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WFP Video From Aleppo, Syria Shows COVID19 Prevention Measures in Conflict Areas
Shot: 25/30Mar20,27Feb20
Aleppo/Idlib/Damascus Syria
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:00-:28

WFP bread distribution

Sanitization, social distancing and other COVID19 prevention methods being used at WFP bread distribution. Around 2000 household receive bread and flyers about COVID19 in Salheen, a poor neighborhood in Aleppo. It was under opposition control till late 2016 and you can see massive destruction of buildings. People here rely on daily or weekly wages, which have stopped now due to precautionary measures for COVID-19.

Aleppo, Syria

Shot: 25Mar20

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Aerial(no sound)/GV's Ma`arrat Misrin Camp camp was established in December 2019 after the intensification of the shelling in south Idlib and mass exodus in the area. Around 200 people are living in crowded conditions here.

Ma`arrat Misrin Camp, Idlib , Syria

Shot: 27Feb2020

:57-1:24

SOT Corinne Fleischer, WFP Syria Country Director(English)

“After 9 years of conflict, the Syrian people have nothing left to cope with this new threat and the impact that it has on their livelihoods. Shops are closed, restaurants are closed and people have lost their livelihoods. It is now more important than ever that WFP ensures that they have a meal for their children.”

Damascus, Syria

Shot: 30Mar20

1:24-2:01

WFP food distribution distribution

COVID19 spread containment methods being used at WFP food distribution in rural Deir Hafer , 60 – 70 km from Aleppo city. The population is vulnerable with very limited access to services and no electricity. Every month WFP provides 15,000 food rations.

Deir Hafer, Syria



**Shot: 25Mar20
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With COVID-19 containment measures limiting people's movement, WFP has introduced measures to ensure that beneficiaries receive their entitlements in as safe a way as possible.

WFP provides life-saving food to 4.5 million people each month. It is now increasing its distribution cycles and hours during the day, setting up handwashing stations, supporting beneficiaries to practice social distancing at distribution points and using SMS to notify families when they can collect assistance to avoid crowds. In partnership with UNICEF we are distributing soap and information leaflets about hygiene. WFP is also working closely with partners to introduce mobile distributions, where food is driven as close to families' homes as possible.

WFP's school feeding programme has been suspended after all schools closed due to COVID-19 and this affects more than 1 million children.

This food provides children across the country with nutrients they need to stay healthy. WFP Syria is investigating alternatives so students do not go hungry.

A new WFP map showing how COVID-19 is disrupting children's school meals worldwide - [Global Monitoring of School Meals during COVID-19 School Closures](#) - provides daily on-screen updates on school closures and the number of children no longer receiving school meals as a result.

As COVID-19 cases in Syria are officially confirmed, nearly 8 million people are food insecure and already extremely vulnerable. After nine years of conflict, Syrians will need our support more than ever to stay healthy

The price of a national food basket of basic commodities has increased by an average of 67% since February 2019. Families in Idlib have been the hardest hit, with food prices increasing by 119% over a 12-month period. Prices have further risen since COVID containment measures were put in place.

As Syria faces a progressive lockdown due to COVID-19, families are at risk of being pushed further into poverty by a loss of income, a deteriorating economy and rising food prices. A nutritious and sufficient diet necessary to strengthen their immune system will become beyond the reach of many.

WFP Syria's latest VAM review on rising food prices found that families are increasingly relying on negative coping strategies. This includes reducing the number of meals and portion sizes they eat each day, selling livestock and assets in order to purchase food, and going further into debt.



More than 939,000 people have been displaced by escalating conflict in northwest Syria since December 2019. They now live in over-crowded camps where an outbreak of COVID-19 could have devastating impact consequences.

In March, WFP and partner staff provided lifesaving food assistance to 1.5 million people across northwest Syria. It is critical that WFP can continue to deliver food to these families via its cross-border operation from Turkey as this food is essential to keep people strong and build their immune systems.

WFP Syria Crisis in Numbers: data from sources incl. [2019 Humanitarian Needs Overview](#)

People in need of humanitarian assistance	11.1 million
People who are food-insecure inside Syria	7.9 million
Internally displaced people (IDPs)	6.1 million
People living in extreme poverty	75% of population
Syrian refugees registered with UNHCR in region	5.6 million
People in Syria who received WFP food in February	4.3 million
Funding required by WFP until August 2020	US\$181 million

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