



WFP Syria Crisis Regional Response Situation Report

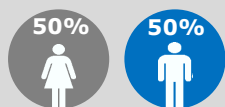
April 2018

In Numbers

5.6 million refugees from Syria

3.2 million Syrian refugees assisted in April

People assisted
April 2018



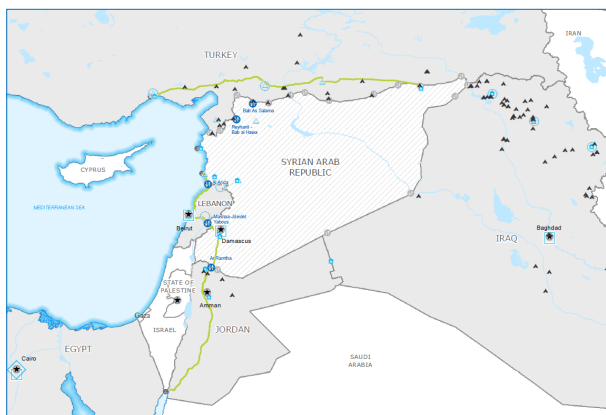
Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP) 2018-2019

Overall: US\$ 4.4 billion
WFP share: US\$ 1.5 billion

WFP Net Funding Requirements (June– December 2018)*

Regional	US\$ 310 million
Egypt	US\$ 18 million
Iraq	US\$ 8 million
Jordan	US\$ 128.5 million
Lebanon	US\$ 145 million
Turkey	US\$ 7 million

* This pertains to the assistance provided to Syrian refugees only.



Syria Crisis: WFP Operational Overview

Highlights

- In April, WFP reached an estimated 3.2 million refugees across Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey through various food and cash assistance programmes under the Country Strategic Plan (CSP) in Lebanon and Transitional Interim CSPs in the four countries.
- To continue critical humanitarian assistance to millions of refugees and host communities in the region, WFP requires an additional USD 310 million from June to December 2018.
- On 24-25 April, WFP attended the Brussels II Conference on the future of Syria where participants pledged, for both Syria and the region, USD 4.4 billion for 2018, as well as multi-year pledges of USD 3.4 billion for 2019-2020.

Situation Update

- As of April 2018, there are over 5.6 million refugees from Syria in the neighbouring countries of Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey (UNHCR, May 2018).

Lebanon

- A total of 472 Syrians refugees spontaneously returned from Shebaa, Kafarshuba and Al-Habariya to their hometowns in Syria via the Al Msnaa-border. The Government announced that the return was optional. The humanitarian community did not support the return and any other return movements at this stage, given the humanitarian and security situation in Syria.

Turkey

- The Turkish President announced early presidential and parliamentary elections to be held on 24 June that will mark the beginning of the executive presidency model. The new presidential system in Turkey allows for two rounds of balloting. The security situation during both rounds will be closely monitored by the government.

WFP Response

Food and Nutrition Assistance

Egypt

- WFP Egypt supported a total of 74,369 refugees from Syria with cash-based transfers (CBTs) through general food assistance (GFA) and food-assistance-for-training (FFT) activities. Each beneficiary received a monthly voucher assistance worth EGP 400 (USD 22).
- WFP Egypt conducted post distribution monitoring for the food assistance provided to Syrian refugees. The results for Q1 2018 revealed that WFP beneficiaries are more food secure than non-beneficiaries. Analysis of food consumption among all WFP assisted households indicated that acceptable food consumption patterns have increased by 8 percent from the first quarter in 2017. Roughly 79 percent of assisted households had acceptable food

consumption scores, while non-assisted households' acceptable food consumption scores were only 40 percent of the sampled population. The dietary diversity index scored 6.43 score for beneficiaries and 5.34 for non-beneficiaries.

Iraq

- WFP Iraq reached a total of 58,541 Syrian refugees with CBTs through GFA, totaling USD 1.1 million of assistance during the month. Each beneficiary of either unrestricted cash transfers or e-vouchers received IQD 22,000 (USD 19) per month.
- Subsequently to the results of the Joint Vulnerability Assessment (only 7 percent of Syrian refugees in the KR-I are food insecure), a gradual cut to food assistance will take place between August and December 2018, decreasing the number of WFP beneficiaries to about 20,000.
- The Food Security and Outcome Monitoring (FSOM) of Q1 2018 for the provision of general food assistance to Syrian Refugees has been completed. Preliminary findings showed an increase in the acceptable level of food consumption score from the previous quarter, and a decrease in coping strategies.

Jordan

- WFP Jordan supported a total of 870,368 Syrian refugees and vulnerable Jordanians with food and cash assistance through GFA, school meals and food assistance for assets (FFA) activities, of which 494,519 are Syrian refugees.
- In mid-April, WFP in collaboration with UNHCR started a country-wide validation of Syrian refugees residing in host communities and receiving general food assistance from WFP. The main objectives are to ensure that WFP e-cards are possessed by the most-in-need beneficiaries and confirm their physical presence in Jordan. By 30 April, 73 percent of beneficiaries had been screened and the exercise will continue throughout May.
- Following the successful piloting of the 'choice' modality in three governorates – allowing beneficiaries to both redeem their assistance in WFP-contracted shops, and by cashing out their entitlements in ATMs – the model was rolled out in Amman, the governorate with the highest beneficiary population. Monitoring findings indicate that the model is particularly efficient in this type of urban setting, due to high ATM accessibility and the wide range of market options. 188,000 beneficiaries are benefitting from the choice modality, and further expansions are being prepared using internal expertise on cash-based transfers and in consultation with donors.

Lebanon

- WFP Lebanon assisted 730,187 Syrian refugees, Palestinian refugees from Syria, and vulnerable Lebanese with food and cash assistance through GFA and school meals, of which 640,507 are Syrian refugees.
- As part of the livelihoods main pillars for 2018, a second farmers market was established and has now Points of Sale (POS) access for vulnerable Lebanese and Syrian refugees to buy fresh fruit and vegetables with their e-cards every Monday at El Marj, Central Bekaa.

Turkey

- WFP Turkey reached a total of 1,446,331 beneficiaries in April. Of this, 1.34 million vulnerable refugees received the Emergency Social Safety Net (ESSN) assistance with monthly 120 Turkish Liras (USD 26) per person to help cover basic needs, and a total of 144,398 beneficiaries received e-vouchers

with monthly value of TRY 50 (USD 10.9) under the in-camp assistance programme in ten camps.

- The ESSN programme remains the largest single Cash-based Transfers (CBT) operation for WFP, and in April achieved the 1.3 million person mark, the principal target of the ESSN.
- As of April 2018, Vakifbank and Ziraat Bank will allow ESSN beneficiaries, whose debit cards are issued by Halkbank, to withdraw cash from their ATMs without any charge. This will be announced to beneficiaries through the ESSN Facebook page in May. Other sensitization improvements include a redesigned Beneficiary Communication Form on the ESSN website which will allow for categorization of beneficiary complaints and faster feedback.



Economic Impact

- Since 2012, WFP's regional operation has injected USD 3.8 billion into local economies in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey, through cash-based transfers, local food procurement and other expenditure. In 2017 alone, WFP injected USD 940 million into the local economies.

Resourcing Update

- WFP requires USD 310 million until end of 2018 to continue providing food assistance for refugees and host communities in the region. With current confirmed contributions, WFP's operations in the region would be facing first pipeline breaks by the first week of June in Lebanon (partial break), the second week of June in Jordan, the last week of June in Egypt, the last week of September in Turkey (in-camp assistance) and the first week of October in Iraq.
- In Turkey, the in-camp programme is currently funded until end of September whereas assistance to up to 1.5 million vulnerable refugees living off-camp through the ESSN cash programme is funded throughout 2018.
- In Lebanon, where WFP's core humanitarian assistance is facing a first pipeline break beginning of June 2018, 170,000 Syrian refugees currently receiving cash for food e-cards face the possibility of being removed from assistance. Pipeline breaks for 345,000 Syrian refugees receiving food e-cards begin in July 2018 and 134,000 Syrian refugees receiving multi-purpose cash for essential needs e-cards also face a pipeline break in September 2018.

WFP Operation

	Total Requirements in 2018 (in USD)	Net Funding Requirements in 2018 (in USD) (June to December 2018) **	People Assisted (April 2018)	Activities	Modality
Combined TICSPs/CSP	855 million	310 million	3.2 million		
Egypt*	19 million	18 million	77,357	General Food Assistance Food Assistance for Training	Cash-Based Transfers
Iraq*	15.5 million	8 million	58,908	General Food Assistance	Cash-Based Transfers
Jordan	150 million	128.5 million	870,368	General Food Assistance Food Assistance for Assets School Meals	In-kind Food Cash-Based Transfers
Lebanon	224 million	145 million	730,187	General Food Assistance Food Assistance for Assets/ Training School Meals	In-kind Food Cash-Based Transfers
Turkey	446 million***	7 million***	144,398 (in-camp) 1,301,933 (ESSN)	General Food Assistance	Cash-Based Transfers

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***In-camp support only