**WFP Reaches Almost Two Million Earthquake Affected in Syria and Türkiye and Repleneshes Stocks in northwest Syria**

**Shot: 13-20 Feb 2023**

**Locations:  Baba Al-Hawa / Atma / Aleppo - Syria**

**TRT: 2:06**

**SHOTLIST:**

**:00-:15**

22 Trucks crossing the Bab Al-Hawa border crossing carrying WFP food supplies and rations for distribution in non-government controlled areas in northwest Syria.

**Shot: 15Feb23**

**Bab Al-Hawa**

**Syria – Türkiye border**

**:15-1:08**

GVs of WFP food being distributed to people in Atma Camp for people displaced by conflict and now the earthquake.

**Shot: 16Feb23**

**Atma Camp, non-government controlled northwest Syria**

**1:08-1:47**

**SOT Kenn Crossley, WFP Syria Country Director (English)**

*“Within hours WFP was working with partners to provide hot meals in churches, schools, mosques, government shelters all sorts of buildings. Neighbours were helping each other. We have now seen that emergency response scale-up significantly. As of today WFP has reached over 800,000 people here in Syria. But unfortunately it’s not just today, it’s not just this week*

*These people are going to need help for months, probably years to come – there is no place for them to go back home, there is no way for them to earn their livelihoods. Here in Syria it’s a crisis on top of a crisis  We need the world to stand up, we need the world to help.”*

**Shot: 20Feb23**

**Aleppo***,***Syria**

**1:47-2:06**

GVs mosque in the Kallaseh neighbourhood of Aleppo city where families displaced by the earthquake have taken shelter and receive WFP hot meals.

**Shot: 13Feb23**

**Aleppo, Syria**

**ENDS**

**WFP News Release**

21 February 2023

[**WFP REACHES ALMOST TWO MILLION EARTHQUAKE-AFFECTED PEOPLE IN SYRIA AND TÜRKIYE, AND REPLENISHES STOCKS IN NORTHWEST SYRIA**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wfp.org%2Fnews%2Fwfp-reaches-half-million-earthquake-affected-people-syria-and-turkiye-and-replenishes-stocks&data=05%7C01%7Cjulian.frank%40wfp.org%7C8eb49a76affe4b413ea608db1401d933%7C462ad9aed7d94206b87471b1e079776f%7C0%7C0%7C638125770386128779%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ZXPELmIwQYFr9UG9Xz8Lb6SwCnEa5Iwg%2B0v%2F4yNTKio%3D&reserved=0)

**CAIRO/ROME** – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has stepped up its emergency response to support victims of the devastating earthquake in Syria and Türkiye, providing emergency food assistance to nearly **two million quake-affected** people in the two countries through hot meals, emergency ready-to-eat food packages and family food rations.

WFP teams in the two countries are delivering immediate relief in the affected areas and at the same time assessing needs and supporting logistics efforts. Because WFP has ongoing operations in both countries, it has partners, staff and a robust supply chain in place, which meant responding to food needs could begin within the first hours of the disaster.

“Families tell me they left everything behind when the earthquake hit, running for their lives. WFP’s food is a lifeline for them. While they think about their next steps in the destruction left by the earthquake, their children can eat,” said Corinne Fleischer, WFP Regional Director for the Middle East, North Africa and East Europe. “We have scaled up rapidly and requests for more food are coming every day from municipalities and communities. We are there for them, but WFP can’t do it alone. We urgently appeal for funding to help us reach those in need.”

In Syria, in addition to providing immediate food assistance in quake-affected cities, WFP has resumed its regular general food assistance for 5.5 million people every month following a brief pause after the earthquakes. This includes regular monthly assistance either in-kind or cash-based to 1.4 million in non-government-controlled areas of the northwest.

Between 13 and 16 February, 52 WFP-contracted trucks crossed into northwest Syria through Bab al-Hawa and Bab al-Salam.

With humanitarian access expanded through the opening of two additional border crossing points from Türkiye to northwest Syria, WFP plans to use all three Turkish-Syrian border crossings, Bab al-Hawa, Bab al-Salam and Al Ra’ee, to ensure a constant reach of aid to non-government-controlled areas of northwest Syria.

Prior to the earthquake, food insecurity and poverty in Syria were already at alarming rates, with a population suffering the effects of 12 years of conflict and successive shocks. Over 12 million people across the country were categorized as food insecure, including 2.5 million people severely food insecure. In addition, 2.9 million were at risk of slipping into food insecurity.

The Syrian economy is too fragile to withstand external shocks and the earthquake-affected cities of Syria have been severely impacted by the conflict. In northwest Syria, 90 precent of the population, 4.1 million people, were already relying on humanitarian assistance prior to the earthquake.

“We rely on the international donor community to stand up for Syrians, otherwise, the 6 February earthquakes will turn an already dire situation into an unbearable scenario for millions of people,” says WFP Representative and Country Director in Syria, Kenn Crossley. “No population can face this alone after years of conflict, a pandemic, and catastrophic economic decline.”

WFP is appealing for US$230 million to provide assistance through hot meals, ready-to-eat meals, vouchers and cash to both countries.

Without sufficient resources, WFP will be forced to dramatically reduce up to 70 percent of the people it assists in Syria from July onwards, impacting some of the most food-insecure and impoverished people in the world.

#      #     #

The United Nations World Food Programme is the world’s largest humanitarian organization, saving lives in emergencies and using food assistance to build a pathway to peace, stability and prosperity for people recovering from conflict, disasters and the impact of climate change.

Follow us on Twitter @wfp\_media

**For more information please contact (email address:****firstname.lastname@wfp.org****):**

Abeer Etefa, WFP/Cairo, Mob. +20 106 6634352

Reem Nada, WFP/Cairo, Mob. +2010 6663 4522

Lina Alqassab, WFP/Syria, Mob. +963 965 077 828

Sevda Yuzbasioglu WFP/Türkiye, Mob +9538 394 3621

Martin Penner, WFP/ Rome, Mob. +39 345 614 2074

Martin Rentsch, WFP/Berlin, Mob +49 160 99 26 17 30

Steve Taravella, WFP/ Washington, Mob.  +1 202 770 5993

Shada Moghraby, WFP/New York, Mob. + 1 929 289 9867