



WFP Lebanon Country Brief

Highlights

- Lebanon has submitted its Country Strategic Plan (2018-2020) for approval at the upcoming session of the WFP Executive Board in June.
- Assistance to vulnerable Lebanese under the National Poverty Targeting Programme commenced in May.
- In May, WFP reached 824,571 people: 692,451 Syrian refugees; 52,724 vulnerable Lebanese under the National Poverty Targeting Programme, 16,241 Palestinian refugees from Syria; 16,400 were reached through school snacks and 46,572 recipients were reached through cash for education; 183 were reached through digital skills training.

WFP Assistance

Assistance to vulnerable refugees and host communities in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey PRRO 200987 (Jan. 2017 – Dec. 2018)	Total Regional Requirement	6 Month Net Funding Requirements* in Lebanon
	USD 481m	USD 170m

* Jun – November 2017, including confirmed pledges and solid forecasts. The operation is covered until August 2017.

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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 almost 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 16,400 vulnerable Lebanese and displaced Syrian

children in 38 public 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 will significantly increase its livelihoods projects with the support of cooperating partners as of June 2017, in order to reach 51,000 beneficiaries throughout the rest of the year.

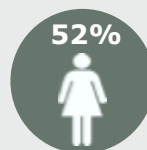
The Lebanon Country Office has submitted its [Country Strategic Plan \(CSP\) 2018-2020](#) for approval by the WFP Executive Board during its June session. The CSP is aligned to the [Lebanon Crisis Response Plan \(LCRP 2017-2020\)](#), which has been endorsed by the Government of Lebanon, the [UN Strategic 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

824,571 people assisted in May 2017

USD 868 m directly injected into the Lebanese economy by WFP since 2012 through cash based interventions

People Assisted
May 2017



Main Photo Credit: WFP/Edward Johnson
Caption: Syrian refugees in the Bekaa valley in Lebanon receive food assistance from WFP.



May 2017

Resourcing Update

- Lebanon will face a funding shortage for the relief assistance of displaced Syrians and Palestinian refugees from Syria in August 2017. For the period August-December, the funding shortfall is USD 107.8 million. WFP Lebanon will need to reduce the number of beneficiaries assisted in Lebanon and direct its limited resources to those who need assistance most.

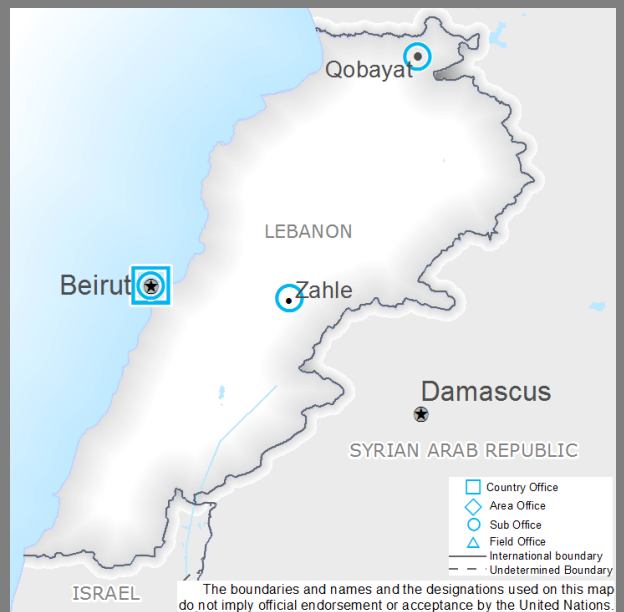
Operational Updates

- The [WFP Lebanon Food Security Outcome Monitoring \(FSOM\) Report](#) for April confirmed that food consumption levels for assisted households improved significantly in 2016 and remained stable until April 2017, with 64 percent of households having acceptable food consumption. The percentage of households with poor food consumption reached the lowest level (4 percent) and overall satisfaction with WFP assistance has been the highest since the start of the FSOM in January 2016.
- An additional 17 schools were selected for inclusion in the school snack programme by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education. The programme now focuses on 38 schools, and 16,400 children (10,935 in the morning shift-predominately Lebanese children including a small percentage of displaced Syrian children), and 5,465 in the afternoon (only displaced Syrian children).
- In 2017, WFP is scaling up livelihoods activities, supporting around 51,000 people in priority areas throughout Lebanon. Thus far, WFP has signed agreements with seven cooperating partners (ACF, DRC, IOCC, LOST, PU AMI, Save the Children, and SHEILD) to implement 44 activities across the country. These activities include the construction of agricultural roads, irrigation systems and drainage canals as well as reforestation, the training of women in food processing techniques and nutrition awareness sessions.
- Building up on the success of the pilot project in 2016, WFP's digital livelihoods project for training displaced Syrians as well as Lebanese in basic computer skills, has been scaled up to reach 5,000 beneficiaries until the end of 2017. Two cycles of trainings have already been conducted and the third cycle is currently underway. A total of 1,300 beneficiaries have been reached in these three cycles.

Partnerships

- WFP Lebanon together with UNDP is leading the Recovery Context Analysis (RCA) process with the Ministry of Social Affairs, UNDP, UNIDO, FAO, ILO, UNICEF, UNHCR, UNHABITAT and the World Bank. The RCA aims to bring together stakeholders to build on recent data from different sectors about the living conditions of refugees and host communities to develop a common situation analysis to inform decision making and intervention planning. A matrix of ongoing activities and a report are being drafted for the third quarter of 2017.

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 May, 1,011,366 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, Estonia, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Mexico, Norway, Switzerland and the United States of America

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