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# WFP Lebanon Country Brief July 2018



## Operational Context

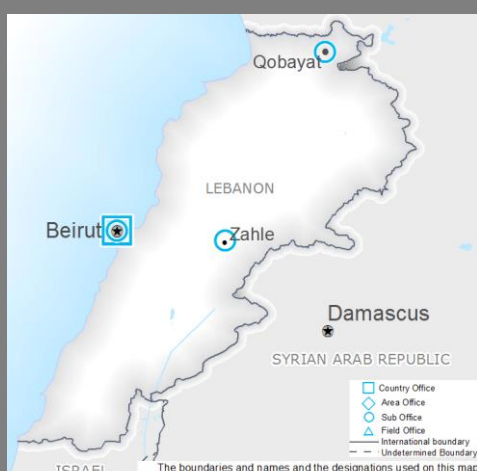
Lebanon is classified as an upper middle-income country. The current Human Development Index (HDI) value is 0.763 – in the high human development category – positioning the country at 76 out of 188 countries and territories.

With six 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 May 2018, 976,002 Syrian refugees have been registered in Lebanon by UNHCR. They represent 16 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**

2015 Human Development Index:  
**76 out of 188**

Income Level: **Upper middle**

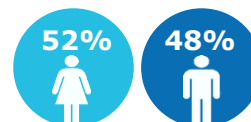
Gross National Income per capita:  
**US\$13,312**

## In Numbers

**US\$22.8 m** cash-based transfers made

**US\$115.7 m** six months (September 2018 – February 2019) net funding requirements

**690,906 m** people assisted  
in JULY 2018



## Operational Updates

- During the summer of 2018, approximately 1,000 Lebanese and Syrian children have attended the second round of nutrition summer camps. A total of six camps, spread out across Lebanon, provided children the opportunity to build their life-skills and participate in psychosocial activities. Thanks to the active participation of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE), WFP was able to develop dynamic content for children and instructors together.
- Under its livelihoods programme, WFP Lebanon has produced the first round of results for the first half of 2018. Mid-year targets have been achieved for rehabilitation/construction of small-scale agriculture infrastructure as well as reforestation and forestation conservation activities. The range of activities included rehabilitation and construction of irrigation channels (19.7 km against the 45 km planned), roads (2.3 km against the 4.6 km planned), tree planting (45,290 against 113,000 planned), rehabilitation of community micro-gardening (1 against 3 planned), construction and rehabilitation of farmers' markets (2 against 1 planned) as well as skills and vocational trainings, enterprise/value chain development trainings (958 against 1,000 planned).

## Monitoring

- In an effort to contribute to strengthening the capacity of the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA) through the National Poverty Targeting Programme (NPTP), WFP Lebanon conducted a training for WFP sub-office staff and government counterparts, as well as provided tablets for data collection.
- Outcome results on retention rate for the School Snack programme 2017-2018 have been generated, following analysis of the data and shared with relevant stakeholders.

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## Country Strategic Plan (2018-2020)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) (September 2018 – February 2019)
<b>885.5 m</b>	<b>319.0 m</b>	<b>115.7 m</b>

## Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

**Strategic Outcome 1:** Food-insecure refugees – including school-age children – and crisis-affected host populations have access to life-saving, nutritious and affordable food throughout the year

**Focus area:** Crisis response

## Activities:

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

## Strategic Result 3: Smallholders have improved food security and nutrition through improved productivity and incomes

**Strategic Outcome 2:** Vulnerable women and men in targeted refugee and Lebanese communities sustainably improve their skills, capacities and livelihood opportunities by 2020

**Focus area:** Resilience-building

## Activities:

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

## Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

**Strategic Outcome 3:** Vulnerable populations in Lebanon are enabled to meet their basic food needs all year long

**Focus area:** Root causes

## Activities:

- Unconditional resources transfers to support access to food (CBT)

## Strategic Result 8: Sharing of knowledge, expertise and technology, strengthen global partnership support to country efforts to achieve the SDGs

**Strategic Outcome 4:** National institutions and national and international humanitarian actors are supported in their efforts to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of their assistance

**Focus area:** Crisis response

## Activities:

- Institutional capacity strengthening activities

## Challenges

- Based on the current resources available, USD 93.2 million in additional funding is needed to ensure continued assistance until end of January 2019 (August 2018 – January 2019), while USD 53 million is needed to cover current shortfalls until end of the year. Without sufficient funding, severely vulnerable people may not receive assistance with life-threatening consequences and risks of social instability in the country.

## How Lebanese summer camps are nourishing future generations

Eleven-year-olds Eliane and Nazaa have been going to the same Beirut school for a year. But they only met this year when school closed for summer. Eliane is Lebanese and Nazaa is Syrian. As they attend a double-shift school, their paths only cross when Eliane leaves at midday and Nazaa enters through the gates to attend the second shift.



Photo: WFP/Edward Johnson

They attend one of 39 schools participating in the WFP's school snack programme run in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE) and implemented by International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC). During term time, they receive a daily snack pack that includes locally-made nutritious treats and attend regular nutrition classes. During summer, 1,000 of them have the chance to attend one of six nutrition camps across the country.

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