

WFP Syria Crisis Regional Response Situation Report

June 2018



In Numbers

5.6 million refugees from Syria

3 million Syrian refugees assisted in June

People assisted

June 2018



Highlights

- In June, WFP reached an estimated 3 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 186.8 million from July to December 2018.
- On 25-26 June, the Syria+5 Evaluation Workshop was organized in Amman and staff were given the opportunity to offer their perspective on the draft evaluation. Syria, Lebanon, Turkey, Jordan, Iraq and Egypt country offices attended the workshop as well as the Regional Director, Mr. M. Hadi. and colleagues from RBC and SRO.

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

Overall: US\$ 4.4 billion

WFP share: US\$ 1.5 billion

WFP Net Funding Requirements (July– December 2018)*

Regional	US\$ 186.8 million
Egypt	US\$ 11.3 million
Iraq	US\$ 2.7 million
Jordan	US\$ 98.6 million
Lebanon	US\$ 69.2 million
Turkey	US\$ 5 million

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

Situation Update

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

Jordan

- The UN is concerned about the deteriorating situation in South West Syria, following the military offensive, which forced a significant number of people to flee from eastern Dara'a to areas near the Jordanian border. The escalation in fighting has cut off major supply routes, which has led to price hikes on items such as food. WFP through its cross-border operation delivered supplies to 50,000 people through the border crossing between Jordan and Syria, prior to the border closure and suspension of humanitarian access from 27 June. WFP and other UN agencies are working closely to ensure those stranded at the border receive life-saving assistance. WFP is monitoring the rapidly changing situation to ensure it has the capacity to respond to the needs of displaced persons.

Lebanon

- The Head of General Security Forces (GSO) announced the return of 400 Syrian refugee families to Western Qalamoun, Syria from Aarsal. WFP is collaborating with UNHCR on a list of beneficiaries who have returned.

WFP Response

Food and Nutrition Assistance

Egypt

- WFP Egypt supported a total of 86,948 refugees from Syria with cash-based transfers (CBTs) through general food assistance (GFA) and food-assistance-for-training (FFT) activities.

Iraq

- WFP Iraq reached a total of 61,183 Syrian refugees with CBTs through GFA, totaling USD 1.15 million of assistance during the month. Each beneficiary of either unrestricted

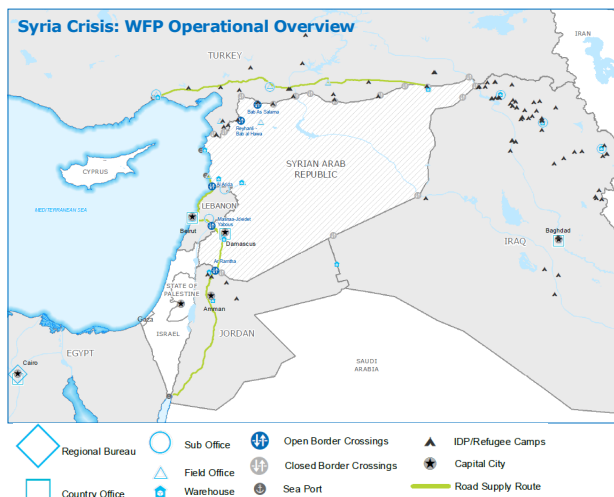


Photo: Ahmad and Mohammed, Syrian brothers, try to figure out an EU flag on the card holder in which their mother carries her ESSN card. WFP/Deniz Akkus

cash transfers or e-vouchers received IQD 22,000 (USD 19) per month.

- In June 2018, WFP conducted 120 sites monitoring visits including to in-kind distribution sites, e-voucher distribution sites, shops, cash-out points for Syrian refugees, sites for the Tech for Food projects, and sites hosting resilience activities.
- The monitoring of USAID/Food For Peace funded activities, carried out by a third-party (ITBCI) continues through field visits, focus groups discussions with beneficiaries and partners, and monitoring visits during distributions. In May and June, ITBCI carried out 9 field visits to WFP activities in IDPs and refugees camps.

Jordan

- WFP Jordan supported a total of 653,038 Syrian refugees and vulnerable Jordanians with food and cash assistance through GFA, school meals and food assistance for assets (FFA) activities, of which 492,169 are Syrian refugees.
- Following the successful roll-out of the 'choice' modality in four governorates – allowing beneficiaries to both redeem their assistance in WFP-contracted shops, and cash out their entitlements in ATMs – preparations are underway to expand to the governorates of Irbid, Jarash and Ajloun in August 2018. Preparations are also underway to roll-out blockchain technology in host communities.
- The draft report of the Syria +5 Evaluation was shared and a workshop was held in Amman to discuss findings and recommendations. While the overall findings of the Evaluation Team are very positive in terms of relevance, efficiency, effectiveness etc., challenges in accountability to affected populations (AAP) as a result of the scale of, mainly, CBT operations and therefore limited interaction with beneficiaries, were highlighted.

Lebanon

- WFP Lebanon assisted 687,709 Syrian refugees, Palestinian refugees from Syria, and vulnerable Lebanese with food and cash assistance through GFA and school meals, of which 644,404 are Syrian refugees.
- Preliminary results for the Annual Vulnerability Assessment of the Syrian refugees (VasyR) are available upon request, with analytical workshops being held in July to finalize the results.
- In June, a series of process monitoring activities were conducted to follow-up on programme implementation. A total of 117 shop visits were conducted in addition to a selected number of ad-hoc shop visits.
- For the cash for food and multipurpose cash beneficiaries, 250 household process monitoring surveys were conducted to understand beneficiaries' use of cash and any issues arising.
- Following the end of Ramadan, WFP launched the endline surveys for the school snacks programme (2 endline surveys: school snacks and Min Ila) to understand food consumption patterns and use of assistance.

Turkey

- WFP Turkey reached a total of 1,502,357 beneficiaries in June. Of these, a total of 141,014 beneficiaries received e-vouchers with monthly value of TRY 50 (USD 18) under the in-camp assistance programme, in ten camps.
- As of 29 June, a cumulative total of 449,009 applications (representing over 2.16 million people) has been received since November 2016 for the ESSN according to the Ministry of Family and Social Policies (MoFSP). Of these, 238,198 applications were

assessed as eligible, with 208,829 ineligible and 1,988 pending, representing an inclusion rate of 54 percent of households.

- A "Future of the ESSN" workshop was held on 20 June with the collaboration of many actors working with refugees and livelihoods in Turkey, including UNHCR, World Bank, the Turkish Employment Agency (ISKUR), UNDP, and FAO, in addition to ESSN stakeholders ECHO, the Turkish Red Crescent (TRC) and WFP. During the workshop, ECHO shared the Facility for Refugees in Turkey (FRIT 2) updates and participants discussed opportunities and limitations regarding livelihoods in Turkey. The workshop also focused on the lessons learned, beneficiary projections, and vulnerability and skills profiling of ESSN beneficiaries presented by WFP and TRC. Participants agreed that basic needs assistance through the ESSN would need to continue at scale for the coming years given the large number of refugees versus the limited scale of livelihoods opportunities.

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 186.8 million until the 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 beginning of August in Egypt and Jordan, by mid-August in Lebanon (cash-for-food e-cards) and by mid-October in Iraq.
- In Turkey, the in-camp programme is currently funded through October whereas assistance to up to 1.5 million vulnerable refugees living off-camp through the ESSN cash programme is funded throughout 2018.

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WFP Operation

	Total Requirements in 2018 (in USD)	Net Funding Requirements in 2018 (in USD) (July to December 2018) **	People Assisted (June 2018)	Activities	Modality
Combined TICSPs/CSP	726.6 million	186.8 million	3 million		
Egypt*	14.5 million	11.3 million	86,948	General Food Assistance Food Assistance for Training	Cash-Based Transfers
Iraq*	8.9 million	2.7 million	61,183	General Food Assistance	Cash-Based Transfers
Jordan	130.7 million	98.6 million	653,038	General Food Assistance Food Assistance for Assets School Meals	In-kind Food Cash-Based Transfers
Lebanon	183.6 million	69.2 million	687,709	General Food Assistance Food Assistance for Assets/ Training School Meals	In-kind Food Cash-Based Transfers
Turkey	389 million***	5 million***	141,014 (in-camp) 1,361,343 (ESSN)	General Food Assistance	Cash-Based Transfers

* Pertains to the refugee response only

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***In-camp support only