



WFP Syria Crisis Regional Response Situation Report

July 2018

In Numbers

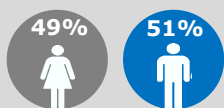
5.6 million refugees from Syria

3.0 million Syrian refugees assisted in July

USD 3.9 billion injected into local economies of Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey through cash-based transfers, local food procurement and other

People assisted

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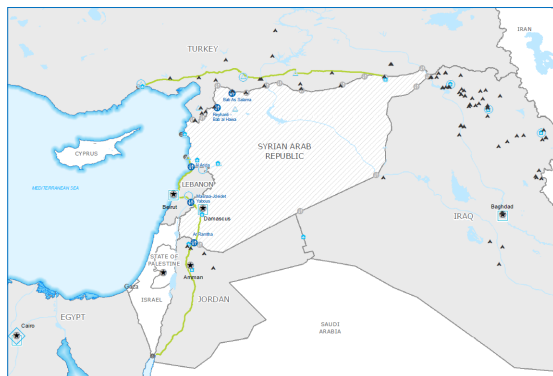


Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP) 2018-2019
Overall: US\$ 4.4 billion
WFP share: US\$ 1.5 billion

WFP Net Funding Requirements (September 2018 – February 2019)*

Regional	US\$ 266.4 million
Egypt	US\$ 15.1 million
Iraq	US\$ 2.4 million
Jordan	US\$ 135.3 million
Lebanon	US\$ 105.9 million
Turkey	US\$ 7.7 million

* As of 30 August 2018. Figures pertain to the Syria regional refugee response only.



Syria Crisis: WFP Operational Overview

Highlights

- In July, WFP reached an estimated 3.0 million refugees – out of a total of 5.6 million registered Syrian refugees – and host community members across Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey through various food and cash-based assistance programmes under the Country Strategic Plan (CSPs) in Egypt and Lebanon and Transitional Interim CSPs in the three countries.
- Self-organized refugee returns registered by UNHCR in 2018 totalled only 15,714, indicating a slowing in the last five months – compared with 51,000 returns in 2017. The UN maintains that it does not promote refugee returns to Syria until conditions for voluntary, safe and dignified returns are in place.

Situation Update

Regional

- As of July 2018, there are around 5.6 million refugees from Syria in the neighbouring countries of Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey.

Egypt

- The International Monetary Fund maintained a favourable outlook on Egypt's economy in its third major review of the country's loan programme on July 12, but warned against the risks of rising fuel prices and an investor exit from emerging markets. Despite the increase in GDP growth rates and the improvement in fiscal balances, there is an increasing burden of rising cost of living especially for the poorest and most vulnerable population, including Syrian refugees.

Iraq

- Iraq's parliament had mandated a nationwide manual recount following allegations of fraud. The manual processing of votes commenced on 3 July at the provincial electoral offices in Kirkuk, Sulaymaniyah, Erbil, Dohuk, Ninewa, Salah Al-Din, and Anbar. The recount excludes Baghdad, where a storage site holding half of Baghdad's ballot boxes was burnt earlier this month in an incident.

Jordan

- Border crossing missions through Ramtha towards Syria were suspended due to the ongoing fights in south Syria where the Syrian forces and its allies are making swift progress on the ground towards Golan Heights.

Lebanon

- Discussions between the governments of Lebanon and Russia concerning the movement of Syrian refugees from Lebanon and Jordan to Syria is ongoing. No reported progress to date, although UN agencies continue to coordinate the changes in refugee presence in Lebanon.

Turkey

- Until 18 August, Turkey will open border crossings to allow Syrians planning to celebrate Eid al-Adha to travel from Kilis. They will be allowed to return to Turkey until 3 September. Earlier in June, during the period of Ramadan, about 83,000 Syrians temporarily visited their home country and returned to Turkey.



WFP Response

Food and Nutrition Assistance

Egypt

- WFP Egypt supported a total of 80,736 refugees from Syria and host community members with cash-based transfers through General Food Assistance (GFA) and nutrition support to pregnant and nursing women. Each beneficiary received a monthly voucher assistance worth EGP 400 (USD 22).
- WFP Egypt's CSP (2018-2023), valued at USD 454 million, commenced in July, focusing on strengthening national capacity to tackle the underlying causes of vulnerability to food insecurity and malnutrition while responding to humanitarian needs.
- The Q2 2018 Food Security and Outcome Monitoring (FSOM) results show that assisted refugees from Syria had improved food security outcomes across all indicators compared with the same quarter in 2017, and has been relatively stable over 2018, with 81 percent of beneficiaries having acceptable food consumption. Additionally, both assisted and non-assisted households relied on consuming less food and reducing the number of meals consumed daily to cope with constrained access to food.

Iraq

- WFP Iraq reached a total of 61,817 Syrian refugees settled in camps in Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KR-I) with CBTs through GFA and Food Assistance for Training (FFT) in July. Each beneficiary of either unrestricted cash transfers or e-vouchers received either 6,000 IQD/day (USD 5) or 12,000 IQD/day (USD 10) depending on the IT cycle of the activity (basic or advanced and microwork cycles), disbursed through electronic vouchers or unrestricted cash transfers using the SCOPE platform.
- In July, 385 people participated in the activities under the Tech for Food project implemented in Sulaymaniyah, Dohuk, Erbil and Ninewa governorates. The project targets Syrian refugees, but also displaced Iraqis and host communities. The participants receive training on advance digital skills, such as Graphic Design/Adobe Photoshop, Social Media Marketing, Programming, Front End Design (Web/App design), and Data Analysis.
- Results from the Joint Vulnerability Assessment (JVA) for Syrian Refugees in Iraq by WFP, UNHCR and the Kurdistan Region Statistics Office show that although the vast majority of the Syrian refugee population in the KR-I is able to acquire sufficient food for an active and healthy life, an estimated 17,000 Syrian refugees (7 percent of the total refugee population) remain food insecure.

Jordan

- WFP Jordan supported a total of 650,078 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 20 (USD 28), and vulnerable refugees through e-cards with a value of JOD 10 (USD 14).
- WFP continued to produce fresh green fodder under the hydroponics pilot project. The produce is marketed locally at subsidized prices to livestock owners. This model uses 80 percent less space and 90 percent less water. WFP also continued the implementation of its livelihood activities providing around 700 work opportunities in forestry, plantation and animal production for vulnerable Jordanians and Syrian refugees in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture.

Lebanon

- WFP Lebanon assisted a total of 690,906 Syrian refugees and vulnerable Lebanese in July. Of this, under the GFA, WFP continued to provide assistance through multiple delivery mechanisms: 344,086 beneficiaries were supported through food-restricted e-cards, redeemable at any WFP-contracted shops; 166,701 beneficiaries through cash-for-food e-cards, redeemable at either WFP-contracted shops or ATMs throughout the country; and 133,758 beneficiaries through multipurpose cash for essential needs e-cards, redeemable at either WFP-contracted shops or ATMs throughout the country.
- Through a partnership with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, WFP also supported a total of 15,693 Palestinian refugees from Syria during the month.
- Nutrition Summer Camps are implemented by International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), WFP's cooperating partner in the school meals programme, and volunteers. IOCC is delivering nutritional education sessions, along with psycho-social sessions, physical and sports activities. More than 400 Syrian and Lebanese boys and girls took part in the Summer Camps in July.

Turkey

- WFP, in partnership with the Turkish Red Crescent (TRC/Kızılay) and the Turkish Government, with funding from the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO), continued to deliver aid through the Emergency Social Safety Net (ESSN), the world's largest humanitarian multi-purpose cash programme. In July, the ESSN reached 1,375,753 people, with a net increase of 14,410 from the previous month. Additionally, WFP continues its support to 136,000 refugees in ten camps across the southeast of Turkey, with a monthly e-voucher worth 50 Turkish Liras (USD 11) provided to each person to buy food in participating shops. The Turkish Government provides an additional 50 TL on a separate card for food and non-food items. In-camp price monitoring during June 2018 showed the cost of the average food basket in WFP/TRC-contracted shops was 100 TL (USD 22).
- The analysis of the first quarter ESSN remote post-distribution monitoring data collection process was completed in the second quarter of 2018. Results showed significant decline in beneficiary use of food, debt and livelihood-related coping strategies, indicating improvements in their ability to meet their basic needs. Also, a discernible increase was observed in regular school attendance for households receiving both Conditional Cash Transfers for Education assistance and ESSN assistance. Beneficiaries now have better food consumption and make less frequent use of coping strategies than non-beneficiaries.

Resourcing Update

- To ensure continued lifeline support in the next six months from September 2018 until February 2019, WFP needs a total of USD 266.4 million for the regional refugee response. WFP requires an average of USD 45.6 million per month in order to reach 3 million people in the region.

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WFP Operation

	Total Requirements 2018 (in USD)	Net Funding Requirements in 2018 (in USD) (September 2018 - February 2019)**	People Assisted (July 2018)	Activities	Modality
Combined TICSPs/CSP	1368.5 million	266.4 million	3.0 million		
Egypt*	16.8 million	15.1 million	80,736	General Food Assistance Food Assistance for Training Nutrition Support	Cash-Based Transfers
Iraq*	27.6 million	2.4 million	61,817	General Food Assistance Food Assistance for Training	Cash-Based Transfers
Jordan	259.3 million	135.3 million	650,078	General Food Assistance Food Assistance for Assets	In-kind Food Cash-Based Transfers
Lebanon	326.2 million	105.9 million	690,906	General Food Assistance Food Assistance for Assets/ Training	In-kind Food Cash-Based Transfers
Turkey	738.6 million***	7.7 million***	136,453 (in-camp) 1,512,206 (ESSN)	General Food Assistance	Cash-Based Transfers

* Pertains to the refugee response only

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***In-camp support only