



World Food Programme

# WFP Syria Regional Situation Report

October 2018



## In Numbers

**5.6 million** registered Syrian refugees in neighbouring countries

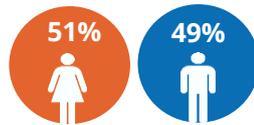
**37,240** self-organized refugee returns to Syria in 2018

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

**WFP SAYS NO to GENDER BASED VIOLENCE**

**3.3 million Syrian refugees and host community members assisted**

October 2018



<b>Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP) 2018-2019</b>	<b>Overall:</b> USD 4.4 billion
	<b>WFP share:</b> USD 1.5 billion
<b>WFP Net Funding Requirements</b> (December 2018 – May 2019)	
<b>Regional</b>	<b>USD 371.9 million</b>
Egypt	USD 18.9 million
Iraq	USD 3.8 million
Jordan	USD 112.6 million
Lebanon	USD 99.5 million
Turkey	USD 137.1 million

## Highlights

- WFP Executive Director (ED) David Beasley visited Syria, Jordan and Lebanon during the month. In Lebanon and Jordan, the ED and the German Parliamentary delegation met with government partners, and visited refugee camps, distribution and project sites, as well as WFP-assisted Syrian refugee families.
- On 22-26 October, the Rome-based Executive Board representatives went on a field mission in Lebanon and Turkey. In Lebanon, the delegation visited e-card validation sites, some of the other project sites, and met with Syrian refugee families. In Turkey, the delegation met with key Emergency Social Safety Net (ESSN) stakeholders and ESSN-assisted beneficiaries.

## Situation Updates

### Iraq

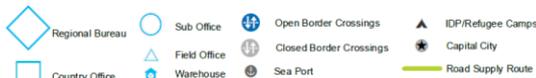
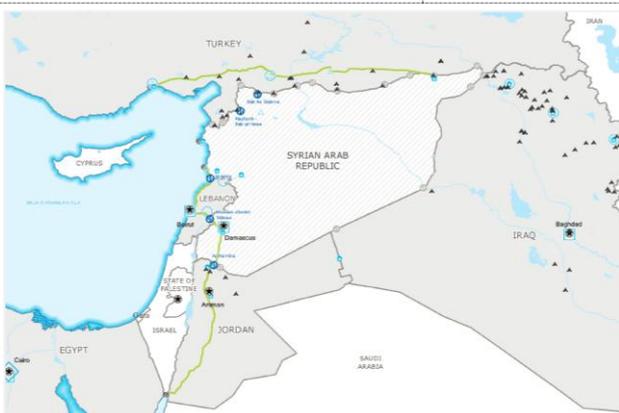
- The list of candidates for the cabinet was presented to the House of Representatives on 24 October. After several months of negotiations, on 25 October, Prime Minister Adel Abdul Mahdi officially assumed power from his predecessor, Mr. Haidar al-Abadi. The creation of a new Iraqi cabinet had been delayed since May, when the results of the parliamentary election underwent a recount precipitated by allegations of electoral fraud.

### Jordan

- The Nasib border crossing between Syria and Jordan officially reopened on 15 October after being closed for three years. According to media reports, a total of 325 Syrian refugees have returned to Syria through the crossing, although exact numbers are not yet confirmed by UNHCR.

### Turkey

- On 27 October, a quadrilateral summit meeting between the heads of government of Turkey, Russia, Germany and France over political steps toward peace in Syria was held in Istanbul. During the meeting, the four leaders highlighted the need to create conditions throughout Syria for the safe and voluntary return of refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) to their original places of residence. They emphasised the necessity for coordination between all relevant parties, including UNHCR and other specialised international agencies.



**Syria Crisis: WFP Operational Overview**

Photo: A father plays with his kid in Turkey. The family receives support through the Emergency Social Safety Net programme. WFP/Ozan Toptas

## WFP Response



### Food and Nutrition Assistance

#### Egypt

- WFP Egypt supported a total of 80,818 refugees from Syria and host community members with cash-based transfers (CBTs) through General Food Assistance (GFA) and nutrition support to pregnant and nursing mothers. Each beneficiary received a monthly voucher assistance worth EGP 400 (USD 22).
- WFP implemented nutritional activities for 3,588 pregnant and nursing mothers within the Syrian refugee communities 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.
- In October, WFP Egypt announced the resumption of livelihood resilience activities by launching registration to aesthetic trainings through a Facebook campaign. Trainings on hair styling, makeup and nail care will be provided by Z Academy starting November 2018.

#### Iraq

- WFP Iraq reached a total of 47,379 Syrian refugees settled in camps in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq with CBTs through GFA and Food Assistance for Training (FFT). Each beneficiary of either unrestricted cash transfers or e-vouchers received either IQD 6,000/day (USD 5) or IQD 12,000/day (USD 10) using the SCOPE platform, WFP's beneficiary identity and benefit management system.
- A total of 605 people (benefitting 3,025 people) participated in the Tech for Food project implemented in Sulaymaniyah, Dohuk, Erbil and Ninewa governorates. 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 to help connect them to the digital economy.

#### Jordan

- WFP Jordan supported a total of 880,455 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).
- As part of WFP's technical assistance, the Ministry of Education and Higher Education and Scientific Research has requested WFP's support to explore potential additional models for the national school meals programme, including a private sector model through which private companies would be contracted to provide school meals to school children.

- *Dalili* application was piloted in Ajloun governorate for 60 households to test its feasibility. *Dalili* is a smartphone application that gives up-to-date information on food prices and special offers at contracted shops, thus providing beneficiaries with the power of making the best of their WFP assistance. *Dalili* is foreseen to expand throughout the country by the end of the year.

#### Lebanon

- WFP Lebanon assisted a total of 688,780 Syrian refugees, Palestinian refugees, and vulnerable Lebanese. WFP continued to implement multiple delivery mechanisms such as food-restricted e-cards, cash-for-food e-cards, and multi-purpose cash for basic needs.
- Following last month's new school year welcome visits to all 39 participating school snack schools located throughout the country, the continuity of the school meals delivery has been confirmed. Throughout October, 24,000 Syrian refugee and vulnerable Lebanese primary school students started to receive daily snacks.
- The results of the September households process monitoring showed that food remains the priority for most beneficiaries. Food is also the household's major expenses followed by rent and medical fees.

#### Turkey

- WFP reached 1.6 million people in October. Of these, 1.4 million vulnerable refugees received the ESSN monthly assistance consisting of TRY 120 (USD 20) per person to help cover basic needs. In addition, 114,178 people received e-vouchers with a monthly value of TRY 50 (USD 8.3) under the in-camp assistance programme. The top-up assistance for 4,949 severely disabled ESSN beneficiaries continued in October, with eligible individuals receiving TRY 600 (USD 100) per month in addition to their regular ESSN benefits. The ESSN programme remains the largest single CBT operation for WFP and worldwide.
- The Directorate General of Migration Management (DGMM) closed another camp in Sanliurfa, by end of October. The closed camp had more than 20,000 refugees who were assisted by WFP. A total of 1,150 beneficiaries chose to be moved to another camp, while the rest opted to live in communities.
- Post-Distribution Monitoring for data collected in camps supported by WFP and the Turkish Red Crescent's e-food voucher programme between July and September 2018 demonstrated a deterioration in household outcomes; the improvements gained over the past few years are starting to reverse. With Turkey's annual inflation rate reaching almost 25 percent in September, the monitoring shows that negative coping strategies, such as borrowing money and selling assets, are increasingly being adopted by assisted people as a means of meeting food and other needs.

## Resourcing Update

- In the refugee-hosting countries across the region, with the current levels of confirmed resources, WFP needs a total of USD 371.9 million to ensure continued lifeline support in the next six months from December 2018 until May 2019.

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## WFP Operation

	<b>Total Requirements</b> (in USD) (December 2018 – May 2019) *	<b>Net Funding Requirements</b> (in USD) (December 2018 – May 2019) *	<b>People Assisted</b> (October 2018)	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Modality</b>
<b>Regional</b>	796.8 million	371.9 million	3,259,451		
<b>Egypt</b>	14.3 million	18.9 million**	80,818	General Food Assistance Food Assistance for Training Nutrition Support	Cash-Based Transfers
<b>Iraq</b>	6.0 million	3.8 million	47,379	General Food Assistance Food Assistance for Training	Cash-Based Transfers
<b>Jordan</b>	131.9 million	112.6 million	880,455	General Food Assistance Food Assistance for Assets School Meals	In-kind Food Cash-Based Transfers
<b>Lebanon</b>	198.8 million	99.5 million	688,780	General Food Assistance Food Assistance for Assets/Training School Meals	In-kind Food Cash-Based Transfers
<b>Turkey</b>	445.8 million**	137.1 million**	1,562,019	General Food Assistance	Cash-Based Transfers

\* Funding update as of 21 November 2018; Pertains to the Syrian refugee response only

\*\* The higher amount is due to an outstanding advance through internal loan mechanism that must be repaid.

\*\*\* The ESN programme is funded at least until January 2019, with a contract extension foreseen to cover at least until May due to Turkish lira devaluation. In addition, due to exchange rate fluctuation and solid pledges to assist Syrian refugees in camps, camp activities are expected to be funded until March 2019.