



# WFP Jordan

## Situation Report #15

21 November 2016

### In Numbers

**655,716** Registered refugees from Syria in Jordan (UNHCR)

**532,563\*** Syrian refugees assisted with E-Card and Paper Vouchers in October

**89,000** vulnerable Jordanians assisted

*\*Assisted Syrians in host communities, camps and transit centres.*

- A new WFP contracted supermarket, Tazweed Co., opened inside Village 5 in Azraq refugee camp. The supermarket will reach 13,500 residents in the camp. During the soft opening in the last week of October, Village 5 residents were able to purchase food items using paper vouchers and cash.
- Inside the refugee camps, WFP along with partner Royal Health Awareness Society (RHAS) have begun the implementation of the homegrown school feeding programme, the 'Healthy Kitchens'.
- On 20 October, HRH Prince El Hassan bin Talal paid a visit to WFP in Jordan. HRH met with senior management from the Jordan Country Office, Amman Sub-Regional Office, Yemen and Syria-Operations and was briefed on WFP's work in the region and fight against hunger.

Syrian refugees assisted with E-Cards October 2016



### WFP Funding Requirements

EMOP 200433\* (Nov-Dec 2016) *Including pledges and solid forecasts, EMOP 200433 is fully funded until the end of 2016.*

PRRO 200537 (Nov-Dec 2016) **USD 2.6 million**

DEV 200478 (Nov-Dec 2016) *DEV 200478 is fully funded until end of 2016.*

*\*A new PRRO will be starting January 2017, with projected requirements of USD 61 million from January–March 2017.*

### Situation Update

- Approximately 81 percent of registered Syrian refugees live in host communities, whereas 19 percent live in two camps (Azraq and Za'atri) and King Abdullah Park transit centre. While refugees are provided with essential services such as housing and health care in camps, they mostly have to be self-sufficient in communities, paying rent, transportation and medical treatment. In host communities, a limited number of refugees have work permits and thus most are largely dependent on humanitarian assistance to meet their basic needs.
- Currently, more than 78,000 Syrians are stranded at the north-eastern border, also known as the berm, and live in dire conditions. WFP, UN agencies, and international and national NGOs have been planning to provide both food and non-food assistance to the affected population. Despite a recent agreement with the Jordanian authorities to allow a second distribution of humanitarian assistance, access remains a contentious issue due to insecurity and border closures.

### WFP Response

- Through EMOP 200433, all eligible Syrian refugees receive a monthly cash-based transfer (CBT) which enables them to purchase food items in 206 shops partnered with WFP throughout the country. Camp residents also receive fresh bread on a daily basis, and pupils at camp schools receive daily nutritious snacks. Welcome meals to new arrivals are provided to registered special cases at camps.
- PRRO 200537 addresses the needs of vulnerable and food insecure Jordanians affected by the economic crisis and the Syrian conflict through three major components: Food Assistance for Assets (FFA) and Food Assistance for Training (FFT) for rural households; targeted food assistance for urban vulnerable people; and capacity augmentation for the Government in the fields of food security and social safety nets.
- DEV 200478 responds to the government's request for WFP to resume direct food support for school children in poverty pockets. WFP Jordan distributes locally produced date bars three days per week, while the Government provides high energy biscuits and fresh fruit during the remaining two days of the school week. In

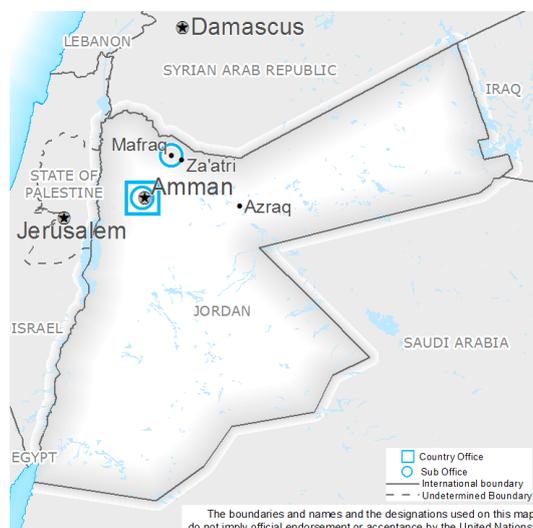


Photo: Two Jordanian women employed in WFP's Healthy Kitchens project in Azraq city, prepare a typical Jordanian pastry, Zaatar, for nearby schools. Under this project, WFP is able to diversify the meals served at school. WFP/Mohammad Batah

2015, WFP piloted the Healthy Kitchen, a homegrown school feeding programme. Thus far, WFP reached 12,000 Jordanian school children through Healthy Kitchens.

## Food and Nutrition Assistance

Emergency Operations:

- Food assistance to Syrians stranded at the berm: On 15 November, construction of a new distribution site, located within walking distance from the settlement, was completed. WFP plans to distribute life-saving food assistance by mid-November.
- In October, WFP reached **424,111** Syrian refugees in host communities. Entitlements of JOD 20 (USD 28.2) were transferred to refugees in camps and extremely vulnerable off-camp refugees, while entitlements of JOD 10 (USD 14.1) were transferred to vulnerable off-camp refugees.
- At both refugee camps (Za’atri and Azraq), WFP reached a total of **93,012** Syrian refugees via e-cards.
- WFP has stimulated the national economy, injecting **USD 615 million** in CBT and local food procurement to date, creating hundreds of jobs in the food retail sector.

Relief and Recovery:

- In partnership with UNDP, the joint skills exchange activity supported **1,500** vulnerable Jordanians and Syrians in Mafraq who benefited from skill exchange since the launch of the project in September 2016. Skills included food production, construction, carpentry and agriculture.

Support for the national school feeding programme:

- WFP’s expansion of its Healthy Kitchens model to Syrian refugees in Za’atri (formal schools) and Azraq camps (informal schools), is threefold, as it will 1) create job opportunities, especially for women; 2) ensure children eat healthy meals; and 3) inject money into the local economy by buying locally grown foods.



## Supply Chain

- In October, the logistics team dispatched **15 mt** of date bars to Save the Children International (SCI) for the school feeding programme in Za’atri camp.
- In addition, WFP purchased **30,000** parcels of entitlements (1,483.8 mt) and wheat flour (450 mt) for the Syria cross-border operations.



## Food Security Sector

WFP, together with the Jordan Hashemite Charity Organisation (JHCO), co-chairs the Food Security Sector Working Group (FSSWG) in Jordan. The FSSWG provides coordination for food security partners in terms of

implementation, funding and data collection, and supports capacity building. The preparation of 12 Jordan Response Plan (JRP) sector responses and project summaries, which will be included in the JRP 2017-19 is ongoing. WFP has already submitted its livelihood and school feeding sections.

## Partnerships

WFP has established partnerships and agreements with: Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED), Danish Refugee Council, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Organization of Migration (IOM), Ministry of Agriculture, NAJMAH, NRC, Royal Health Awareness Society, Relief International, SCI, Tkiyet Um Ali, UN Women, UNDP, UNICEF, UNHCR and World Vision International.

## Story: The Healthy Kitchens

In Azraq city, Noura and Ahed sit giggling and smiling at one another as they reflect on their experience working as assistants to the baker. For the two Jordanian women who had never worked before, WFP’s Healthy Kitchens project that started in April 2016, has not only been an opportunity for work but it has been a force strengthening their friendships and own self-empowerment.

Noura explains how “the days have become more beautiful now that [she] has the daily routine of working in the bakery.” She looks forward to coming to work to see her new friends, who she now considers family. Ahed nods her head in agreement and emphasizes how working as a team has impacted the two best friends greatly, as well as the other 10 women working at the Healthy Kitchen.

After a long day of work, everyone in the kitchen sits over a cup of tea, sharing the satisfaction of knowing they have successfully provided pastries and fresh vegetables to school children in Azraq. Noura says, “it is in this moment [that] I feel proud of the work I do...”

It is in fact because of the hard work of these women that every student in Azraq receives a nutritious meal each school day, giving the children an equal opportunity to grow and to learn. It is clear that the women working in WFP’s Healthy Kitchens have felt the empowerment of their works’ accomplishments, as their faces beam with pride while they package each pastry to send off to all twelve schools in Azraq camp.

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	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total received (in USD)	Net Funding Requirements Nov-Dec 2016 (in USD) <sup>3</sup>	People Assisted (October 2016) <sup>4</sup>	Female	Male
<b>EMOP 200433 (Jul 2012–Dec 2016)</b>	1 billion	793 million	-. <sup>1</sup>	532,563	270,009	262,554
<b>PRRO 200537 (Aug 2013–Dec 2016)</b>	62 million	14.3 million	2.6 million	89,000	N/A	N/A
<b>DEV 200478 (Dec 2012–Dec 2016)</b>	19 million	18.8 million	-. <sup>2</sup>			

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<sup>3</sup>A new PRRO will be starting in January 2017.

<sup>4</sup>Figure reflects assisted Syrian refugees with E-Cards and paper vouchers. No Syrians were assisted at the Jordanian-Syrian border.