



World Food Programme

WFP Syria Regional Situation Report

November 2018



In Numbers

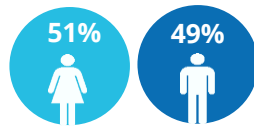
5.6 million registered Syrian refugees in neighbouring countries

42,728 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

2.4 million Syrian refugees and host community members assisted

November 2018



Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP) 2018-2019	Overall: USD 4.4 billion
	WFP share: USD 1.5 billion
WFP Net Funding Requirements (January - June 2019)	
Regional	USD 313.9 million
Egypt	USD 6.8 million
Iraq	USD 2.3 million
Jordan	USD 44.7 million
Lebanon	USD 81.2 million
Turkey	USD 179.1 million

Highlights

- In November, WFP reached approximately 2.4 million refugees from Syria and host community members across Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey through various food assistance programmes (in-kind and cash). In Egypt and Lebanon, WFP is operating under Country Strategic Plans (CSPs), while Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plans (TICSPs) are currently in place in Iraq, Jordan and Turkey.

Situation Updates

Iraq

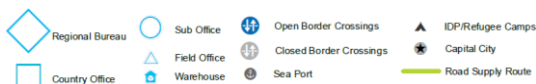
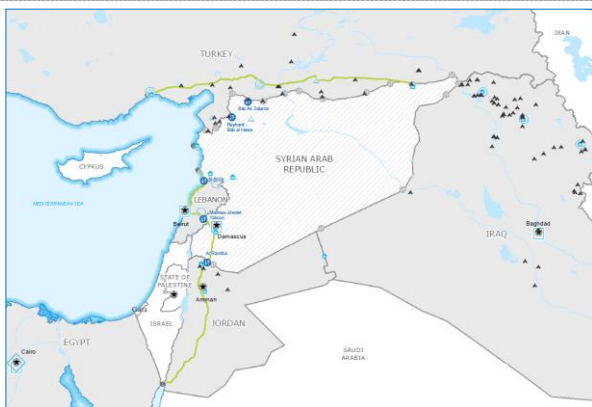
- The fluid security situation is making the operating environment in some governorates increasingly complicated. Military operations and resurgence of armed groups have prompted WFP Iraq to halt operations in Western Anbar for the foreseeable future. The deterioration of the situation in Ninewa, Anbar, and in some areas of Salah al-Din is slowing growing, threatening future resilience activities.

Jordan

- The Nasib border crossing between Syria and Jordan was reopened after being closed for three years. According to UNHCR, 3,852 refugees returned to Syria since the border was reopened. Returns continue to be voluntarily with UN agencies neither promoting nor facilitating refugees returning to Syria.

Turkey

- Gaziantep University announced a detailed "Syrians in Gaziantep" research on 22 October. The study covered 190 neighbourhoods in Gaziantep and included 824 face-to-face interviews. The research was conducted over a period of 1.5 years. Results showed that 56 percent of the refugees want to return to Syria when the situation stabilises; 13 percent have not yet decided; 6 percent have acquired Turkish citizenship; 35.9 percent of Syrians do not intend to apply for Turkish citizenship; 13.5 percent of Syrians received financial or in-kind assistance; and 62.6 percent of Syrians reported never receiving any assistance.



Syria Crisis: WFP Operational Overview

Photo: Bassima has a self-declared knowledge of all the trees in Lebanon, "It's the same as planting at home," she explained while crouching down by her sapling. "I love being in nature and this course gave me the confidence to look for a job in agriculture when I go home to Syria." She is one of WFP Lebanon's livelihoods participants. In exchange for completing a training course in forestry, she receives a stipend from WFP on her electronic card. The project is funded by Germany's BMZ. *WFP/Edward Johnson*

WFP Response



Food and Nutrition Assistance

Egypt

- WFP Egypt supported a total of 81,183 refugees from Syria with general food assistance (GFA) and provided nutrition support to pregnant and lactating women (PLW) through cash-based transfers (CBTs). Each beneficiary received a monthly voucher assistance of EGP 400 (USD 22).
- WFP is currently conducting a “National Gender Gap Analysis for Food Security and Nutrition” to identify gender gaps in roles, capacities, responsibilities, participation, power, access to resources, and vulnerability related to food security and nutrition. The assessment is being undertaken together with the national research centre, Baseera, which runs the National Women Observatory under the National Council for Women, providing an opportunity to link the assessment results to the observatory.
- WFP Egypt resumed the implementation of livelihood resilience activities in November by launching registration to aesthetic activities through a Facebook campaign. Trainings on hair styling, makeup and nail care will be provided by Z Academy targeting 24 participants (120 beneficiaries). Each participant will receive CBT assistance equivalent to EGP 2,000 based on 80 percent attendance in the designated courses.

Iraq

- In November, 45,408 Syrian refugees in camps located in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KR-I) received CBTs through GFA and Food Assistance for Training (FFT). The transfer value amounts to IQD 22,000 (USD 19) per month, and it is disbursed through electronic vouchers or unrestricted cash transfers using WFP’s SCOPE platform.

Jordan

- WFP Jordan supported a total of 574,204 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), while vulnerable refugees received e-cards with a value of JOD 15 (USD 21).
- As of November, 82 percent of Syrians assisted by WFP in host communities are provided with unrestricted cash transfers by either withdrawing their assistance in cash from ATMs or as restricted food vouchers redeemable at WFP-contracted shops, or a combination of both. Results from the ongoing monitoring activities showed that 38 percent of beneficiaries redeemed their assistance as e-vouchers, 47 percent as cash, 13 percent as both, while the remaining did not redeem their assistance yet. The roll-out of this modality will be completed by early 2019.

- WFP, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, concluded the pilot of daily reporting of school meals through the Education Management information system (EMIS). This pilot comes in preparation for the next step of assessing the reporting templates and analysing the gaps before launching this system as a reporting tool for all schools receiving school meals in host community. The system, once launched, will be used by the Ministry of Education to report on the distribution of school snacks under the National School Feeding Programme.

Lebanon

- WFP Lebanon assisted a total of 692,501 Syrian and Palestinian refugees from Syria, as well as vulnerable Lebanese with CBTs through various activities in November. 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.
- In the frame of the collaboration between WFP and the Government of Lebanon (Ministry of Social Affairs) to implement the National Poverty Targeting Programme (NPTP), the results of the targeting exercise have been successfully rolled out and e-card distributions have been completed across Lebanon, reaching 53,000 vulnerable Lebanese with food assistance.

Turkey

- In November, WFP Turkey reached 1.6 million people through CBTs, of which 808,742 are women and 770,772 men. Of these, 1.5 million vulnerable refugees across Turkey received the Emergency Social Safety Net (ESSN) monthly assistance of 120 Turkish liras (USD 22.6) per person to help cover basic needs. In addition, 93,295 beneficiaries in six camps received e-vouchers with a monthly value of TRY 50 (USD 9.4) under the in-camp assistance programme. The ESSN programme remains the largest single cash-based Transfers operation for both WFP and globally.
- The Social Assistance and Solidarity Foundation (SASF) allowance has been officially activated. This allowance will help ensure very vulnerable families not meeting the ESSN demographic criteria can access assistance. The first payment to eligible families is expected to take place in December.
- On 05-08 November, WFP, the Turkish Red Crescent and ECHO conducted a successful ESSN Joint Monitoring Mission (JMM) with the attendance of The Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Security (MoFLSS), the Ministry of Interior’s Directorates General of Migration Management (DGMM) and Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD), and the Vice-Presidency Office. The missions visited ESSN sites in: Balikesir-Izmir, Erzurum-Agri and Sanliurfa-Mardin. The JMM was an opportunity for all partners to observe the achievements and challenges of the programme and to formulate recommendations for the future.

Resourcing Update

- In the refugee-hosting countries across the region, with the current levels of confirmed resources, WFP needs a total of USD 313.9 million to ensure continued lifeline support in the next six months from January to June 2019.

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WFP Operation

	Total Requirements (in USD) (January – June 2019)*	Net Funding Requirements (in USD) (January – June 2019)*	People Assisted (November 2018)	Activities	Modality
Regional	806.7 million	313.9 million	2,398,606		
Egypt	14.3 million	6.8 million	81,183	General Food Assistance Food Assistance for Training Nutrition Support	Cash-Based Transfers
Iraq	6.1 million	2.3 million	45,408	General Food Assistance Food Assistance for Training	Cash-Based Transfers
Jordan	134.3 million	44.7 million	574,204	General Food Assistance Food Assistance for Assets School Meals	In-kind Food Cash-Based Transfers
Lebanon	197.1 million	81.2 million	692,501	General Food Assistance Food Assistance for Assets/Training School Meals	In-kind Food Cash-Based Transfers
Turkey	445.3 million**	179.1 million**	1,579,514	General Food Assistance	Cash-Based Transfers

* Funding update as of 20 December 2018; Pertains to the Syrian refugee response only

** Based on current implementation considerations, no imminent shortfall is expected.