



# WFP Syria Crisis Regional Response Situation Report

August 2018

## In Numbers

**5.6 million** refugees from Syria

**3.0 million** Syrian refugees assisted in July

**USD 4.0 billion** injected into local economies of Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey through cash-based transfers, local food procurement and other expenditure since 2012.

### People assisted

August 2018



## Highlights

- In August, WFP reached an estimated 3.0 million refugees – out of a total of 5.6 million registered Syrian refugees – and host community members across Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey through various food and cash-based assistance programmes under the Country Strategic Plan (CSPs) in Egypt and Lebanon and Transitional Interim CSPs in the three countries.
- Self-organized refugee returns registered by UNHCR in 2018 totalled 23,416 as of August 2018. The United Nations maintains that it does not promote refugee returns to Syria until conditions for voluntary, safe and dignified returns are in place.

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

**Overall:**  
US\$ 4.4 billion

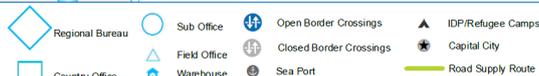
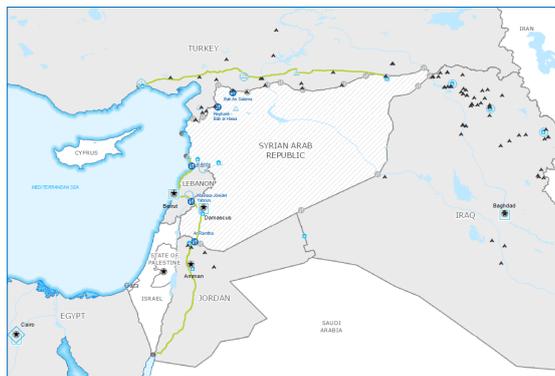
**WFP share:**  
US\$ 1.5 billion

## WFP Net Funding Requirements

(October 2018 – March 2019)\*

Regional	<b>US\$ 256.4 million</b>
Egypt	<b>US\$ 14.8 million</b>
Iraq	<b>US\$ 2.3 million</b>
Jordan	<b>US\$ 93.3 million</b>
Lebanon	<b>US\$ 112.6 million</b>
Turkey	<b>US\$ 33.5 million</b>

\* As of 27 September 2018. Figures pertain to the Syria regional refugee response only.



Syria Crisis: WFP Operational Overview

## Situation Update

### Regional

- As of August 2018, there are around 5.6 million refugees from Syria in the neighbouring countries of Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey.

### Jordan

- The Nasib border crossing between Syria and Jordan remains closed for now. Media reports in August said that the crossing is ready to receive Syrian refugees' return from Jordan. Nasib has been vital for the transport of goods from Lebanon and Syria to Jordan and the Gulf states until it was closed off in 2015, when it fell to Syrian opposition factions. As part of the Dar'a region, it was recaptured by the Syrian Army in July 2018. There are ongoing discussions about the border reopening in the near future.

### Lebanon

- The UN Security Council approved the extension of the mandate for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) for a full-year under Resolution No. 2433 without modification of the mandate or reduction in its duration or the naval force. UNIFIL provides important support to WFP operations in facilitating missions to South Litani River areas.

### Turkey

- During August, the Ministry of Interior's Directorate General of Migration Management (DGMM) started the closure of five tented camps. Residents of all five camps were offered to either relocation to other existing camps or moving to the host community. UNHCR is providing a one-time payment to those who resettle in host communities while they apply for assistance such as the Emergency Social Safety Net (ESSN) programme. By the end of August, 23,000 residents had opted to move to host communities and the remaining 6,500 relocated to other camps. Rapid enrolment of the most vulnerable into the existing social assistance scheme, including ESSN, is a priority for all stakeholders.

## WFP Response



### Food and Nutrition Assistance

#### Egypt

- WFP Egypt supported a total of 80,737 refugees from Syria and host community members with cash-based transfers through General Food Assistance (GFA) and nutrition support to pregnant and nursing women. Each beneficiary received a monthly voucher assistance worth EGP 400 (USD 22).
- WFP implemented nutritional activities for 3,487 pregnant and nursing women within the Syrian refugee community members in Cairo, Alexandria and Damietta. The objective of this intervention is to raise the nutrition intake of Syrian pregnant women in their second, and third trimester as well as nursing mothers in the first two years of the child's age.

#### Iraq

- WFP Iraq reached a total of 53,205 Syrian refugees settled in camps in Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KR-I) with CBTs through GFA and Food Assistance for Training (FFT) in August. Each beneficiary of either unrestricted cash transfers or e-vouchers received either 6,000 IQD/day (USD 5) or 12,000 IQD/day (USD 10) depending on the cycle of the activity (basic or advanced, and microwork cycles), disbursed through electronic vouchers or unrestricted cash transfers using the SCOPE platform, WFP's beneficiary identity and benefit management system.
- In August, 355 people participated in the Tech for Food project implemented in Sulaymaniyah, Dohuk, Erbil and Ninewa governorates. The project targets Syrian refugees, but also displaced Iraqis and host communities. The participants receive training on advance digital skills, such as Graphic Design/Adobe Photoshop, Social Media Marketing, Programming, Front End Design (Web/App design), and Data Analysis.
- WFP has started the six-month targeting and verification exercise of Syrian refugee households in camps. The purpose of the exercise is to identify the most vulnerable households so they continue to receive the food assistance they require. The exercise is expected to be completed by January 2019.

#### Jordan

- WFP Jordan supported a total of 648,219 Syrian refugees and vulnerable Jordanians with in-kind food and CBTs through GFA and resilience activities. Through WFP's tiered approach, the extremely vulnerable Syrian refugees in host communities were assisted through e-cards with a value of JOD 23 (USD 32), and vulnerable refugees through e-cards with a value of JOD 15 (USD 21).
- WFP continued to produce fresh green fodder under the hydroponics pilot project. The produce is marketed locally at subsidised prices to livestock owners. This project uses 80 percent less space and 90 percent less water. Meanwhile, WFP Jordan, together with WFP's Innovation Accelerator team in Germany, continues the discussions with the National Agricultural Research Centre on potential areas of collaboration especially under the hydroponics concept.
- In partnership with the REACH Initiative, WFP conducted its first Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability Assessment to look at the food security situation of Jordanians. Key findings show that 70 percent of households sampled among National Aid Fund beneficiaries in Jordan are either food insecure (11 percent) or vulnerable to food insecurity (59 percent).

#### Lebanon

- WFP Lebanon assisted a total of 687,217 Syrian refugees, Palestinian refugees, and vulnerable Lebanese. Of this, under the GFA, WFP continued to provide assistance through multiple delivery mechanisms: 344,018 beneficiaries were supported through food-restricted e-cards, redeemable at any WFP-contracted shops; 166,606 beneficiaries through cash-for-food e-cards, redeemable at either WFP-contracted shops or ATMs throughout the country; and 133,714 beneficiaries through multipurpose cash for essential needs e-cards, redeemable at either WFP-contracted shops or ATMs throughout the country.
- Through a partnership with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, WFP supported a total of 14,424 Palestinian refugees from Syria during the month.
- Around 1,000 Syrian and Lebanese boys and girls, took part in the Nutrition Summer Camps which ended in August. The camps aimed to boost Lebanese and Syrian students' awareness of good nutrition in a fun way, while enhancing social cohesion.

#### Turkey

- WFP Turkey reached a total of 1,522,860 beneficiaries through CBTs. Of these, 1,387,214 vulnerable refugees across Turkey received the ESSN monthly assistance consisting of TRY 120 (USD 17.5) per person to help cover basic needs. In addition, 135,646 beneficiaries received e-vouchers with a monthly value of TRY 50 (USD 7.3) under the in-camp assistance programme, in ten camps. The ESSN programme remains the largest single CBT operation for WFP and worldwide.
- The first top-up payment of TRY 600 (USD 87.3)/person was made to 3,599 disabled ESSN beneficiaries, defined as those who are incapacitated and require at-home care.
- The second revision to the Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan (TICSP) for Turkey and its corresponding budget were approved. The Budget revision introduced pilot livelihood activities, with a marginal increase in overall beneficiaries to reach a total of 1,650,855. In the second half of 2018, WFP Turkey will work in partnership with the Government, NGOs, educational institutions and the private sector on a small pilot to provide language, vocational and on-the-job training and subsequent support for job placement to young refugees in Turkey. Cooperating partners are currently under selection.

## Resourcing Update

- For the regional refugee response, WFP needs a total of USD 256.4 million to ensure continued lifeline support in the next six months from October 2018 until March 2019. WFP requires an average of USD 43 million per month in order to reach 3 million people in the region.

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## WFP Operation

	<b>Total Requirements</b> (in USD) (October 2018 -March 2019)	<b>Net Funding Requirements in 2018</b> (in USD) (October 2018 - March 2019)*	<b>People Assisted</b> (August 2018)	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Modality</b>
Combined TICSPs/CSP	771.2 million	256.4 million	2,992,238		
<b>Egypt</b>	14.4 million	14.8 million	80,737	General Food Assistance Food Assistance for Training Nutrition Support	Cash-Based Transfers
<b>Iraq</b>	6.5 million	2.3 million	53,205	General Food Assistance Food Assistance for Training	Cash-Based Transfers
<b>Jordan</b>	134.0 million	93.3 million	648,219	General Food Assistance Food Assistance for Assets	In-kind Food Cash-Based Transfers
<b>Lebanon</b>	193.7 million	112.6 million	687,217	General Food Assistance Food Assistance for Assets/ Training	In-kind Food Cash-Based Transfers
<b>Turkey</b>	422.6 million**	33.5 million**	1,522,860 (ESSN: 1,387,214, In-camp: 135,646)	General Food Assistance	Cash-Based Transfers

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\*\* In-camp support only