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WFP News Video:

8 Years of War in Syria: Returning to Rebuild With Fears of a Lost Generation

Shot: 11-14March2019

Homs, Daraa, Aleppo, Kisweh, Syria

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SHOTLIST:

:00-:13

Homs city destruction

Homs

Shot:14March2019

:13-:29

Amal Jaham fled Homs 7 years ago. Her husband is injured and 2 daughters are ill. She returned to her destroyed home a month ago only to find it uninhabitable but doesn't have the means to repair it.

Homs

Shot:14March2019

:29-:44

SOT Amal Jaham(Arabic)

“We found our home in bad shape...needing allot of work to repair it. It's uninhabitable. Looking around the neighborhood...recalling memories...it fills me with sadness”

Homs

Shot:14March2019

:44-:59

No children play in this destroyed amusement park

Daraa

Shot:11March2019

:59-1:32

Om Hani, 46 yrs old and her 7 kids work as field hands in rural Daraa. Her husband is dead. They fled the fighting in Deir Ezzor, some 400KM away, and are now living in a tent without electricity next to a highway.

Daraa

Shot: 11March2019



1:32-1:44

SOT Om Hani(Arabic)

“I feel terrible that my children cannot finish school. They are young children and already they have to work to live. There’s no school here”

Daraa

Shot: 11March2019

1:44-1:47

SOT Montaha Hani(Arabic)

11 yr old Montaha is Om Hani’s daughter. She has known war for most of her life and hasn’t been to school since 2<sup>nd</sup> grade when ISIS took over her town.

“I want to be a doctor”

Daraa

Shot: 11March2019

1:47-1:55

Boy playing in plastic barrel

Daraa

Shot: 11March2019

1:55-2:22

WFP provides school meals as an incentive to get kids back in to school including areas like this one in East Aleppo formerly controlled by ISIS. Note the obliterated faces on the mural.

East side of Aleppo

Shot: October2019

2:22-2:41

SOT Marwa Awad, WFP Spokesperson (English)

“Now after 8 years of war in Syria, the needs are staggeringly high. But the World Food Programme is on the ground. We are delivering food assistance to over 3 million people. We are helping people with nutritional needs and we are also doing livelihoods projects that would offer the enabling environment that would welcome these people back.”

Kiswah

Shot: 13Mar2019

2:41-3:02



Amina Eshky heads home from a WFP food distribution. She and her 3 children fled Darayya in 2013 because of the shelling. Her husband is missing and her father was killed. She is now living in an abandoned shack.

Kiswah

Shot: 13Mar2019

3:02-3:12

Amina and her child eating WFP provided food.

Kiswah

Shot: 13Mar2019

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- **Eight years of war in Syria have pushed millions of Syrians into hunger and poverty. The conflict has also displaced millions both inside and outside Syria. While many are returning to their homes, many others remain displaced and need support.**

*There are over 5.6 million Syrian refugees registered in a region facing deepening economic, social and development challenges. Food assistance helps local economies, reducing tensions with host communities. Despite challenges inside Syria, WFP assists more than 3 million people every month.*

- **WFP depends on reliable and predictable funding to maintain the lifeline of food assistance on which millions of vulnerable Syrians depend. In mid-March, world leaders gather in Brussels to address the pressing issue of funding for humanitarian work across the region.**

*WFP is grateful for the last eight years of support from donors but still needs substantial resources to run operations for internally displaced people in Syria and refugees in neighbouring countries.*

- **Syrians returning to their country and communities need support – and they need to work. WFP is helping Syrians produce their own food and generate an income in areas that are secure and where commerce is functioning.**

*Unemployment is running at 50 percent and is as high as 80 among young people. Some 250,000 people are benefitting from WFP's livelihoods activities in food production and vocational training. WFP is helping people in rural areas to rehabilitate community assets such as damaged irrigation systems.*

- **Despite an improvement in the situation, continued food assistance is vital for millions of families as well as for stability and security in Syria.**



*While fighting has abated in most areas, most of those returning to their towns have no homes or jobs to return to - nor do they have the means to feed and educate children. It's vital to maintain a lifeline of food assistance for vulnerable families in Syria.*

**WFP Syria Crisis in Numbers:** data from sources incl. [2018 Humanitarian Needs Overview](#)

People in need of humanitarian assistance	<b>11.7 million</b>
People who are food-insecure inside Syria	<b>6.5 million</b>
Internally displaced people (IDPs)	<b>6.2 million</b>
People living in extreme poverty	<b>8 out of 10</b>
Syrian refugees registered with UNHCR in region	<b>5.6 million</b>
People in Syria who received WFP food in February	<b>3.6 million</b>
Funding required by WFP until August 2019	<b>US\$125 million</b>

### **Nutrition:**

- WFP is working to prevent malnutrition in tens of thousands of pregnant and nursing women, and young children in Syria by providing specialized nutrition products and cash to buy food. Where malnutrition does occur, we are treating it.
- WFP and its partners are supporting positive infant and young child feeding practices – including the promotion of breastfeeding, a lifesaving strategy - as part of a coordinated humanitarian approach known as the Whole of Syria initiative.

### **School meals:**

- **WFP is providing food to more than 600,000 schoolchildren, creating an incentive for parents to send their children to school.**

*Syrian children have suffered terribly in the war and more than 1.7 million of them are out of school. Every meal taken at school is one less meal needed at home. WFP school meals help children thrive while providing a boost for their families.*

### **Interviews**

To request an interview on Syria and our response to the crisis, please contact either Marwa Awad in Damascus, mobile +963 958 882 900 or Abeer Etefa in Cairo, tel. +2010 66634352

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