



WFP Lebanon

Situation Report # 12

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In Numbers

615,643 people were assisted by WFP in April

1.1 million registered Syrian refugees in Lebanon

Highlights

In April, WFP assisted 615,643 beneficiaries: 585,208 Syrian refugees with USD 27 each, 20,435 Palestinian refugees from Syria, and 10,000 Lebanese and Syrian pupils with a school snack. 27,208 vulnerable Lebanese were also assisted through the National Poverty Targeting Programme (NPTP) to which WFP only provided technical support.

Beneficiaries

(approximately in March)



Funding Update

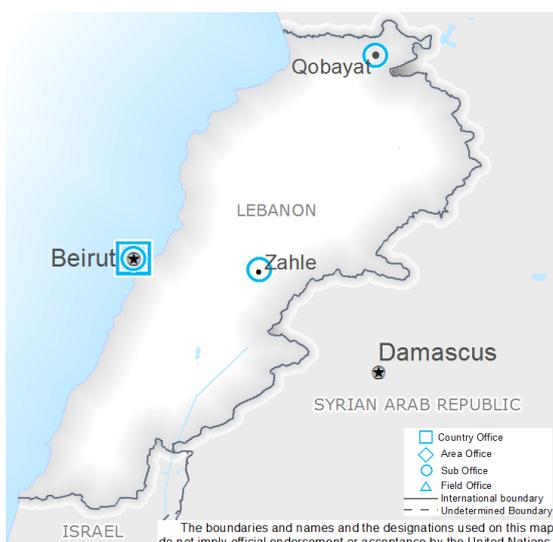
Regional emergency operation

With new funding pledged during the "Supporting Syria and the Region Conference" in London, WFP fully reinstated its food assistance to displaced Syrians in the region in March.

The Lebanon component of WFP's regional emergency operation (EMOP 200433) has a 2016 budget of USD 237 million.

Situation Update

- UNHCR registered around 1.1 million Syrian refugees in Lebanon. It is the world's largest concentration of refugees compared to its population. The influx is placing significant strain on Lebanese resources and communities.
- As the Syrian crisis continues, WFP - the world's largest humanitarian agency fighting hunger - is increasingly relied upon to provide life-saving assistance to an extraordinary number of vulnerable refugees.
- The 2015 multi-sectoral Vulnerability Assessment of Syrian Refugees (VASyR) in Lebanon shows a continued deterioration of the food security situation among refugees across the country compared to 2014. Specifically:
 - ◇ 70 percent of households are below the poverty line (USD 3.84/person/day);
 - ◇ 52 percent of households are below the survival minimum expenditure basket (the minimum food required to meet 2,100 kilocalories);
 - ◇ 61 percent of households are applying emergency and crisis coping strategies;
 - ◇ 11 percent of households are food insecure; and
 - ◇ 23 percent of households are moderately food insecure.



Lebanon: EMOP 200433

WFP Response

- In Lebanon, WFP provides assistance to vulnerable Syrian refugees and Palestinian refugees from Syria through e-cards and cash transfers. E-cards are the principle modality of assistance as local markets are capable of providing sufficient food. Additionally, the e-cards allow beneficiaries to buy the food they need when they need it.
- WFP provides assistance to the Ministry of Social Affairs through the National Poverty Targeting Programme (NPTP). Under the programme, 27,000 vulnerable Lebanese receive USD 30 per month using WFP's e-card platform.

- Extensive preparations are underway for WFP's 2016 validation exercise. WFP and its partners regularly hold such exercises to ensure that the right beneficiaries have the right e-cards. Additionally, it provides an opportunity to meet with all targeted beneficiaries, to ensure that WFP has their correct contact information and to provide them with a refresher training on using the e-card.
- Since the launch of the OneCard platform in January 2015, a number of humanitarian partners in Lebanon have been using WFP e-card platform for cash based assistance while WFP manages entitlement loading and data. So far, Lebanon Cash Consortium, UNHCR, World Vision and UNICEF have joined the platform in addition to NPTP.
- Since 2012, WFP has injected USD 615 million directly into the Lebanese economy through the OneCard.
- WFP is developing a new regional intervention strategy that will address resilience, safety nets, and national capacity building while continuing the provision of food assistance to the most vulnerable crisis-affected people. In line with that, WFP is developing a project with FAO for resilience building of the Syria crisis-affected people.
- WFP launched the Strategic Review of the Food and Nutrition Security in Lebanon. Led by ESCWA this exercise will support the efforts of the Lebanese government and partners to accelerate the progress toward achieving the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2, "End hunger" and further refine WFP's strategy.



Food Assistance

- In April, WFP assisted 585,208 Syrian refugees with USD 27. However, assistance continued to be limited to five persons in a household, meaning that the maximum a household received in April was USD 135.
- WFP also assisted 20,435 Palestinian refugees through UNRWA's ATM card programme.
- The second month of school meals distributions were completed in April. Through the programme, WFP is distributing snacks to 10,000 Lebanese and Syrian pupils in 13 primary schools selected from the most vulnerable communities. The programme aims to increase student enrolment and retention rates.



Food Security Sector

- The Food Security Sector assisted almost 690,000 vulnerable individuals across Lebanon with food assistance and agricultural support during the first quarter of 2016. Partners appealed for USD 314 million against the overall sector appeal of USD 473 million. To date, 14 percent of funds required by the sector for the 2016 Lebanon Crisis Response Plan have been received, leaving a gap of USD 405 million.
- The 2016 first standard allocation of the Lebanon Humanitarian Fund concluded in April. The sector received six projects that were scored by the review committee, of which two were endorsed for funding: INTERSOS and Terres des Hommes (the latter has a 50 percent food security component and 50 percent protection).

Partnerships

- WFP works closely with the Lebanese government and has key relationships with the Ministry of Social Affairs. WFP is also strengthening partnerships with the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Education and Higher Education. Maintaining and building upon these relationships is key to WFP's long-term planning as it looks at diversifying interventions.
- For its e-card activities, WFP works with eight non-governmental organisations: Action Contre La Faim, Danish Refugee Council, InterSOS, Mercy Corps, Première Urgence - Aide Médicale Internationale, Save the Children, SHEILD and World Vision.

Resourcing Update

- WFP Lebanon's ten biggest donors since 2012 are: Canada, Denmark, European Commission, France, Germany, Japan, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, United Kingdom and United States of America.

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WFP Lebanon's Operation (part of EMOP 200433)

	Total 2016 Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Months Net Funding Requirements (in USD)	People Reached (in April)	Female (approx)	Male (approx)
EMOP 200433 (01/07/2012–31/12/2016)	237 m	36 m	113 m	615,643	320,134	295,509