake response, REACH produced a new market analysis map. Preliminary results from the REACH RNA (with data collected from over 370 communities so far) suggest that for now, markets in these areas are resilient.

## CHALLENGES

- In HCT: partners have reported challenges in accessing information in terms of people affected movement, and challenges in terms of identifying displaced people from shelters.
- In HCT: partners reported the need for additional funding as they reported available capacity to scale up the response.
- In HCT: lack and shortage of holistic assessments, and to mobilize resources to analyze the assessments conducted by partners for the time being.
- Among the operational challenges that cash and other programming are likely to face in these early weeks is the temporary disruptions in PTT branch services in NWS. OCHA and the Cash Working Group are engaging with PTT to get more information as to when branch operations will be restored and solutions to other bottlenecks.
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- In NWS: need for daily bread distribution.
- In NWS: reported shortages of wheat flour.
- In NWS: partners have responded utilizing all available stocks and emergency resources available and at times reprogramming interventions to emergency response. Urgent funding is required to replenish stocks, scale-up response and maintain regular food assistance support to targeted food insecure people in NWS;
- In NWS: FSL recommends to resume and maintain regular programming of food assistance to support affected population when conditions allow;
- In NWS: FSL partners advocate for need to scale-up and maintain food assistance support to affected population for the next three months

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