



# WFP Lebanon Country Brief

April 2018

## Operational Context

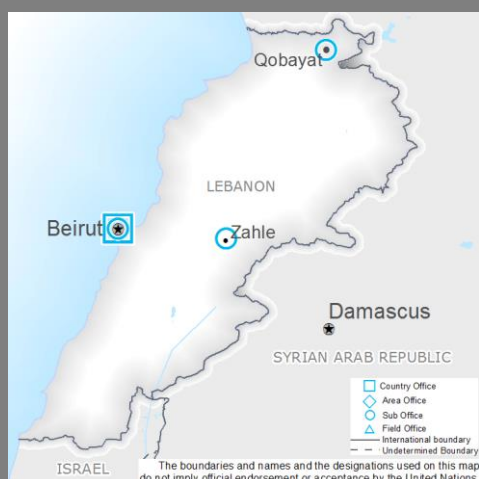
Lebanon is classified as an upper middle income country. The current Human Development Index (HDI) value is 0.763 – in the high human development category – positioning the country at 76 out of 188 countries and territories.

With 6 million people living in a land area of just 10,000 km square on the eastern Mediterranean coast, Lebanon is small and densely populated.

As of March 2018, 991,165 Syrian refugees have been registered in Lebanon by UNHCR. They represent 20 percent of Lebanon’s population. The massive influx of refugees has placed significant strain on existing resources and host communities.

WFP and UNICEF support a UNDP-led rapid poverty assessment of the Lebanese population. The assessment contributes towards the creation of a food security baseline of the Lebanese.

WFP has been present in Lebanon since 2012.



Population: **6.0 million**

2016 Human Development Index:  
**76 out of 188**

Income Level: **Upper Middle**

Gross National Income per capita:  
**US\$ 13,312**

Main Photo

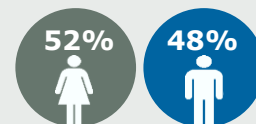
Credit: Yasmine Kara  
Caption: Hiba and her twin brothers, during a visit with the Australian Embassy to the Bekaa valley.

## In Numbers

**US\$23.3 m** cash based transfers made in April

**US\$91.6 m** six months (May-October 2018) net funding requirements

**740,000 people** assisted in April 2018



## Programmatic Updates

- Following the creation of Dalili, an app aimed at providing beneficiaries with the opportunity to compare prices across WFP contracted shops to maximize their purchasing power, WFP has released Matjari, the shop-owner version. The app allows shop owners to update prices and promotions of their products as well as upload inventories of their shops, using both Apple and Google platforms. The prices uploaded are matched to complement the price information displayed on Dalili.
- Building on WFP’s retail and livelihoods strategies, a second farmers market was established, allowing vulnerable Lebanese and Syrian refugees to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables directly through the Points of Sale POS, using their e-cards. The market takes place every Monday at Al Marj, Bekaa.
- A price monitoring study was conducted by WFP to evaluate price fluctuations among WFP contracted and non-contracted shops. Results of the study demonstrated that WFP contracted shops are 4.43% lower than non-contracted ones. The study and data analysis was conducted based on data of non-contracted shops shared by Nielsen, a leading global information and measurement company providing market research and data.
- Under its livelihood programme for 2018, WFP launched a new recycling activity in April in partnership with local NGO LiveLoveLebanon and the Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED). As a result, 40 Lebanese and Syrian participants are trained to ride electric bikes, collecting bagged recycling from residences in Beirut and delivering it to a contracted recycling facility. The activity is providing an income to vulnerable participants and filling a gap in the local recycling market. The LiveLoveRecycle app can be downloaded on Android devices.

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## WFP Country Strategy

Total Requirement (in USD)	Confirmed Contributions (in USD)	Six Months (May-October) Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
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### Country Strategic Plan (2018 - 2020)

885.5 m	264.8 m	91.6 m
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## WFP Country Activities

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**SO 1** Unconditional resource transfers to support access to food (CBTs)  
School meal activities (cash and in-kind)

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**SO 2** Individual capacity strengthening activities (CBTs)  
Asset-creation and livelihood support activities (CBTs)

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**SO 3** Unconditional resource transfers to support access to food (CBT)

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**SO 4** Institutional capacity strengthening activities

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