



## WFP Jordan Situation Report #2

March 2017

### In Numbers

**658,015** Registered refugees from Syria in Jordan (UNHCR)

**533,638** Syrian refugees assisted with e-card and paper vouchers in March\*

**12,750** Vulnerable Jordanians and Syrian refugees assisted through food assistance-for-assets and food assistance-for-training activities

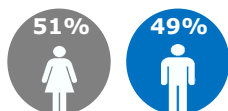
**25,676** Syrian school children assisted through the School Meals Programme

\*Assisted Syrians in host communities, camps and transit centres.

### Highlights

- During March, WFP Jordan in partnership with the Innovation Accelerator in Munich signed a field level agreement with ACTED to implement the Hydroponics Livelihoods Pilot Project. The pilot project which targets 120 beneficiaries in Azraq camp aims to increase the self-reliance of affected communities through the creation of economic opportunities.
- WFP and other United Nations agencies are working with the Jordanian Government to explore options to resume the humanitarian assistance provided to over 60,000 Syrians stranded at the Jordanian north-eastern border (berm).

Syrian refugees assisted with e-cards

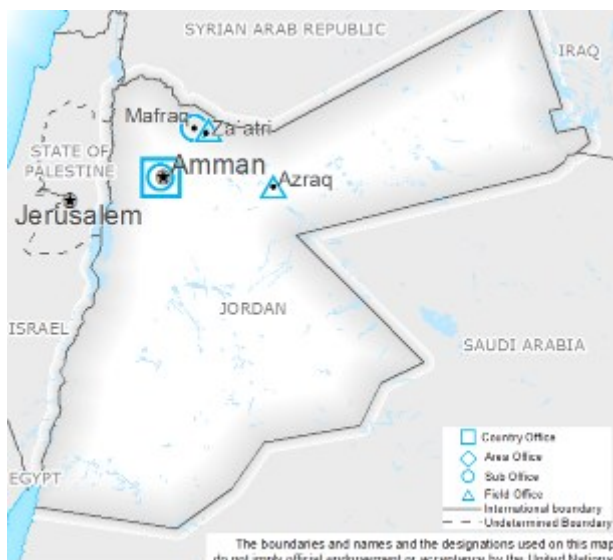


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### WFP Jordan PRRO 200987\*\* Funding Requirements : 6 Month Net Funding Requirements (April-September 2017)

USD 42 million

\*\*All remaining funds from EMOP 200433, DEV 200478, and PRRO 200537 were carried over under the new Regional PRRO 200987 after consultations with donors.



**Photo:** Fathi and his family are like many refugees at Za'atari camp who rely mostly on WFP's food assistance.  
Credit: WFP/ Kelly STABLEIN

### Situation Update

- Approximately 79 percent of registered Syrian refugees live in host communities, whereas 21 percent live in two camps (Azraq and Za'atari) and King Abdullah Park transit centre. In host communities, a limited number of refugees have work permits and thus most are largely dependent on humanitarian assistance to meet their basic needs.
- WFP and other United Nations agencies are working with the Jordanian Government to explore options to resume the humanitarian assistance to over 60,000 Syrians stranded at the north-eastern border (berm). In January 2017, UN agencies, and the international and national NGOs concluded the first distribution of food and non-food assistance to the affected populations.

### WFP Response

- The Regional PRRO 200987 will focus on sustainable solutions through human capital and self-reliance support to refugees and host communities in Jordan, while providing life-saving food assistance when needed. The PRRO will respond to the needs of refugees and host communities through various programmes.
- WFP will continue its General Food Assistance (GFA) via e-voucher to 500,000 Syrian refugees vulnerable to food insecurity in camps and communities. Assistance for new arrivals through temporary paper vouchers (New Arrival Voucher & General Voucher Distribution) will also continue, until people are enrolled into WFP's regular e-voucher programme. In-kind GFA will be used at the Jordanian-Syrian border (berm), as in this context, it is the most effective modality of assistance.
- WFP will expand its home-grown school meals model, the Healthy Kitchen project, in poverty pockets across the Kingdom. The Healthy Kitchen model will also be implemented inside refugee camps. The plan is to replace WFP's current school meals programme – distribution of date bars – with healthy meals from the Healthy Kitchen initiative. The initiative provides Jordanian and Syrian women with income generating activities to prepare fresh healthy meals for school children attending public schools in camps and outside the camps.
- WFP will continue to enhance the self-reliance of Syrian refugees and Jordanians vulnerable to food security, while reducing dependency on humanitarian assistance. Therefore, WFP will increase the scale of livelihood activities under the PRRO.

## Food and Nutrition Assistance

### General Food Assistance via cash-based transfer (CBTs)

- In March, WFP provided assistance to 223,644 extremely vulnerable and 201,062 vulnerable Syrian refugees in host communities. At both refugee camps (Za'atri and Azraq), WFP reached a total of 108,932 Syrian refugees with cash transfers of JOD 20 (USD 28).
- Since the start of the operation in 2012, WFP activities stimulated the national economy, injecting USD 762 million in cash based-transfer and local food procurement to date, creating hundreds of economic opportunities in the food retail sector.

### Livelihood and Resilience Activities:

#### Food assistance-for-training (FFT) activity

- In partnership with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), 439 Jordanian and Syrian participants in Irbid governorate benefited from the skill exchange activity, half of which were women.
- In March, 150 Jordanians participants in Zarqa governorate commenced demand based vocational training on food processing, electronic maintenance and carpentry in partnership with UNDP. Out of the total participants, 50 percent were women.

#### Food assistance-for-assets (FFA) activity

- In March, 347 Jordanian participants, of whom 50 percent were women, benefited from the emergency employment activity. The activity aims at building on short-term employment through conditional cash assistance for the rapid improvement of community infrastructure and basic service deliveries.
- In partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture, 1,460 Jordanian and Syrian participants received cash assistance in exchange for labour work in agricultural activities, mainly focusing on forestry, plant production and animal production. The objective here is to enhance community assets while also providing much needed short-term employment. Under this activity, 39 percent were women.
- In collaboration with UN Women and Royal Health Awareness Society, WFP started the implementation of its FFA activity under the Healthy Kitchen Project. During March, 154 Syrian participants in Azraq and Za'atri camps received cash assistance. Out of the 154 participants, 49 percent were women.
- All participants under both the FFA and FFT activities received cash assistance valued at USD 14.1 per household against each day of attendance.

### Support for the National School Feeding Programme:

- In March, WFP was able to reach 25,676 students in formal schools in refugee camps via date bars distribution.

## Supply Chain

- During March, 400 mt of in-kind contribution (dates) from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia were inspected and cleared. The delivery of the contribution to Jordan is ongoing.
- As part of supplier's monitoring, an on-spot inspection of 6

bakeries for awarded suppliers was conducted during the month and the inspection results were satisfactory.

## Food Security Sector

WFP, together with the Jordan Hashemite Charity Organisation (JHCO), co-chairs the Food Security Sector Working Group (FSSWG) in Jordan. The FSSWG provides coordination for food security partners in terms of implementation, funding and data collection, and supports capacity building.

## Partnerships

WFP partners with UNDP, IOM, ACTED, NRC, Save the Children International, World Vision International, Ministry of Education Ministry of Agriculture, the Royal Health Awareness Society and UN Women for CBT, welcome meals distribution, resilience activities, and the school meals programme. WFP partners with Jordan Ahli Bank to implement the OneCard system. In 2016, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), also partnered with WFP to use WFP's OneCard System.

## Story: Overcoming Hardships

### "Finding Comfort at Za'atri Camp"

Fathi and his family fled their home in Daraa, Syria during the onset of war in 2012, and have since been living at Za'atri Camp. While life at Za'atri is not like home, it is the certainty of safety that keeps Fathi happy to raise his children there. He fears even the thought of returning home, as it is no longer the place it used to be. "It is a world I do not want my children to ever face."

Back in Syria, Fathi's brother and sister struggle to make ends meet. Fathi confirms his solidarity with their decision to leave Syria, especially after hearing the struggles his family still face. He explains that "food is not something that can be taken for granted in Syria." Inflation has broken out. Where a kilo of sugar will cost less than 1 JD at Za'atri, it could be up to 25 JD in Daraa.

For someone like Fathi, who was a baker back in Syria, food is so much more than simply survival; it is a key to his identity and happiness. His wife shares how grateful she is for WFP's grocery stores at Za'atri, explaining how it helps her hold on to her autonomy being able to pick out her own groceries.

Fathi and his wife make a point of cooking traditional Syrian dishes for their children to expose them to their roots and culture back home. Fathi explains how sitting with his family over a homemade Syrian dinner is a moment that makes him feel close to home; "it keeps life feeling normal."

Fathi's family is one of hundreds of thousands of Syrian refugees living in camps inside Jordan who receive monthly food assistance from WFP, valued at USD 28 per person through the e-cards programme.

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	Total Requirements (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements 2017 <sup>2</sup> (in USD)	People Assisted	Female	Male
<b>PRRO 200987<sup>1</sup> (Jan 2017-Dec 2018)</b>	549 million	42 million	546,388	278,657	267,731

<sup>1</sup> All remaining funds from EMOP 200433, DEV 200478, and PRRO 200537 were carried over under the new Regional PRRO 200987 after consultations with donors.

<sup>2</sup> April–September 2017, includes Germany forecast