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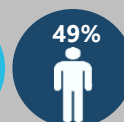
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WFP Jordan Country Brief August 2019



In Numbers

635,502 people assisted
in August 2019



480,444 refugees assisted through cash-based transfers

153,363 Jordanians receiving in-kind assistance

USD 30.6 m six months (September 2019 – February 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 stood at 19.2 percent during the second quarter of 2019 - an increase by 0.5 percent compared to the second quarter of 2018. The unemployment rate among men stood at 17.1 percent compared to 27.2 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

- Within the framework of the National Aid Fund (NAF) expansion plan, WFP continued to provide technical assistance to NAF for the implementation of beneficiaries' validation. WFP is in the process of finalising the preparation for the provision of digital payments to take place in the coming weeks.
- To increase the financial inclusion of vulnerable populations, WFP launched a mobile money pilot for Syrian refugees residing in host communities in Mafraq governorate. Information sessions on the new modality and how it will be used to facilitate unrestricted cash assistance were organised in collaboration with the German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ) and payment service providers. The sessions were tailored with a focus on increasing the financial inclusion of women. During the sessions, around 300 households registered for e-wallets, of those households 50 percent were women.
- In partnership with Dar Abu Abdullah (DAA), a national non-governmental organisation and a sister organisation of Tkiyet Um Ahli (TUA), WFP is piloting a graduation model targeting vulnerable youth who are currently receiving TUA's food assistance, but will be phased out from TUA's assistance programme upon the completion of the pilot project. WFP and DAA are providing vocational training in the food production and hospitality sectors for 200 youth, with a focus on young women and people living with disabilities, who after will be linked with available employment opportunities within the relevant sectors.
- In collaboration with IrisGuard and the Jordan Post Office, WFP is launching the validation exercise for around 89,000 Syrian refugees in host communities.

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Photo: His Royal Highness Prince Al Hassan during his visit to one of WFP's contracted shops at Zaatari refugee camp. ©WFP/Mohammad Batah

Country Strategic Plan (2018-2019)	
Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)
505.4 m	358.4 m
2019 Requirements (in USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) (September 2019 – February 2020)
265.3 m	30.6 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.

Refugees will be able to validate their presence in the country using the validation stations located in over 100 selected post offices between September and November 2019. Home visit will be arranged for cases unable to go to the validation stations.

- In coordination with World Vision and UN Women, WFP conducted interviews for the advertised positions at the productive kitchens in camps. Dedicated focus group discussions were held with over 100 Syrian women in the camps to encourage them to apply to advertised profiles. Upon selecting the kitchen’s workforce, sensitisation sessions and trainings were organised focusing on hazard analysis and critical control points standards, use of the kitchen equipment, gender, protection, entitlements and complaint and feedback mechanisms.
- WFP organised a one-day training for all cooperating partners

to strengthen partners’ capacity and introduce the Country Strategic Plan 2020-2022. The training addressed several topics related to reporting, monitoring and partnerships. It also included a dedicated session on WFP’s commitment to mainstreaming gender equality across its areas of work and activities, including among the other things partnering for gender equality and women’s empowerment.

Partnerships

- On 4 August, WFP received a visit from His Royal Highness Prince Al Hassan Bin Talal, who visited Zaatari camp and was briefed on WFP’s support to Syrian refugees through unrestricted cash transfers using the innovative blockchain technology. The field visit was followed by a visit to WFP offices to discuss WFP’s support to the National Aid Fund.
- His Excellency Mr Lee Jae-wan, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea (RoK) to Jordan, visited the Zaatari refugee camp and was briefed on WFP’s activities and on how WFP’s food assistance has evolved over time, such as by prioritising new modalities that give assisted people the ability to independently choose their food according to their needs and preferences. The RoK is one of WFP’s main partners in support of refugees. WFP is looking into opportunities to collaborate with the ROK in Jordan and is planning to submit a multi-year funding proposal to the Korea International Cooperation Agency in support of livelihood activities.
- Building on WFP’s commitment to contribute to gender equality and women’s empowerment in pursuit of achieving food security (SDG 2) through strong partnerships (SDG 17), WFP met with the Jordanian National Commission for Women, a leading organisation promoting gender-equality and women’s empowerment, to discuss how they can work together in support of Jordan’s effort to advance gender equality and women empowerment.
- On the occasion of Eid AlAdha, WFP’s Ambassador Amal Dabbas and the celebrity chef Manal AlAlem visited one of WFP’s productive kitchen’s and baked cookies with the women benefiting from the economic opportunities created through WFP’s School Feeding Programme.

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