



FOOD FOR PEACE FACT SHEET

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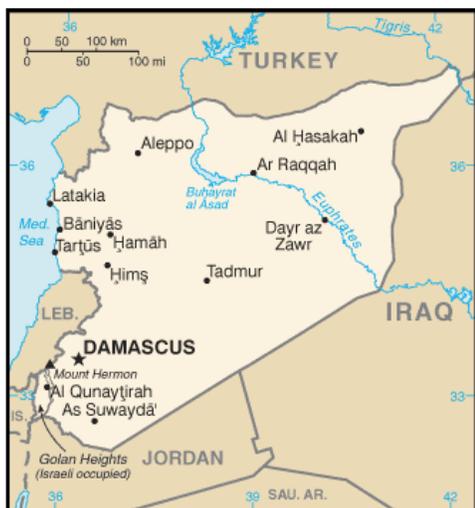
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Food Security Situation*

• Syria has received the largest number of displaced Iraqis of all countries in the Middle East. An estimated 1 million Iraqi refugees are living in Syria. Of those, the World Food Program provides basic food rations to 362,000.

• As food markets in Syria improve, WFP will explore the possibility of establishing a food voucher or cash-transfer system for the provision of food assistance. As Iraqis are not officially permitted to work in Syria and many have difficulty establishing new sources of income, support to the vulnerable population will need to continue until they are able to safely return home, or are granted resettlement in a third country.



CIA Factbook, March 5, 2009

Total Food for Peace Contributions

Fiscal Year 2009 (to date)	----	----
Fiscal Year 2008	\$14 million	11,520 MT
Fiscal Year 2007	\$644,000	820 MT
Fiscal Year 2006	----	----

Food for Peace Contribution Breakdown

Partner	FY08	
	Emergency	
	USD in millions	metric tons
WFP*	\$14	11,520

Food for Peace Program Details

Implementing Partner	World Food Program
Targeted Beneficiaries	362,000 displaced Iraqis in Syria
Projects	Distribution of food rations
Project Locations	Iraqi refugee camps

* FY: fiscal year; MT: metric tons; USD: United States Dollar; WFP: World Food Program

* Food Security Situation information provided by WFP as of March 19, 2009