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Syria Crisis Regional Response

Situational Report

July 2016

In Numbers

4.8 million Refugees in the region
(Source: UNHCR)

1.62 million Refugees assisted in the region
in July

Highlights

- On 13 July, WFP’s Executive Director, Ertharin Cousin, visited Amman to show her solidarity and condolence to the Jordanian Government following the terrorist attack at the berm/Jordan border on 21 June.
- Security restrictions kept WFP’s food distribution on hold at the berm in July.

Situation Update

The 2016 Vulnerability Assessment of Syrian Refugees (VASyR) in **Lebanon** shows a continued deterioration of the food security situation among refugees across the country compared to 2015. The full results will be available in October, 2016.

The security situation at the north-eastern border of **Jordan** (the berm) remains unpredictable. According to the latest update, 88,202 Syrians are stranded in difficult living situations at the border and require humanitarian assistance. On 13 July, Russian airstrikes -targeting a group of family members affiliated to a rebel group- wounded 20 Syrians near the border. Such incidents at the borders illustrate the exceedingly difficult circumstances in which the humanitarian community needs to act.

The UN Secretary-General expressed solidarity and sympathies to the Government of **Turkey** and the families of the victims of the 15 July coup attempt and called for an update on current investigations and measures to hold those involved accountable. While recognizing the extraordinary circumstances prevailing in the country following the coup attempt, the Secretary-General expressed his concern over the recent governmental decree regarding the implementation of the state of emergency, which enlists a number of measures restricting the full exercise of individual rights.

In **Iraq**, ISIL has increased suicide bombings in government-controlled areas when the group has faced significant or high-profile losses in other areas, recently in Fallujah.

Although **Egypt** has seen greater security and political stability in recent months, an official state of emergency is in place in North Sinai.

Global Humanitarian Funding

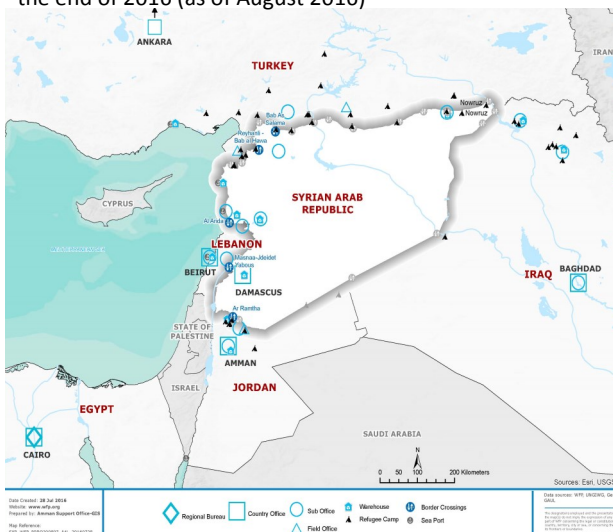
Overall:
USD 4.54b
WFP share:
USD 694.39m

WFP 5-month Net Funding Requirements (Aug 2016 –Dec 2016)*

EMOP 200433 Fully Funded**

*New project starting January 2017

**With solid forecasts, the operation is fully funded until the end of 2016 (as of August 2016)



Regional EMOP - 200433

Refugees from the Syria crisis still tend to risk illegal immigration to Europe with continuously increasing numbers recorded as per UNHCR media sources.

WFP Response



Food Assistance

In July, WFP assisted 686,597 people in **Lebanon** through e-cards with a transfer value of USD 27. This included 639,540 Syrian refugees and 19,584 Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS). WFP also assisted 27,208 vulnerable Lebanese through the National Poverty Targeting Programme (NPTP), and 265 people through livelihood activities. Work on WFP's retail engagement strategy continues in Lebanon with the first round of shop selection assessments finalized.

As part of WFP's strategic move towards building the resilience of vulnerable Lebanese and Syrian refugees, a small-scale livelihoods project started in collaboration with Mercy Corps International, focusing on four areas: the provision of agricultural improvement packages to refugees; the training of Lebanese and female-headed Syrian refugee households on financially managing food resources; the provision of agricultural packages to small-holder farmers; and the rehabilitation of agricultural infrastructure to protect and ensure income through labor-intensive cash-for-work activities.

WFP assisted 534,518 refugees in **Jordan**; 425,020 living in communities and 109,498 living in camps/transit centers. These were mainly reached using e-cards. Only 16,527 refugees were reached through paper vouchers while 1,600 people were provided with unrestricted cash assistance. Entitlements of USD 28.2 were transferred to refugees in camps and extremely vulnerable off-camp refugees, while entitlements of USD 14.1 were transferred to vulnerable off-camp refugees. With the school summer break, WFP reached 1,982 children through the school feeding programme in informal schools inside camps.

WFP's food distribution at the berm remained on hold during the reporting period, pending access being granted by the Jordanian Armed Forces (JAF).

So far, WFP operations in **Turkey** have been minimally affected by the attempted coup. While some WFP counterparts at the field level have been suspended, WFP continued assistance reaching 280,315 people: 128,924 people in off-camp locations with USD 22.5 and 151,395

Syrians in 11 camps with USD 18.2 from WFP, with an additional value provided by the Government.

New targeting criteria relying entirely on demographics were agreed to assess the eligibility of households living off-camp. The demographics approach is supported by a recent World Bank/UNHCR evaluative study on targeting Syrian refugees in Lebanon and Jordan. It will contribute to further streamline the identification of vulnerable households as WFP continues scaling up e-food card assistance. To reach an increasing number of people, WFP is working with partners on enhancing the identification mechanism, for example using service centres to receive applications. This approach will be tested with a first service centre in Osmaniye.

In parallel, WFP continues to support national partners in the development of the Emergency Social Safety Net (ESSN), a multi-purpose cash assistance scheme, by facilitating and participating in working groups formulating the policy and strategy that will lead ESSN field level implementation.

A total of 55,047 Syrian refugees in **Iraq** received cash-based assistance from WFP in July 2016. This included 50,570 who were assisted through the SCOPE electronic system, with values of USD 19 for vulnerable refugees and USD 28.2 for extremely vulnerable refugees. *Ad hoc* in-kind distributions continued in July 2016, reaching 4,477 individuals. This was a response to new arrivals in the camps, and the need to fill gaps while registering beneficiaries in the SCOPE system. Such distributions are a temporary mitigation measure to cover gaps in voucher assistance in camps and will end in August 2016.

In July, WFP reached 64,391 people in **Egypt**, including 61,763 Syrian refugees and 2,628 Palestinian refugees from Syria, with a value transfer of USD 24.2. During the reported period, 491 people have been re-included for assistance after following appeal mechanisms.

The Egyptian Vulnerability Assessment for Refugees (EVAR) -in collaboration with UNHCR- is still being conducted. So far, 6,323 households (29,611) have been visited. It is planned that data collection for the food security module will resume in August 2016, while the analysis framework is planned for September/October 2016.

To date, through distributed food vouchers and local food procurement, **the regional operation has injected USD 2.1 billion** into local economies in Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Egypt and Turkey.

Clusters



Food Security Cluster

The Food Security Sector 2016 mid-year review was concluded. The sector continued to advocate for a coordinated and evidence-based food security response across the region which advances efficiencies across the sector. The broadest sector, similarly to WFP, continues to seek opportunities for coordinated efforts that deliver more efficient, long-term solutions to integrate Syrian refugees into host countries.

- Out of the 2 million people receiving food assistance, 1.7 million received cash-based food assistance through e-vouchers, the primary modality of assistance in the region.
- Despite the gains made through robust verification and targeting mechanisms, coordinated sector assessments show worsening food security statuses for refugees across the region. Sector actors continue to monitor levels of food security closely in 2016.
- While data has demonstrated that levels of vulnerable refugees are increasing, the Food Security Sector has not only been responding to new needs, it was also able to restore the full value of the food vouchers in March 2016 for existing refugees following the February "Supporting Syria and the Region Conference" in London.
- The Food Security Sector is delivering innovative solutions to refugee populations in 2016, reaching a milestone in technology and innovation in February through the WFP iris scan payment system in Jordan. An innovative smartphone application also continued to gain momentum in raising funds for vulnerable Syrians. The application, ShareTheMeal, allows users to donate funds to feed a child for one day with its interactive platform and already raised enough to provide school meals for over 20,000 children for one year.

- The sector continues to move towards resilience programming that promotes dietary diversity, sustainable agriculture and rural livelihoods, while continuing targeted programmes which enhance direct access to food for the most vulnerable.

Partnerships

- Across the five regional countries for the refugee operation, WFP works with a number of strategic government partners and donors, international and local NGOs, sister agencies, financial agencies, and retail partners across the region to efficiently deliver assistance to those in need.
- WFP delivers its assistance through 20 cooperating partners across the five countries.
- A strategic partnership with Microsoft is underway for automating data processes in Turkey, and to build a new accountability and feedback mechanism for Syrians in Lebanon. WFP is also supporting UNDP and ILO with a Joint Economic Opportunity Assessment initiative.

Resourcing Update

Thanks to the record contribution from Germany pledged at the London Conference as well as continued support and solid forecasts from other donors, WFP's operation inside Syria and the five neighboring countries is fully covered until the end of 2016 (as of August, 2016).

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WFP Operation							
	Project Duration	Planned number of people	Total requirements (in US\$)	Total Received (in US \$)	5 month net funding requirement* (in USD) Aug-Dec 2016	People Assisted	
						Planned (July cycle)	Reached (July cycle)
The Region	Jul12 -Dec16	2,297,585	3,194,653,369	2,206,730,789	0 m*	1,936,210	1,620,872

*As of August 2016, with solid forecasts, the operation is fully funded until the end of 2016.

SYRIA +5 REGIONAL RESPONSE UPDATE - JULY DISTRIBUTIONS

	IDPs/ Registered Refugees	Targeted Beneficiaries	Assisted Beneficiaries	%	Money Injected in Local Economies*	Modalities Used	Cash Based Transfer Value (USD)
SYRIA	6,600,000	4,000,000	4,236,243**	106%	USD 29 m***	Family Food Basket, Supplementary feeding Cash Based Transfers using paper vouchers School Feeding Snacks	Pregnant and nursing women 20 <small>Due to the fluctuation of the exchange rate this value is approximate</small>
LEBANON	1,033,513	808,208	686,597	85%	USD 721 m	Cash Based Transfers - using E-cards - Cash Pilot	Vulnerable 27
JORDAN	657,203	565,125	534,518	95%	USD 581 m	Cash Based Transfers - using E-cards and paper vouchers School Feeding Snacks	Vulnerable 14.1 Extremely Vulnerable 28.2 Jordan Camps 28.2
TURKEY	2,728,986	420,000	280,319	67%	USD 554 m	Cash Based Transfers - using E-cards	inside camps 18.2 host communities: 22.5 <small>Government of Turkey provides 35 TL (USD12.7) on a separate card to meet complementary food and non-food needs inside camps. USD values are approximate due to fluctuations in the exchange rate.</small>
EGYPT	117,168	70,877	64,391	91%	USD 112 m	Cash Based Transfers - using E-cards and paper vouchers	Vulnerable 24.2 <small>USD values are approximate due to fluctuations in the exchange rate</small>
IRAQ	249,395	72,000	55,047	76%	USD 64 m	Cash Based Transfers - using SCOPE - Cash Pilot	Vulnerable 19 Extremely Vulnerable 28.2

*Includes Procurement and CBT transfer.

**In addition to GFD for 4.08 million people, WFP delivered fortified wheat flour for another 147,000 people in hard-to-reach and besieged areas in Hama, Homs and Rural Damascus governorates through inter-agency convoys.

*** WFP Syria is gradually scaling up its CBT response, while it is maintaining a very large in-kind response. If local transport and packaging facilities are added to the above figure, WFP Syria has injected USD176 million since 2011.

Syrian in communities
 Syrian refugees in camps
 Palestinian refugees from Syria
 Vulnerable Lebanese
 IDPs

6.6 million

IDPs inside Syria

5,857,115

Assisted in Syria and the Region

4.8 million

Refugees in the Region

40

Partners in Syria

USD 2.1 billion

Money Injected in the Region

20

Partners in the Region

