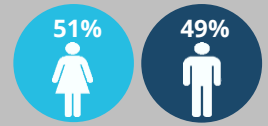




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In Numbers

652,607 people assisted
in July 2019



497,559 refugees assisted through cash-based transfers

153,363 Jordanians receiving in-kind assistance

USD 102.7 m six months (August- 2019 - January 2020) 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

- Based on the Government of Jordan's (GoJ) request, WFP, in collaboration with other actors, is providing technical and financial assistance estimated at over USD 2.3 million for 2019 in support of the National Aid Fund (NAF) expansion programme. As part of this assistance, WFP is supporting NAF with the validation of 30,000 households through household visits. The household validation, which will continue until mid-September, will enable NAF to verify the data of registered households to determine their eligibility to be enrolled in its assistance programme.
- As of July, WFP extended its support to refugees of other nationalities than Syrians and residing in host communities. Over 11,000 refugees received WFP unrestricted cash assistance valued at USD 32 (JOD 23) per person redeemable at ATMs, contracted shops or both.
- WFP and Dar Abu Abdullah (DAA) signed an agreement to provide young Jordanians (aged 18 - 30 years) from vulnerable families with sustainable economic empowerment opportunities through vocational training in the food production and hospitality sectors. Under this activity, WFP and DAA will prioritize young women and people living with disabilities.
- Through its partnership with Takyit Um Ali (TUA), WFP distributed cooking oil and dates to some 153,400 vulnerable Jordanians, complementary to TUA's food basket consisting of 24 food items that include all the basic nutritional elements to fulfil the needs of a family for an entire month. WFP also distributed dates to 110,000 Syrian refugees living in camps.

Country Strategic Plan (2018-2019)

Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)
505.3 m	352.2 m
2019 Requirements (in USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) (August 2019 – January 2020)
265.3 m	102.7 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.

- Based on the GoJ's request, WFP in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Development will be extending its support to 10,000 additional vulnerable Jordanian households through the distribution of in-kind food assistance, in addition to the vulnerable Jordanians already supported in partnership with TUA.
- As part of its technical support to the GoJ and partners, WFP conducted a three-day training on the Integrated Context Analyses (ICA) for the National Center for Security & Crises Management, the National Agricultural Research Center, IMMAP, the Royal Scientific Society and the Ministry of Agriculture. The training focused on developing an ICA map for Jordan at the district level, highlighting the different areas for specific interventions including early warning systems, disaster risk reduction and livelihood activities.

Monitoring

- According to the [Food Security Outcome Monitoring \(FSOM\)](#) exercise for the first quarter of 2019, food consumption remained at a similar level compared to the last quarter of 2018. Nonetheless, 12 percent of vulnerable beneficiaries and 7 percent of extremely vulnerable beneficiaries remained in the 'borderline' category. Since the last quarter of 2018, a positive trend was observed in the consumption of nutritious food groups like meat, fish, eggs and pulses, and in camps a significant increase in consumption of dairy products.

Partnerships

- In support of WFP's operation in Jordan, celebrity Chef Manal AlAlem and WFP's ambassador Amal Dabbas visited WFP's activities in Madaba governorate at AlWaleh station and a healthy kitchen in Mafraq city where she met with young women and men working in different agricultural and food production activities in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture.
- During a visit to Zaatari refugee camp on 1 July, the United Kingdom Secretary of State for International Development confirmed the contribution of the Department for International Development (DFID) in support of WFP's assistance to refugees, another milestone of WFP-DFID long-lasting partnership in Jordan.
- Among the top donor representatives who visited refugee camps in Jordan was Mr Jason Foley, USAID Middle East Bureau Deputy Assistant Administrator, who visited Zaatari camp and was briefed on WFP's unconditional cash assistance and how refugees shop in the supermarket, leveraging blockchain technology. His H.E Dr. Bader AlSamhan, representative of King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre, also visited Zaatari camp and met with Syrian refugees receiving dates provided by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. WFP also briefed H.E. Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President of the 73rd Session of UN General Assembly, about WFP's activities in Jordan during her visit to Zaatari camp.
- WFP held a signing ceremony with Carrefour Jordan for their recent contribution of USD155,802 in support of WFP's School Feeding Programme.

Donors

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