



# WFP Jordan

## Situation Report #1

January 2017

## In Numbers

**655,895** Registered refugees from Syria in Jordan (UNHCR)

**531,946** Syrian refugees assisted with e-card and paper vouchers in January\*

**15,290 households** assisted at the berm since November 2016

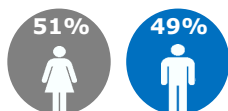
**5,825** Vulnerable Jordanians and Syrian refugees assisted through food assistance-for-assets and food assistance-for-training activities

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

## Highlights

- During January, WFP concluded the first cycle of life-saving assistance at the north-eastern border (berm). As of 31 January, 15,290 households received food and non-food items representing 100 percent of the estimated stranded population.
- WFP teamed up with Chef Manal Al-Alem for the "Healthy Not Hungry" dinner held at the Landmark Hotel in Amman, Jordan. The dinner featured locally grown ingredients, with the goal to show the benefits of local, diverse ingredients.

Syrian refugees assisted with E-Cards January 2017

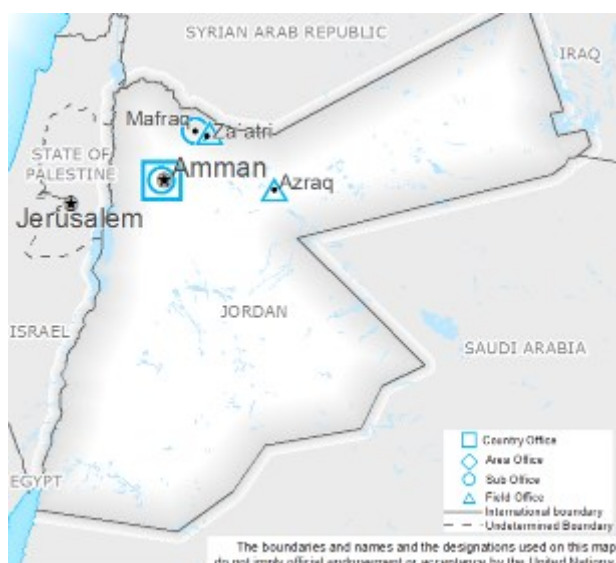


GENDER MARKER 2A PRRO 200987

## WFP Jordan PRRO 200987: Total Project Requirements (2017-2018)\*

USD 548 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:** Salma is one of hundreds of Jordanians benefiting from WFP's food assistance-for-training programme. Credit: WFP/ Yousef Zabalawi

## Situation Update

- Approximately 79 percent of registered Syrian refugees live in host communities, whereas 21 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 60,000 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

- The Regional PRRO 200987 will focus on sustainable solutions through human capital and self-reliance support to refugees and host communities in Jordan, while providing life-saving food assistance when needed. The PRRO will respond to the needs of refugees and host communities through various programmes.
- WFP will continue its General Food Assistance (GFA) via e-voucher to 500,000 Syrian refugees vulnerable to food insecurity in camps and communities. Assistance for new arrivals through temporary paper vouchers (New Arrival Voucher & General Voucher Distribution) will also continue, until people are enrolled into WFP's regular e-voucher programme. In-kind GFA will be used at the Jordanian-Syrian border (berm), as in this context, it is the most effective modality of assistance.
- WFP will expand its home-grown school meals model, the Healthy Kitchen project, in poverty pockets across the Kingdom. The Healthy Kitchen model will also be implemented inside refugee camps. The plan is to replace WFP's current school meals programme – distribution of date bars – with healthy meals from the Healthy Kitchen initiative. The initiative provides Jordanian and Syrian women with income generating activities to prepare fresh healthy meals for school children attending public schools in camps and outside the camps.
- WFP will continue to enhance the self-reliance of Jordanians vulnerable to food insecurity and Syrians, while reducing dependency on humanitarian assistance. Therefore, WFP will increase the implementation of livelihood activities under the PRRO.



## Food and Nutrition Assistance

### Emergency Operations:

- In January, WFP provided assistance to 222,385 extremely vulnerable and 201,293 vulnerable Syrian refugees in host communities.
- At both refugee camps (Za'atri and Azraq), WFP reached a total of 108,268 Syrian refugees with cash transfers of JOD 20 (USD 28).
- 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.

### Livelihood and Resilience:

- In partnership with UNDP, the joint skills exchange activity supported 735 Jordanians and Syrians in Mafraq and Irbid, half of which are women. Skills included food production, construction, carpentry and agriculture.
- Under the FFA programme, Jordanian participants received USD 14.1 against each day of attendance. In January, 398 participants benefited from the activity, of whom 50 percent are women.
- In collaboration with UN Women and Royal Health Awareness Society, WFP started the implementation of its FFA activity under the Healthy Kitchen Project. During January, 32 Syrian participants in Azraq and Za'atri camps received USD 14.1 daily.

### Support for the national school feeding programme:

- In January, WFP was able to reach 20,496 students in formal and informal schools inside the refugee camps via date bars distribution.
- Due to winter break, no date bars/healthy meals distribution took place in January in support of the National School Meals Programme. The programme will resume in February.



## Supply Chain

- A new tender for "Syria cross border operation" was issued to cover the requirement of dry entitlement for 6 months. A new food supply agreement was established with new supplier for a total quantity of 6,970.26 mt (168,120 Parcels).
- A monthly physical inventory for Karama, Amman and Za'atari WFP warehouses was carried out on 31 January. All reports were cleared on LESS with zero discrepancies. Warehouse rent contracts were extend to February 2017.



## 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.
- In January, The Jordan Response Plan (JRP) which incorporates the cluster inputs was approved by the government. The JRP 2017-19 is a three-year plan that

seeks to address the needs and vulnerabilities of Syrian refugees and Jordanian people, communities and institutions affected by the crisis. It incorporates refugee and resilience responses into one comprehensive vulnerability assessment and one single plan for each sector, thereby placing the resilience of the people in need and of the national systems at the core of the response.

## 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), NRC, Royal Health Awareness Society, Relief International, SCI, UN Women, UNDP, UNICEF, UNHCR and World Vision International.

## Story: Overcoming Hardships

Nineteen year-old, Salma Raheem is particularly busy compared to most girls her age. Not only does Salma study in university, but she also works fulltime at an oil factory in the north of the country through WFP's food assistance-for-training programme. Through the programme, Salma is trained on food production and processing and receives conditional assistance at the value of USD 6 through the e-cards against each day of attendance for the duration of 4 months.

The management team at the factory accommodates to Salma's driven schedule, allowing her to alternate between her studies and work each month.

When Salma entered university, her family pushed her to pursue a career in nursing. But instead, she found her passion through studying Nutrition and Food Engineering. As a result of going against her families wishes by studying nutrition, Salma has been subject to certain hardships.

"My father cut me off from all financial support for a while. I couldn't pay for my studies," Salma shares. "I have a long way to go. I finished one year of studies and have four years left. But I will persevere. Through my work I am able to support my family in the best way I can."

Salma's dream is to support her mother in the same way she has relentlessly supported Salma throughout her life. She was brought to tears at the thought of relieving her mother's stress by making her proud of her efforts at the factory. The training programme equips participants like Salam with the required skills qualifying them for the labour market.

WFP's food assistance-for-training programme which is implemented in partnership with National Alliance Against Hunger and Malnutrition (NAJMAH) opens opportunities for Jordanians such as Salma to work and pursue both careers and their dreams. The programme supports participants so that they can move forward and support themselves, just as Salma has found pride in taking care of her mother.

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	Total Requirements (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements 2017 <sup>2</sup> (in USD)	People Assisted	Female	Male
<b>PRRO 200987<sup>1</sup> (Jan 2017-Dec 2018)</b>	548 million	69.6 million	563,751	287,513	276,238

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

<sup>2</sup> March-August 2017, includes solid pledges and forecasts