The food assistance response for the third quarter of 2018 remained high, reaching almost 97 percent of target figures having raised 96 percent of the funding requirements requested through the 3RP budget. Since January 2018, the Food Security and Agriculture Sector partners have assisted 166,541 people from the Syrian refugees and host communities with food and agricultural assistance.

Of these, the majority (166,505 Syrian refugees) have been assisted through various food assistance modalities (such as vouchers, e-cards, and in kind); of these, 144,953 live in Temporary Accommodation Centers (TACs) with 19,460 people living in the host community. In addition, 2,033 Syrian refugees and host population have received agriculture support, mainly in the south-east provinces where the concentration of both Syrian refugees and agriculture market needs are highest. Such assistance has emphasized supporting hosting communities to enhance social cohesion in these areas.

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