Situation Update

- Lebanon hosts 1,048,275 registered Syrian refugees; the world’s largest concentration of refugees in any country compared to its population. The influx is placing a significant strain on Lebanese resources and communities.

- As the Syrian crisis continues, WFP—the world’s largest humanitarian agency fighting hunger—is increasingly relied upon to provide life-saving assistance to an extraordinary number of vulnerable refugees.

- The 2015 multi-sectoral Vulnerability Assessment of Syrian Refugees (VASyR) in Lebanon shows a continuing deterioration of the food security situation among refugees:
  - 70 percent are below the poverty line (USD 3.84 per person per day);
  - 52 percent are below the survival minimum expenditure basket (the minimum food needed to meet 2,100 kilocalories per day);
  - 61 percent are using emergency coping strategies;
  - 11 percent are food insecure; and
  - 23 percent are moderately food insecure.

- Data analysis for the 2016 VASyR is ongoing.

WFP Response

- WFP is providing USD 27 of assistance to the most vulnerable Syrian refugees and Palestinian refugees from Syria through electronic cards and cash transfers each month. E-cards are the principle modality of assistance as local markets are capable of providing sufficient food. Additionally, those e-cards allow beneficiaries to buy the food they want, when they need it.
• WFP provides assistance and financial support to the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA) through its National Poverty Targeting Programme (NPTP). Through the programme, 27,000 vulnerable Lebanese receive USD 30 per month.

• WFP’s #ShareTheMeal campaign achieved its fundraising goal of USD 500,000 to feed 1,400 Syrian children in Beirut for one year. A second goal was launched: another USD 500,000 for 1,500 Syrian children in the Bekaa.

• School meals activities have stopped for summer and will resume in September.

• Since 2013, WFP has directly injected USD 703 million into the Lebanese economy through the e-card platform.

• WFP continues to implement the shop selection component of its retail strategy. Existing and new shops are requested to apply through the expression of interest published in May.

Food and Nutrition Assistance

• In June, WFP assisted 697,765 people in Lebanon: 678,163 Syrian refugees and 19,602 Palestinian refugees from Syria. 27,208 vulnerable Lebanese were also assisted through the National Poverty Targeting Programme (NPTP) to which WFP only provided technical support in June. From July, WFP will be providing USD 27 of the USD 30 distributed to 27,208 vulnerable Lebanese through MoSA’s NPTP.

Clusters and Common Services

Food Security Sector

• Since January, 860,598 people have been reached with food assistance through the Food Security Sector through either e-cards, cash or in-kind assistance. Those assisted include 682,854 displaced Syrians reached with e-cards (99 percent). 41,708 Palestinian refugees from Syria received food assistance through ATM cards and 3,078 with vouchers. 493 Palestinian refugees in Lebanon were assisted with vouchers. 27,208 vulnerable Lebanese were also supported by MoSA’s NPTP. In-kind food parcels and hot meals were provided to complement the food assistance to more than 105,257 refugees and host communities. Among those assisted, 2,616 households received support through community kitchens.

Partnerships

• WFP works closely with the Government of Lebanon and has key relationships with MoSA. WFP is also strengthening relations with the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Education and Higher Education. Maintaining and building upon those relations is key to WFP’s long-term planning as it looks at diversifying interventions.

• For its e-card activities, WFP works with eight non-governmental organisations: Action Contre La Faim, Danish Refugee Council, InterSOS, Mercy Corps, Première Urgence - Aide Médicale Internationale, Save the Children, SHEILD and World Vision.

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