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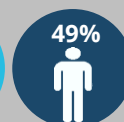
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WFP Jordan Country Brief May 2019

In Numbers

652,342 people assisted
in May 2019



486,231 Syrian refugees assisted through cash-based transfers

260,000 Jordanians and Syrian refugees receiving in-kind assistance (dates)

USD 77.6 m six months (June - November 2019)
net funding requirements

Operational Context

Jordan is an upper middle-income country, with a population of 10 million, of which 2.9 million are non-citizens, including refugees. Jordan is also a resource-poor, food-deficit country with limited agricultural land, no energy resources and a scarce water supply.

Nationwide, 0.5 percent of Jordanian households are considered food insecure and an additional 5.7 percent are vulnerable to food insecurity. Over 15.7 percent of the population lives below the poverty line and a third is considered transient poor. Analysis from the International Labour Organisation (ILO) further shows that poverty over the life cycle is concentrated among children in Jordan, particularly among those between the ages of 5 and 12, the proportion reaching 20 percent for this age group. WFP's 2018 Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability Assessment shows a worsening food security situation among Syrian refugees in Jordan.

According to the Department of Statistics, unemployment soared to 19 percent during the first quarter of 2019 - an increase by 0.6 percent compared to the first quarter of 2018. The unemployment rate among men stood at 16.4 percent compared to 28.9 percent among women.

WFP has been present in Jordan since 1964.



Population: **10 million**

2018 Human Development Index: **95 out of 188**

Income Level: **Upper Middle**

2017 Gender Inequality Index: **108**

Operational Updates

- In May, Prime Minister Omar Razzaz launched the expansion of the National Aid Fund (NAF) assistance programme, resulting in the largest national programme for social protection in the history of Jordan, at a cost of up to JOD 200 million, over the duration of three years. WFP, in coordination with the World Bank, UNICEF, and others, has been closely working with NAF on the expansion programme and will continue to provide technical support on several work streams: beneficiary validation, evaluation, payments, and grievances mechanisms.
- WFP and REACH launched the Jordan Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability Assessment (CFSVA) report. The assessment provides the most recent findings on the food security and vulnerability of registered Syrian refugees. It also serves as a baseline for other populations of interest, vulnerable Jordanians, Palestine Refugee from Syria and non-Syrian registered refugees, as well as it sheds the light on the complexities of determining vulnerability to food insecurity. The findings of the CFSVA will enable WFP to revise existing targeting criteria based on the characteristics of the people in greatest need of assistance.
- Within the framework of the partnerships with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), WFP launched a Request for Proposals to select the payment service provider to conduct a mobile money pilot in Jordan. The pilot will be in Mafrq governorate targeting about 300 families and expected to start in August.
- Syrian refugees living in host communities continued to receive unrestricted cash transfers that can be withdrawn from ATMs or restricted food vouchers that are redeemable at WFP-contracted shops, or a combination of both, in 11 out of 12 governorates. According to the Food Security

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Photo: Nihaya is an inspiring woman, who started her journey with WFP and is now inspiring women in her community to adopt the hydroponics agricultural technique to support their families.
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Country Strategic Plan (2018-2019)

Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)
505.3 m	351.8 m
2019 Requirements (in USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) (June - November 2019)
265.3 m	77.6 m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Food-insecure Syrian refugees, including school-aged children have access to safe, adequate and nutritious food.

Focus area: Crisis Response

Activities:

- Provide unconditional resource transfers to Syrian refugees.
- Provide school meals and nutrition related communication and behavioural change activities to refugee children.

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food.

Strategic Outcome 2: Vulnerable Jordanians, including school-aged children are enabled to meet their basic food and nutrition needs.

Focus area: Resilience Building

Activities:

- Provide unconditional resource transfers to vulnerable Jordanians.
- Provide school meals and nutrition related communication and behavioural change activities to children in host communities.

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

Strategic Outcome 3: Vulnerable women and men in targeted refugee and Jordanian communities sustainably improve their skills, capacities, and livelihood opportunities.

Focus area: Resilience Building

Activities:

- Provide asset creation and livelihood support activities including through individual capacity strengthening to vulnerable Syrians and Jordanians.

Outcome Monitoring, dietary diversity of Syrian refugees receiving unconditional cash transfers increased. Refugees also reported higher purchasing power.

- WFP in Jordan and the WFP Innovation Accelerator in Munich organized the first Hydroponics workshop in Jordan, under the patronage of His Excellency the minister of Agriculture and Environment. The objective was to bring stakeholders working/interested in hydroponics in Jordan together to share information, experiences and look into potential areas of partnerships and complementarities.
- In line with the objective of strengthening local capacities and investing in communities, WFP handed over the high-technology fodder production unit to a local community-based organization (CBO) in Azraq. WFP will continue to work closely with the CBO on the use of the hydroponics unit to create work opportunities for vulnerable families and

supporting farmers who received the low-technology fodder production units.

- WFP and the Ministry of Agriculture launched a project to enhance the food security of the most vulnerable families in Jordan through activities that focus on forestry, rangeland improvement, maintenance of water infrastructures and water harvesting and the introduction of water conservation techniques. Activities started in May and will continue until the end of 2019.
- WFP and the National Agriculture Research Centre held discussions to further strengthen their partnership in areas related to agriculture, including hydroponics, climate change, training and support to vulnerable smallholder farmers and pastoralists.

Partnerships

- Ms Rachael Moore, the Director of Humanitarian Non-Governmental Organizations & Partnerships Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia, visited Azraq refugee camp accompanied by His Excellency Mr. Miles Armitage, the Australian Ambassador to Jordan. During their visit to one of the WFP-contracted shops inside the camp, the Australian delegation was briefed on iris-scan and the blockchain technology used to support over 37,000 Syrian refugees in Azraq refugee camp. The Australian Government, through multi-year contribution, supports WFP activities in Jordan targeting vulnerable Jordanians and Syrian refugees.
- WFP held a signing ceremony with King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre for the donation of 480 metric tonnes of dates to support 260,000 vulnerable Jordanians and Syrian refugees.

Story from the Field

Nihaya Hussein from Azraq City, Jordan, is a widow mother of three. Nihaya worked with WFP to obtain training on hydroponic growing techniques and is now able to feed her livestock with fresh and healthy fodder, while gaining income and passing on knowledge to her neighbours. She dreams of expanding her project and helping her friends and family even more! Find out more about her story [here](#).

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