



WFP Jordan Situation Report #17

November - December 2016

In Numbers

655,399 Registered refugees from Syria in Jordan (UNHCR)

529,447 and **531,679** Syrian refugees assisted with E-Card and Paper Vouchers in November and December respectively*

10,094 households assisted with in-kind assistance at the Berm since the start of the cycle in November 2016.

89,000 vulnerable Jordanians assisted

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

Highlights

- On 22 November, WFP resumed its life-saving assistance at the north-eastern border with Syria, the Berm. As of 31 December, 10,094 households received food and non-food items.
- At the end of December, WFP Jordan Country Office concluded all its Regional EMOP 200433, PRRO 200537 and DEV 200478 programmes and projects in preparation for the new Regional PRRO 200987 effective 01 January 2017.

Syrian refugees assisted with E-Cards
Nov -Dec 2016



WFP 6-month Net Funding Requirements (Jan – Jun 2017)

PRRO 200987* (Jan 2017-Dec 2018) **USD 115.8 million**

*All remaining funds from EMOP 200433, DEV 200478, and PRRO 200537 were carried over under the new Regional PRRO 200987 after consultations with donors.

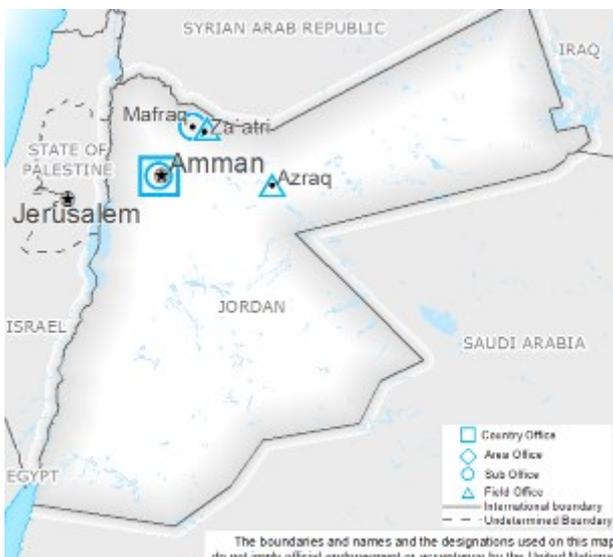


Photo: Two Syrian men at the berm receive emergency food assistance from WFP and its humanitarian partners, on 22 November. WFP/Kelly Stablein

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. 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. On 22 November, WFP, UN agencies, and international and national NGOs resumed the distribution of food and non-food assistance to the affected population. This was the first time WFP was able to reach people stranded at the Berm since August 2016.

WFP Response

- Through EMOP 200433, all eligible Syrian refugees received a monthly cash-based transfer (CBT). Pupils at camp schools received daily nutritious snacks. Welcome meals to new arrivals were provided to registered special cases at camps.
- PRRO 200537 addressed 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 responded to the Government's request for WFP to resume direct food support for school children in poverty pockets. WFP Jordan distributed locally produced date bars three days per week, while the Government provided high energy biscuits and fresh fruit during the remaining two days of the school week. In 2015, WFP started to pilot the Healthy Kitchen, a homegrown school feeding programme. Thus far, WFP reached 12,000 Jordanian school children through Healthy Kitchens.
- The new Regional PRRO 200987 will replace the current EMOP 200433, PRRO 200537 and DEV 200478 starting in January 2017. Efforts under the Regional PRRO in Jordan will focus on more sustainable solutions through human capital and self-reliance support, while providing life-saving food assistance when needed. The PRRO will respond to the needs of refugees and host communities through General Food Assistance, Food for Assets (FFA), Food Assistance for Trainings (FFT), Skills Exchange and Vocational Training and School Meals programme.



Food and Nutrition Assistance

Emergency Operations:

- In November, WFP reached **421,406** Syrian refugees in host communities, and **423,156** people were reached during December. 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 **108,041** Syrian refugees via e-cards in November and **108,523** in December.
- WFP has stimulated the national economy, injecting **USD 651 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 **200** Jordanians and **100** 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.
- In partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture, **5,500** people are benefiting from FFA/FFT activities focusing on forestry, rangeland, animal and plant production all over the country. The programme concluded at the end of November 2016.
- WFP in partnership with National Alliance Against Hunger and Malnutrition (NAJMAH) provided vocational training and on-the-job-training to **1,480** participants in November and **2,000** participants in December in four governorates (Irbid, Zarqa, Amman and Aqaba) while receiving conditional food assistance in the form of E-cards.

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 November and December, the logistics team dispatched **67 mt** of date bars to Save the Children International (SCI) for the school meals programme in Za'atri and Azraq camps.
- Dry rations of **1484 mt** and wheat flour of **459 mt** were transported from the supplier warehouses in Amman to Ramtha borders for the cross-border operation during November. In December, **742 mt** of dry rations and **225 mt** of wheat flour were transported.



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. WFP and the Ministry of Agriculture have consolidated the response through the Food Security Working Group. The response will be sent to Jordan Response Plan secretariat.

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: Moving Forward in Jordan

In 2012, the young couple Abeer and Ibrahim fled from the Syrian town of Daraa' to Ramtha, north of Jordan, with their three children.

Based on WFP's targeting exercise, the family has been classified as a vulnerable household residing in communities and is receiving a monthly food entitlement valued at JOD 10 (USD 14.1) per family member through the E-card Voucher Programme. With the E-card, or "coupon" as Abeer refers to it, she is able to buy a bag of rice, sugar, salt, vermicelli, two chickens, and cooking oil every month.

When asked about her aspirations for her five-year-old daughter Mariam, Abeer says, "I want Mariam to get an education and depend on herself. Some men can be tough on their wives. If she has a job, she can fall back on her salary and rely on herself." She adds, "I wish I had an education. I had to leave school when I was 13. Where I come from, transportation and walking distance to schools were not considered safe."

Abeer's family is one of hundreds of thousands of Syrian refugees living in Jordan who receive regular food assistance from WFP, thanks to support from WFP's donors that have played a crucial role in helping Syrians cope with their life in refuge.

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	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total received (in USD)	6 Months Net Funding Requirements (in USD)	People Assisted	Female	Male
EMOP 200433 (Jul 2012–Dec 2016)	1 billion	798 million	-	529,447 (Nov) 531,679 (Dec)	268,430 (Nov) 269,561 (Dec)	261,017 (Nov) 262,118 (Dec)
PRRO 200537 (Aug 2013–Dec 2016)	62 million	14.3 million	-	89,000 (Nov) 89,000 (Dec)	38,500 (Nov) 38,500 (Dec)	50,500 (Nov) 50,500 (Dec)
DEV 200478 (Dec 2012–Dec 2016)	24 million	18.8 million	-	12,000 ³ (Nov)	6,000 (Nov)	6,000 (Nov)
PRRO 200987¹ (Jan 2017–Dec 2018)	543 million	37.8 million ²	115.8 million			

¹ All remaining funds from EMOP 200433, DEV 200478, and PRRO 200537 were carried over under the new Regional PRRO 200987 after consultations with donors.

² Total received including USD 7 million for year 2018 (multiyear contribution).

³ No distribution was carried out during December since WFP follows the calendar communicated by the Ministry of Education.