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## WFP Lebanon Country Brief June 2019

## In Numbers



**721,404 people assisted**  
in June 2019

**US\$ 23 m** cash-based transfers made

**US\$ 113.6 m** six months (July–December 2019) net funding requirements

## 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 80 out of 188 countries and territories.

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

As of May 2019, 935,454 Syrian refugees have been registered in Lebanon by UNHCR. The massive influx of refugees has placed a significant strain on existing resources and host communities.

The Lebanon Country Strategic Plan, which came into effect in January 2018, is aligned with the Government-endorsed Lebanon Crisis Response Plan (2017–2020), the United Nations Strategic Framework (2017–2020), the Ministry of Agriculture Strategy (2015–2019) and WFP’s Vision 2020. It positions WFP as a major partner of the Government and other United Nations agencies in crisis response and towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

WFP has been present in Lebanon since 2012.



Population: **6.0 million**

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

Income Level: **Upper middle**

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

## Operational Updates

- In June, WFP successfully assisted a total of 721,404 people through its cash-based transfer modalities amounting to USD 23,358,231. Of the assisted people, 640,819 were Syrian refugees, 14,241 were Palestinian refugees, 8,942 were refugees of other nationalities, and 57,402 were vulnerable Lebanese.
- In June, through livelihoods activities, 1,362 Syrian refugees and 1,385 vulnerable Lebanese participated in trainings that included technical and vocational education and trainings, foundational skills, food preservation, digital skills, and life skills. These activities aim to sustainably improve the access to food while enhancing skills, capacities, and livelihood opportunities for vulnerable women and men in targeted refugee and Lebanese communities. WFP collaborates with 14 organizations including local and international NGOs, the Chamber of Commerce, and an academic institution in about 155 different municipalities throughout Lebanon.
- The first cycle of the quarterly self-validation exercise that started in May will be concluded on 14 July. As of 05 June, 84 percent or 19,162 of the 22,904 targeted multi-purpose cash (MPC) cases for this cycle have been validated. At over 100 locations, beneficiaries can carry out self-validation through biometric technology. Validations allow WFP to ensure that the right beneficiaries are receiving assistance,
- The National Poverty Targeting Programme (NPTP) Food will scale up from the current 10,000 households to 15,000 beginning September. Preparatory activities are currently undertaken by WFP and the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA) to select the next 5,000 beneficiary households of the programme.
- WFP continued to prepare for this year’s summer camps for Syrian and Lebanese children. The camps will take place between July and September. These day camps aim to improve the overall health and nutrition knowledge of students aged 11-14 years attending the WFP-assisted public schools under the school snacks programme. The nutrition-inspired activities will be conducted through a variety of games, craft sessions, and physical or social activities, incorporating gender sensitivity when needed.

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**Photo Caption:** Her Royal Highness, Countess of Wessex meeting Asma and her children who receive WFP multi-purpose cash assistance. WFP/Edward Johnson

## WFP Country Strategy

### Country Strategic Plan (2017-2021)

Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)
<b>1.25 bn</b>	<b>633.1 m</b>
2019 Requirements (in USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) (July–December 2019)
<b>413.3 m</b>	<b>113.6 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 resource 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

## Partnerships

- WFP recently launched the call for proposals for the 2019/2020 selection of partners for WFP's Food Assistance for Assets (FFA) projects in pre-selected most vulnerable municipalities. WFP aims to ensure that FFA activities meet the following criteria: maintain gender equality and equity; are inclusive of persons living with disabilities (PWD); and inclusion of both vulnerable Lebanese and displaced Syrians throughout all stages of the project development. These proposals are currently under review and the selected partners will start implementation of the projects in July and August 2019.

## Monitoring

- Training on qualitative data collection was provided to WFP staff and cooperating partners in June. The overarching research question is to answer, "the impact of discontinuation of assistance on the situation of Syrian refugees in Lebanon in terms mental and emotional wellbeing, social relation, and their contribution to the local economy". Data collection is expected to start in July and be compiled in August.
- M&E process data collection for the school snack camps started across all field offices.
- Self-validation monitoring is ongoing. Results and lessons learned from the multi-purpose cash caseload are expected to be generated second week of July.

## Story Worth Telling

Fatima sits on a grubby mat beneath a whirring electric fan. There's nothing else in the room since she sold most of belongings to buy food and pay rent. There's just one other room — a dark and damp kitchen-cum bathroom. This is where Fatima lives with her six children.

"I have a burner but only cook rice on it. And we eat two bags of bread a day. It's filling but not the best," she says.



Fatima and five of her children. Photo: WFP/Ziad Rizkallah

The family receives cash from WFP that Fatima withdraws from an ATM. From that point onwards, she decides where and how to spend it. For most vulnerable families in Lebanon, like Fatima's, survival is possible only thanks to generous multi-purpose cash contributions. Click [here](#) to read Fatima's full story.

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