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Jordan Country Office: PRRO and EMOP*

*PRRO: Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation / EMOP: Emergency Operation



Both the PRRO and the EMOP projects cover all 12 governorates in the country, with a higher concentration of beneficiaries in Amman and the northern governorates

This month in numbers

EMOP beneficiaries: 532,986

Including **2,529** children also benefitting from the school feeding programme in camp informal schools (formal schools are on summer break).

EMOP funding shortfall:*

USD 53 million (September—December 2015)

Since July 2012, the EMOP voucher programme has injected over **USD 403 million** into the Jordanian economy.

PRRO beneficiaries: 1,890

PRRO funding shortfall:**

USD 3.85 million (September—December 2015)

*This shortfall includes outstanding advances of USD 13.1 million.

**In the July SitRep, the shortfall mentioned in this section covered the entire project duration.

Highlights

- Due to a continued lack of sufficient funding, August saw WFP assistance levels in communities at their lowest so far. Assistance to nearly 229,000 vulnerable refugees will stop in September, in order to prioritize the extremely vulnerable in camps and communities.
- WFP's Executive Director (ED) Ertharin Cousin visited Jordan on 10–11 August, meeting with Government officials, refugees, and other humanitarian organisations. ED Cousin voiced her appreciation for Jordan's generosity in hosting Syrian refugees and recognized the national initiatives that aim to encourage social cohesion among local and refugee communities. "We are calling upon the donor community to recognize the suffering of our Syrian brothers and sisters and to continue to give generously so we can support desperate families until they can go home," she said.



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"We need those who have given to give more, and those who haven't given to invest in our work and in the future of Syria."

- Under the PRRO, food-for-work activities using cash transfers targeting vulnerable Jordanians will continue until end of 2015. Graduates from the programme will be enrolled in on-the-job training starting in September.

Context

- Jordan is a resource-poor, food-deficient country with limited agricultural land, no energy resources and scarce water supply.
- By August 2015, nearly 630,000 Syrian refugees were registered with UNHCR, stretching Jordan's resources and exacerbating the protracted economic crisis in the Kingdom. Nearly 83 percent of registered Syrian refugees live in communities, with the rest living in two camps (Azraq and Za'atri) and two transit centres (Cyber City and King Abdullah Park). While refugees are provided with essential services such as housing and health care in camps, they mostly have to fend for themselves in communities, paying rent, transportation and medical treatment. Refugees are not officially allowed to work and are thus largely dependent on humanitarian assistance to meet their needs.
- While Jordan has made progress in socio-economic development and poverty alleviation, inflation remains a fundamental problem, as does unemployment, which stood at 11.9 percent in the second quarter of 2015. The PRRO addresses the needs of vulnerable and food insecure Jordanians living in refugee-hosting communities affected by the economic crises and the Syrian conflict. It includes three major components: Food for Work/ Training for rural vulnerable households, Targeted Food Assistance for urban vulnerable people, and capacity augmentation for the Government in the different areas of food security and social safety nets.
- Fighting in Syria continues to directly affect the Jordanian border town of Ramtha. On 13 August, six people were injured after a shell from the fighting fell on a house.
- The main border crossings with both Syria and Iraq remain closed. In August, a representative for the trucking industry in Jordan was quoted in the media as estimating the losses from cut-off trade routes to be JOD 525 million (USD 740 million).

WFP Response

- In camps and transit centres, 93,137 refugees received monthly vouchers valued at JOD 20 (USD 28) per person; camp residents also received fresh bread every day.
- In communities, 227,787 vulnerable beneficiaries only received JOD 5 (USD 7), instead of JOD 10 (USD 14). 212,062 extremely vulnerable

beneficiaries only received JOD 10 (USD 14), instead of JOD 20 (USD 28), due to funding shortfalls.

- In camps, formal schools were on summer break. However, informal schools still held classes, and WFP reached 2,529 students with daily nutritious snacks.
- Food-for-work activities this month included conservation of planted forest and logging of old growth trees. The produced firewood was sold at a subsidized price to the community.

Food Security Sector

- WFP participated in the Jordan Response Plan 2016-2018 formulation workshop from 24-26 August as the secretariat for the Livelihoods and Food Security Sector.
- The Jordan Hashemite Charity Organisation (JHCO), in collaboration with Arab Center for Consulting and Training Services, distributed food parcels worth JOD 34.5 / USD 49 to 550 Syrian families and 120 vulnerable Jordanian families in Irbid governorate.
- JHCO also coordinated with the Taiwan Tzu Chi Charity Foundation and Qatar Charitable Society, for the distribution of 1,500kg of rice and 150 cartons of canned meat (24 cans per carton) to 150 vulnerable Jordanian families in Zarqa governorate, as well as 500kg of rice to 50 vulnerable Jordanian families in Ajloun.

Partnerships

- In August, IOM provided non-food item voucher assistance to 574 single parent-headed families in Azraq camp, via WFP's ONECARD platform.
- Under the Jordan Response Plan, WFP acts as secretariat for the Livelihoods and Food Security Task Force, chaired by the Ministry of Labour.
- WFP has partnerships and agreements with:



WFP Operation					
	Project Duration	September–December requirements (in USD)	September–December shortfall (in USD)	September–December Shortfall (%)	People Assisted in August
EMOP 200433	Jul 2012 – Dec 2015	60 million	53 million*	88%	532,986
PRRO 200357**	Aug 2013 – Dec 2015	5.6 million	3.85 million	69%	1,890

Requirements according to actualized figures

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Resourcing Update

- For September–December, the total EMOP requirement to cover voucher assistance for both camps and communities is **over USD 60 million**, of which **88 percent is currently unfunded**.
- For the same period, the total PRRO requirement to cover food and cash assistance to vulnerable Jordanians in host communities is **over USD 5.6 million**,* of which **69 percent is currently unfunded**.

Meet the Beneficiaries



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Five year-old Hasan lives with his parents and six siblings in a tent in the Jizeh area located on the outskirts of the capital Amman. He has been living in this tent for the past four months. Before moving to Amman, his family used to live in a two-room house in Mafraq.

Hasan has a congenital heart disease. His condition requires an urgent operation that can only be performed in Amman. His family could not afford to live in a house as they are trying to save whatever money they have for their son's medication, particularly after cuts in humanitarian assistance have left the family in dire straits.

Hasan's family, categorized as extremely vulnerable, have seen their WFP voucher value decrease repeatedly since the beginning of the year. In August, they received only JOD 10 / USD 14 per person per month, and this amount will continue through November.

These circumstances however never seemed to dampen the cheerful five-year old's spirit who describes his condition as a "broken heart" which he hopes to fix one day. "When I grow up, I want to be a heart surgeon", he says.

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