



WFP Syria Crisis Regional Response Situation Report

June 2017

In Numbers

5 million refugees from Syria
(UNHCR)

2.2 million people assisted by WFP
in June

Highlights

- During June, WFP continued providing life-saving assistance to Syrians stranded at the north-eastern Jordanian border with Syria, the Berm, for the second time this year. The distribution was carried out through a third party contractor. To date, 35,790 people received food and non-food assistance.
- The Emergency Social Safety Net (ESSN) visibility campaign began on 20 June to explain to audiences within the European Union how the programme is changing the lives of vulnerable refugees in Turkey.

People assisted

June 2017



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Global Humanitarian Funding

Overall:
USD 4.68 billion
WFP share:
USD 1.33 billion

WFP 6-month Net Funding Requirements* (Jul-Dec 2017)

Regional PRRO **USD 161 million**

Egypt **USD 12.2 million**

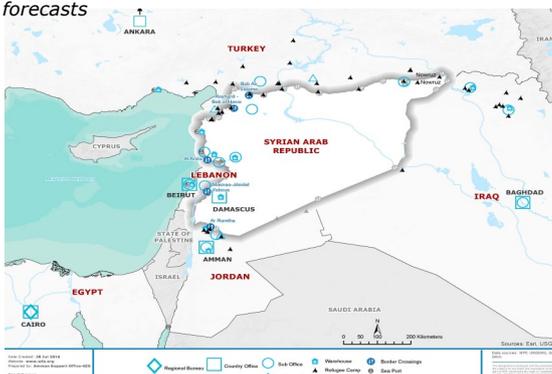
Iraq **USD 2.3 million**

Jordan **USD 54.8 million**

Lebanon **USD 83.2 million**

Turkey **USD 8.8 million**

* July-December 2017, including confirmed pledges and solid forecasts



Regional Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO 200987)

Situation Update

- Despite the slight decrease in annual inflation rates in Egypt during the past two months, prices are expected to see another inflationary wave due to recent energy price reforms and the increase in VAT (Economist Intelligence Unit). Overall, the recent reforms will have direct and secondary impacts on the cost of living as inflation rates are expected to rise again in the coming months, adding to the cumulative economic pressures faced by households since 2016. Under these circumstances, poor and vulnerable households are likely to face increasing challenges to meet their essential needs and hence vulnerability to food insecurity is likely to rise.
- The cost of the minimum expenditure food basket has reached EGP 402.5 Egyptian Pounds (USD 22.2) in May 2017, compared to EGP 239.6 (USD 13.2) during May 2016. WFP has adapted its voucher value accordingly. WFP increased its voucher value in April to EGP 400 (USD 22).
- January-March monitoring in Turkey highlighted the macroeconomic situation in the country and its effects; depreciation of the Turkish currency and price inflation have increased the cost of the Minimum Expenditure Basket by 10 percent in 12 months – decreasing the purchasing power of beneficiaries. The increased transfer value for beneficiaries of the ESSN should mitigate the inflation issue. WFP continues to monitor prices.

WFP Response

Food Assistance

Egypt:

- In June, WFP assisted 74,388 Syrian and Palestinian refugees from Syria with e-cards and paper vouchers of the value of 400 Egyptian Pounds (USD 22) through the general food assistance programme.

Photo: Wael and Jasser are 5 and 6 and can go to school thanks to WFP's School Snacks Programme in Lebanon. When they grow up they want to be football stars. WFP/Edward Johnson

- As WFP continues to shift towards livelihood activities, with a focus on enhancing resilience and social cohesion between Syrian refugees and Egyptians, WFP jointly with “Dawar for Arts and Development” organized an Iftar followed by an evening of Playback Theatre for Syrian and Egyptian women and their families. The events took place on June 14 and 15. Participants were engaged through an interactive theatre performance, based upon true stories from their lives. The intervention aims to build connections and solidarity between refugees and host communities. Playback Theatre involves a collaborative process, whereby audience members volunteer true stories from their own lives. A team of actors and musicians subsequently transform each account into a short, improvised enactment that honors and illuminates the teller’s original experience.
- In June, WFP also started its vocational skills trainings as part of its livelihood activities. In collaboration with a private partner, a total of 290 participants, Syrian refugees and Egyptian nationals, will be trained in intensive hairdresser courses. The trainings will take place over the course of six months, and will provide necessary theoretical and practical knowledge in the popular vocational field of hairdressing.

Iraq:

- WFP assisted 55,709 refugees from Syria through a combination of electronic vouchers and unrestricted cash. All beneficiaries received IQD 22,000 (USD 19) per person per month in June. Out of these, 990 people received unrestricted cash.

Jordan:

- WFP was able to reach 489,941 Syrian refugees with e-cards and paper vouchers. Refugees in camps and “extremely vulnerable” refugees in host communities received monthly entitlements of USD 28.2 (JOD 20) per person, while “vulnerable” refugees received USD 14.1 (JOD 10) per person.
- In June, 3,105 Jordanian nationals and Syrian refugees participated in WFP’s food-for-assets (FFA) and food-for-training (FFT) activities which are implemented with a wide arrange of partners, including UNDP for skills exchange and vocational trainings, and UN Women and the Royal Health Awareness Society for the Healthy Kitchen Project.
- The Blockchain technology was successfully piloted in Azraq camp for the second month in which 1,965 cases were loaded representing 10,510 people targeted with assistance. Blockchain is a way of organizing data through a digital distributed ledger that multiple actors hold copies of.
- WFP in Jordan is in the process of reviewing the current targeting model that was implemented in

2015 for the general food assistance programme for Syrian refugees. The outcome of the review process is expected to facilitate WFP’s decision making on the way forward, specifically on the targeting criteria and its approach (tiered approach) – if it is to be revised/not, and if yes, what are the proposed way forward - which set of criteria and what approach. The review started in June and will finish by the end of July.

Lebanon:

- Through its general food assistance programme, WFP reached 740,297 people, of these, 674,279 are Syrian refugees, 49,668 are Lebanese nationals, and 16,350 Palestinian refugees from Syria with Lebanese Pounds 40,000 (USD 27). In addition, WFP reached 46,940 people through its cash for education programme which is jointly implemented with UNICEF.
- Livelihoods projects have started throughout Lebanon and aim to reach an initial 31,500 individuals in the month of July. The activity allows both Syrians and Lebanese to participate in a range of asset creation projects and trainings. Participants will receive a top up of USD 105 per household.
- Building on both 2016 targeting and Vulnerability assessment of Syrian Refugee (VASyR) results, UNHCR and WFP have requested the American University of Beirut to update the household vulnerability targeting formula in order to proceed with a joint targeting approach. This is to ensure that the severely vulnerable households receive a harmonized package of assistance to meet their survival needs.

Turkey:

- By 28 June, more than 306,000 applications to ESN had been received, representing more than 1.5 million people. More than 98 percent have been processed and 46 percent have been found eligible for ESN support, in line with WFP’s plan to reach over 1 million refugees.
- An ESN Joint Management Cell (JMC) structure, whereby WFP and its implementing partner the Turkish Red Crescent (TRC) jointly manage programme implementation, was established in January. The JMC moved into joint premises in Ankara in June. This unique arrangement contributes to enhancing national capacities to manage the refugee response in the long term.
- In June, ESN payments were made to 108,821 households (totaling 685,577 persons). The transfer value increased from 100 to 120 Turkish Liras per person per month. The first payments under UNICEF’s Conditional Cash Transfer for Education (CCTE) were also made in June using the ESN card.
- Based on WFP VAM analysis and feedback from affected populations and partners, more inclusive

ESSN eligibility criteria were implemented in June. Previously-submitted applications are reassessed against the new criteria by the Social Assistance and Solidarity Foundation (SASFs). WFP continues to work with the Directorates General for Migration Management (DGMM) and Population and Citizenship (DGPC), as well as UNHCR, to find ways to increase the rate of applications for the ESSN.

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- In addition, 142,097 vulnerable Syrians living in 11 camps in the south-east of Turkey continued to receive 50 Turkish Liras (USD 18) per person per month to be spent on food, complemented by assistance of 50 TL provided by AFAD.

Money injected into the local economy:

- The regional operation has injected USD 3 billion into local economies in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey, through the voucher transfer value, local food procurement and other expenditure.

Resourcing Update

- The two-year Regional Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations (PRRO 200987) has a total budget of USD 2.3 billion for 2017 and 2018. With contributions confirmed to date and solid forecasts, WFP has a six months net funding requirement of USD 161 million for its regional response to the Syria crisis. If no additional funding is confirmed, WFP's pipeline will break between September and November in the region.
- Additional funding support is crucial to ensure continued assistance to millions of refugees from Syria and vulnerable host communities across the region. Delayed or insufficient funding would force WFP to resort to prioritization plan, which includes reducing assistance or prioritizing beneficiaries.

WFP Operation					
	Total Requirements (in USD)	6 Months Net Funding Requirements* (in USD)	People Assisted** (June 2017)	Female	Male
Regional PRRO (2017-2018) TOTAL	2.312 billion	161 million	2,226,804	1,135,670	1,091,134
Egypt	69.2 million	12.2 million	74,288	37,887	36,401
Iraq	58 million	2.3 million	55,709	28,005	27,704
Jordan	549 million	54.8 million	528,836	269,706	259,130
Lebanon	641 million	83.2 million	740,297	384,954	355,343
Turkey	481 million	8.8 million	827,647	430,376	397,271

* July-December 2017, including confirmed pledges and solid forecasts ** Totals for Jordan include people assisted through livelihood activities