



World Food Programme

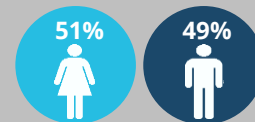
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In Numbers

1,025,459 people assisted
in October 2019



475,275 refugees assisted through cash-based transfers

415,728 Jordanians and Syrians school children receiving school snacks

US\$68.5 million six months net funding requirements (December 2019 – May 2020)

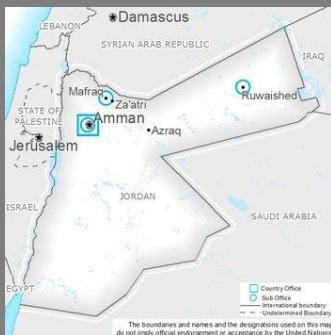
Operational Context

Jordan is an upper middle-income country, with a population of 10.5 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: 10.5 million

2019 Human Development Index: 0.735

Income Level: Upper Middle

2017 Gender Inequality Index: 108

Operational Updates

- As of October, 77 percent of refugees residing in communities and receiving WFP's unconditional food assistance confirmed their presence in the country through the biometric validation process. The quarterly validation exercise, conducted in collaboration with IrisGuard and the Jordan Post Office, will continue until December 2019.
- WFP started the preparatory work for the inclusion of Syrian refugees registered through UNHCR-led status rectification exercise. Around 2,800 households attended information sessions on WFP's assistance, entitlements, redeeming options and available feedback mechanisms in place. WFP also distributed e-cards during the sessions using the digital distribution tool.
- Under the patronage of HRH Prince Al-Hassan bin Talal and in presence of H.E. Basma Ishaqat, Minister of Social Development, WFP launched [the Integrated Context Analysis](#) bringing together around 100 representatives from the government, UN agencies, NGOs and international embassies in Jordan. The ICA is a platform that integrates different sets of data to generate a detailed map identifying areas of the country that are most prone to different shocks and vulnerabilities, right down to the district level. The tool is designed to bring together data from a wide range of organisations or institutions, to provide a strong evidential basis from which to develop programmes to address those vulnerabilities, including building resilience in local communities, disaster risk reduction, and targeted social protection schemes.
- WFP and the Ministry of Agriculture introduced forestry rehabilitation and afforestation activities for the creation of five new forests in Jordan. Jordanian participants will plant approximately 60,000 trees by the end of the year to reduce desertification, land degradation, and soil erosion. Participants will receive conditional food assistance in return for their work in the form of cash-based transfers.

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Photo: Mohammad is a Yemeni refugee whose family was recently enrolled in WFP's GFA programme. He's pictured outside his home in Amman with his middle child, 3 year-old. ©WFP/Mohammad Batah

- In preparation for the development of the Social and Behavioural change communication strategy, WFP conducted co-creation workshops in camps and communities. The workshops are part of the formative assessment that WFP is conducting to understand the behaviours around healthy eating and aim at improving nutritious awareness among targeted populations in Jordan.

Monitoring

- WFP completed the data collection for the Food Security Outcome Monitoring for 1950 households across Jordan for Syrian refugees and refugees of other nationalities receiving WFP’s food assistance, in addition to collecting data of non-WFP beneficiaries as control group. Initial findings indicate stable food security for Syrian refugee households in camps and households in communities who were both categorized as “extremely vulnerable”. On the other hand, the households and non-beneficiary control group residing in communities and categorized as “vulnerable”, experienced a deterioration in food security compared to the first quarter of 2019. The final report will be published by the end of the year.

Partnerships

- WFP had a meeting with Mr Stephen Scott, Assistant Secretary of the Humanitarian & Refugee Policy Branch, DFAT and H.E. Mr. Miles Armitage, the Australian Ambassador to Jordan. The meeting served as an opportunity to discuss the strong partnership in addition to the use of innovation for WFP’s programming and its impact on the ground. The Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade’s delegation visited Zaatari refugee camp followed by a meeting with WFP to discuss programming, 2019 achievements and 2020 priorities. Australia is one of WFP’s main donors in Jordan, supporting Jordanians and refugees through un-earmarked multi-year contributions.
- During the reporting period, meetings with representatives from the embassies of Qatar, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia were held to discuss funding opportunities for the new Country Strategic Plan 2020 - 2021.

World Food Day 2019

- WFP held a joint event with Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), under the patronage of HRH Princess Basma Bint Talal. The event focused on the importance of healthy diets to achieve zero hunger. It was attended by the Minister of Agriculture and WFP celebrity chef Manal Alalem, along with around 100 donors and partners. WFP and FAO also published [a joint op-ed in the Jordan Times](#) to mark World Food Day.

Donors

Germany, USAID, Ireland, Norway, Canada, Australia, Italy, Republic of Korea, Japan, France and Private Sector donors.

Jordan Transitional ICSP (January 2018 - December 2019)	
Total Requirements (in US\$)	Allocated Contributions (in US\$)
505 m	435 m
2019 Requirements (in US\$)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$) (December 2019 – May 2020)
265 m	68.5 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.

- WFP and Dar Abu Abdullah (DAA) continued piloting a graduation model targeting vulnerable youth who will be phased out from Tkiyet Um Alifood assistance programme upon the completion of the pilot project. Under this partnership, 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. After completion of the training, the participants will be linked with potential employers within the relevant sectors. In October, WFP and DAA [celebrated the graduation](#) of the first group of young men and women participated in a barista (coffee-making) training course.
- After the Government reached a deal with the teachers union ending a four-week strike, WFP, in close partnership with the Ministry of Education, resumed school feeding activities in communities. Over 380,000 school children received healthy school snacks.