



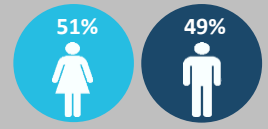
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In Numbers



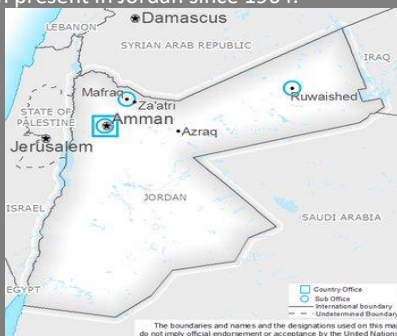
480,000 refugees assisted in April 2020

US\$ 133.2 million six months net funding requirements (July – December 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 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 19.03 percent during the first quarter of 2020 - an increase by 0.3 percent compared to the fourth quarter of 2019. The unemployment rate among men stood at 18.1 percent compared to 24.4 percent among women.

In addition to that, Jordan burdens the social, economic and environmental impacts of hosting the 650,000 Syrian and 90,000 refugees of other nationalities registered with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, WFP has been present in Jordan since 1964.



Operational Updates

- In June, WFP supported 480,000 refugees living in communities across the 12 governorates, in addition to refugees living in both Azraq and Zaatari camps through the provision of cash assistance. A staggered approach is still being used to transfer assistance to refugees living in camps to avoid overcrowding.
- WFP included an additional 3,000 new non-Syrian refugee households (3,300 beneficiaries) under its cash assistance programme, who were supposed to be included earlier this year but was put on hold due to COVID-19. WFP through cooperating partners have completed the distribution of e-cards in June and refugees will start receiving their assistance shortly.
- WFP completed, through NRC, the provision of a one-off cash distribution via money exchange companies for around 1,000 Syrian refugees who are camp residents but were in communities when the curfew was imposed and had no access to WFP's assistance, facilitated through blockchain technology and can be only redeemed at WFP's shops in camps.
- As of June, all refugees assisted by WFP in communities were able to access a larger network of ATMs (about 900) thanks to the integration that WFP and Jordan Ahli Bank completed with Housing Bank, Bank of Jordan, Jordan Islamic Bank, etc.
- In camps, WFP is working with retailers to ensure continued availability of basic and preferred food items to meet the needs of 110,000 refugees. WFP is conducting spot checks to ensure compliance with the Ministry of Health and WHO's regulations and to monitor prices at contracted shops.
- Discussions with the National Centre (NCSCM) for Security and Crisis Management are ongoing to agree on the details and implementation of the capacity strengthening support to the NCSCM.

Population: 10.5 million

2019 Human Development Index: 0.735

Income Level: Upper Middle

2018 Gender Inequality Index: 113

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Photo: a Jordanian benefiting from one of WFP and the Ministry of Agriculture's forestry project engaged in reforestation activities. .

Jordan Country Strategic Plan (January 2020 - December 2022)

Total Requirements (in US\$)	Allocated Contributions (in US\$)
700 m	158 m
2020 Requirements (in US\$)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$) (Aug 2020 - Jan 2021)
238 m	146.3 m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Crisis affected populations in Jordan, including refugees, meet their food and nutrition needs throughout the year.
Focus area: *Crisis Response*

- Activities:**
- Provide nutrition-sensitive food assistance to refugees and other crisis-affected populations.
 - Provide tools, systems and training to the Government to enhance its emergency preparedness and response capabilities.

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food.

Strategic Outcome 2: Vulnerable populations in Jordan, including children, are covered by adequate social protection schemes by 2022.
Focus area: *Resilience Building*

- Activities:**
- Support the Government in reforming and expanding national social protection schemes.
 - Provide nutrition-sensitive school feeding to targeted children.

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food.

Strategic Outcome 3: Vulnerable populations in Jordan, with a focus on women and young people, are more self-reliant and have better livelihood opportunities by 2022.
Focus area: *Resilience Building*

- Activities:**
- Provide livelihood support (training, income-generating opportunities, asset creation) to vulnerable people in rural and urban settings, with a focus on women and young people.

Strategic Result 4: Sharing of knowledge, expertise and technology strengthen global partnership support to country efforts to achieve the SDGs

Strategic Outcome 4: Partnerships in support of the Sustainable Development Goals in Jordan are strengthened through effective and innovative solutions from WFP and its partners by 2022.
Focus area: *Resilience Building*

- Activities:**
- With other actors, develop a comprehensive food security and nutrition sector plan linked to other sectors and supported by a coordination structure.
 - Facilitate knowledge exchange between partners and the Government to promote piloting and scaling of innovative approaches to achieving the SDGs.

- In addition to the technical assistance provided to the National Aid Fund (NAF), WFP will be contributing a donation of USD 1.5 million to the Ministry of Social Development to provide emergency cash assistance to vulnerable Jordanian families. The assistance is part of the national plan and will be channelled through the existing NAF systems.
- WFP, in collaboration with its implementing partners, is conducting post COVID-19 assessment at household level in host communities and in refugee camps. The assessment aims at providing an understanding of the impact of putting on hold school feeding activities on vulnerable children who were receiving school meals, prior to closure of schools as well as the impact on family daily expenses. The assessment will also provide an understanding of the change of students' eating habits and nutritional needs during lockdown/schools closure.
- WFP established a new partnership agreement with Dar Abu Abdullah (DAA) to provide 1,000 vulnerable Jordanians and refugees living in extreme poverty with sustainable economic opportunities. The 15-month project will empower individuals through capacity building, job matching and micro and home-based businesses in three main sectors: food production and agriculture, handicrafts and digital finance.
- Activities with the Ministry of Agriculture started in June targeting more than 200 participants (70% Jordanians, 30% Syrian refugees). Activities focus on seedling production in four stations across the country, forestry maintenance of five forests established by WFP and the Ministry in 2019 and pruning activities in Ajloun governorate. COVID-19 measures are in place and personal protective equipment are distributed to all participants. Baseline data is being collected and will enable WFP to measure the impact of WFP's assistance on the food security status of targeted participants.
- WFP had initial meetings with Greater Amman municipality and UNHABITAT for an urban flood barrier project that WFP plans to implement to support Government efforts.

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- WFP continued the provision of technical assistance to the National Aid Fund (NAF) to support their emergency cash assistance as part of COVID-19 government response to assist around 223,000 vulnerable Jordanian families. WFP concluded the virtual information sessions and phone calls to around 24,000 beneficiaries, representing around 10 percent of the total caseload. WFP provided guidance to NAF beneficiaries on how to open mobile money e-wallets and provided financial literacy sensitization. WFP has also provided support to NAF payments system integration and enhancement of its compliance feedback mechanisms (CHM) which solved more than 67,000 complaints received during June. WFP will continue supporting NAF for expanding the emergency cash assistance programme to assist total 250,000 families.