



WFP Lebanon Country Brief

WFP Assistance

Assistance to vulnerable refugees and host communities in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey PRRO 200987 (Jan. 2017 – Dec. 2018)	Total Requirements (USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (USD)*
	664.7 m	45.5 m

*Until end of 2017, including confirmed pledges and solid forecasts

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WFP is implementing its programmes under the regional [Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation \(PRRO\) 200987](#), which provides lifesaving food assistance to the most vulnerable individuals while also building the self-reliance of displaced Syrians and host communities.

WFP's primary form of assistance is provided through an electronic food voucher (e-card) system. E-cards can be used to purchase food from any of the over 500 WFP-contracted shops. Starting from late 2016, WFP together with UNICEF, UNHCR and the Lebanon Cash Consortium introduced a common card allowing a unified system for cash transfers. WFP also provides support to 53,000 vulnerable Lebanese through the Ministry of Social Affairs' National Poverty Targeting Programme (NPTP).

In 2016, WFP started to implement a cash for education programme jointly with UNICEF. The programme offers a monthly cash grant to around 50,000 refugee children aged 5 to 14+ enrolled in second shift public schools within Akkar and Mount Lebanon governorates. The assistance aims to offset the indirect costs of education and reduce reliance on negative coping strategies. Support provided by WFP (USD 6 per month per child) aims to cover the monthly costs associated with purchasing school meals.

To address short-term hunger and to improve childhood nutritional outcomes, WFP runs a small-scale public primary school snack programme for 16,610 vulnerable Lebanese and displaced Syrian children in 38 public

Main Photo Credit: WFP/Edward Johnson
Caption: Female trader participating in Jeb Jenine farmers market livelihoods project.

Highlights

- Building on the Boston Consulting Group (BCG) cash pilot study conducted in 2016, WFP Lebanon will be extending the pilot of unrestricted cash starting in September. As a result, 170,000 Syrian refugees will be able to redeem their USD 27 per person assistance at any WFP contracted shop or ATM throughout Lebanon.
- In August, WFP reached 669,724 Syrian refugees and 52,403 vulnerable Lebanese through the National Poverty Targeting Programme, as well as a further 16,368 Palestinian refugees from Syria.

schools selected by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education.

Finally, as a means of transforming the crisis into a development opportunity, WFP is working with partners to provide income opportunities for vulnerable Lebanese and displaced Syrians by building productive community assets. WFP also builds links between small-scale producers and recipients of food assistance. WFP currently implements over 70 livelihoods activities throughout the country with the support of cooperating partners, with the aim to reach over 30,000 beneficiaries throughout 2017.

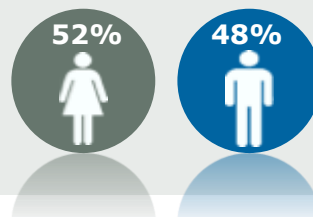
The Lebanon Country Office [Country Strategic Plan \(CSP\) 2018-2020](#) was approved by the WFP Executive Board during its June session. The CSP is aligned with the [Lebanon Crisis Response Plan \(LCRP 2017-2020\)](#), which has been endorsed by the Government of Lebanon, the [UN Strategic Framework \(2017-2020\)](#), the [Ministry of Agriculture's Strategy \(2015-2019\)](#) and [WFP's Vision 2020](#). The CSP focuses on four strategic outcomes to address the ongoing humanitarian and developmental challenges and supports the Government of Lebanon in achieving SDG 2 and 17.

In Numbers

738,495 people assisted in August 2017

USD 926 million directly injected into the Lebanese economy by WFP since 2012 through cash-based interventions

People Assisted
August 2017



August 2017

Operational Updates

- WFP Lebanon is preparing to roll out a pilot providing unrestricted cash for food targeting 170,000 Syrian refugees as of September. These individuals will continue to receive USD 27 per person, however they will have the choice to redeem their assistance at any WFP contracted shop and/or to withdraw the amount from any ATM located throughout the country.

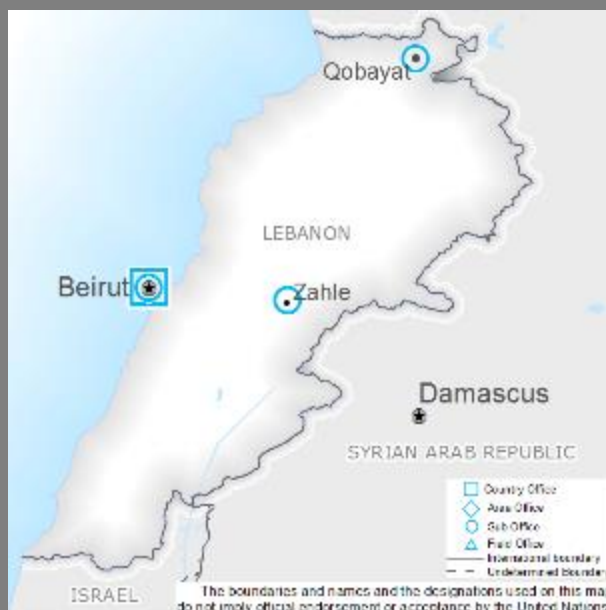
Targeting

- UNHCR and WFP have partnered with the American University of Beirut to further refine the targeting formula to accurately identify the most vulnerable registered refugee households in Lebanon. The formula uses the latest data from the (VASyR) and demographic data in UNHCR's ProGres database.
- Syrian refugee households are ranked based on their level of vulnerability. The households with the lowest ranking are prioritised for food assistance. Households no longer eligible for assistance will be informed in September 2017.

Livelihoods

- WFP Lebanon and its Cooperating Partners (CPs) have started implementing 70 food-for-assets (FFA) and food-for-training (FFT) livelihoods activities across the country. FFA activities engage vulnerable Lebanese and displaced Syrians in labour intensive activities to enhance community assets to improve livelihoods and contribute to socioeconomic development. Participants are engaged in the creation or rehabilitation of assets making participating individuals, their families and communities more resilient to shocks. FFT provides skills development training to vulnerable Lebanese and Syrians for human capital development and self-reliance of the affected population. As of August 2017, CPs have committed to recruit 6,099 participants which will benefit [30,495 beneficiaries](#).
- WFP successfully launched the Jeb Jenine Farmer's Market on 12 August, establishing linkages between small-holder farmers and markets in order to strengthen livelihoods, enhance the resilience of food systems and create new income opportunities for those working along agricultural value chains. The market provides an option for beneficiaries that receive basic food assistance (both vulnerable Lebanese and displaced Syrians) to purchase products directly at the farmers market utilizing their e-cards.

Country Background & Strategy



Lebanon is classified as an upper middle-income country. The current Human Development Index (HDI) value is 0.763 – in the high human development category – positioning the country at 76 out of 188 countries and territories.

With 4.5 million people living in a land area of just 10,000 km square on the eastern Mediterranean coast, Lebanon is small and densely populated.

As of June, 1,011,051 displaced Syrians have been registered in Lebanon by UNHCR. They represent 20 percent of Lebanon's population. The massive influx of refugees has placed significant strain on existing resources and host communities.

WFP and UNICEF support a UNDP-led rapid poverty assessment of the Lebanese population. The assessment will contribute towards the creation of a food security baseline of the Lebanese.

WFP has been present in Lebanon since 2012.

Population: **4.5 million**

2015 Human Development Index:
76 out of 188

Income Level: **Upper middle**

Donors in 2017

Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Mexico, Norway, Switzerland and the United States of America