



# WFP Lebanon Country Brief

## Highlights

- Livelihoods projects are being rollout throughout the country and aim to reach an intial 38,000 individuals. The activity allows both Syrians and Lebanese to participate in a range of asset creation projects and trainings.
- In July, WFP reached 675,038 Syrian refugees; 52,342 vulnerable Lebanese were reached under the National Poverty Targeting Programme as well as a further 16,375 Palestinian refugees from Syria.

## 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)*
	641 m	79 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 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 16,610 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. In July, WFP significantly scaled-up its livelihoods projects with the support of cooperating partners, in order to reach 51,000 beneficiaries throughout the rest of the year.

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

**743,755** people assisted in July 2017

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

**People Assisted**  
July 2017



**Main Photo** Credit: WFP/Edward Johnson  
Caption: Livelihoods projects, such as the rehabilitation of assets for agricultural production, are expanding in Lebanon as of August.



**July 2017**

## Operational Updates

- A 10-day nutrition summer camp was held in six schools during the month of July. 1,000 children between the ages of 11-13 from the school snack programme were selected to participate. The summer camp aims to bring together school snack programme students from both the a.m. and p.m. shifts, in nutrition-inspired activities.
- Preparations for the introduction of unrestricted cash in September 2017 is ongoing. Building on the BCG cash pilot study conducted in 2016, WFP in Lebanon will transition approximately 160,000 Syrian refugees from the e-voucher to unrestricted cash assistance. Targeted households will be able to redeem their USD 27/per person at any ATM to purchase food items.
- Building on both 2016 targeting and the Vulnerability Assessment of Syrian Refugees (VASyR), UNHCR and WFP are finalizing the results of the targeting revision conducted by the American University of Beirut. The revision will provide an update to the household vulnerability targeting formula in order to proceed with a joint targeting approach. The approach will ensure that the severely vulnerable households receive a harmonized package of assistance to meet their survival needs.
- The second cycle of the digital skills training for Beirut was concluded with the graduation ceremony held at the AUB campus on 19 July.

## Gender

- Final arrangements were made for the planned IASC GBV roll-out workshop for the Food Security Sector, to take place in August. A subsequent sector action plan will be drafted for 2017.
- An agreement was finalized with National NGO, ABAAD-Resource Centre for Gender Equality, within the framework of WFP livelihood activities. ABAAD launched the implementation of a basic living skills programme targeting 400 women at risk or survivors of gender-based violence (GBV). Additionally, a training-of-trainers will be conducted for all WFP livelihood partners to be equipped to provide awareness sessions to all livelihoods programme participants.

## Partnerships

- The Recovery Context Analysis (RCA) report is being finalized in coordination with key partners.

## 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**

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