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.

Situation Update

• 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.

WFP Funding Requirements

| Program  | Description | Amount
|----------|-------------|---------|
| EMOP 200433* (Nov-Dec 2016) | Including pledges and solid forecasts, EMOP 200433 is fully funded until the end of 2016. | Fully funded until 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. | 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.

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.

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**


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