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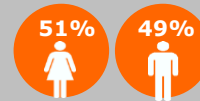
WFP Jordan Country Brief November 2020

In Numbers

498,127 Refugees assisted through cash-based transfers in November 2020

9,740 Jordanians and refugees benefited from livelihood activities

USD 39.1 m six months net funding requirements (December 2020- May 2021)



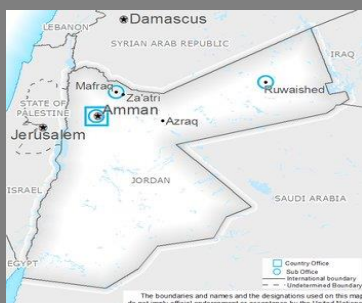
WFP SAYS NO to GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

Operational Context

Jordan is an upper-middle-income country, with a population of 10.7 million, of which 2.9 million are non-citizens, including refugees. Jordan is also a resource-poor, food-deficit country with limited agricultural land, dwindling energy and water resources.

The results of mobile vulnerability analysis and mapping approach (mVAM) implemented in October 2020 showed that 8 percent of Jordanian households and 23 percent of refugees are considered food insecure. **Female-headed households**, small households, and households with disabilities **have disproportionately poor food consumption**. According to the Department of Statistics, the unemployment rate reached 24 percent during the third quarter of 2020, an increase of 5 percent compared to the third quarter of 2019, again attributed to the COVID pandemic. **The unemployment rate among men reached 21.2 percent compared to 33.6 percent among women**. In addition, Jordan carries the social, economic and environmental burden of hosting over 660,000 Syrian and 90,000 refugees of other nationalities registered with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Through the Country Strategic Plan (2020-2022), WFP Jordan rebalances its portfolio towards Jordan itself, in line with the country's priorities linked to the 2030 Agenda. Strengthening the capacities of national institutions, strategies and programmes, in addition to providing support for livelihoods, will increasingly be prioritized to deliver transformative and equitable results for Jordanians bypassed by socio-economic opportunities. WFP has been present in Jordan since 1964.



Population: **10.75 million**
Source: Jordan Department of Statistics

Human Development Index (2019): **0.723**
Source: UNDP Human Development Reports

Income Level: **Upper Middle**
Source: World Bank Data

Gender Inequality Index (2018): **0.469**
Source: UNDP Human Development Reports

Photo Caption: Lara and Deyaa received sign language training to communicate with refugees with hearing disabilities and help them shop in Za'atari Camp Supermarkets. ©WFP/Mohammad Batah

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Operational Updates

- Under the General Food Assistance activity, WFP continued providing monthly food assistance through cash-based transfers to around 498,000 refugees residing in camps and communities. Most refugees benefiting from this assistance come from Syria, with a minority from Iraq, Yemen, Sudan, and Somalia.
- As part of the response to COVID-19 and to address refugees increasing vulnerabilities, WFP expanded its coverage in November to include an additional 100 refugees under its food assistance programme, making a total of around 15,450 refugees (around 5,450 households) since August. In Za'atari and Azraq camps, and with the increasing number of COVID-19 cases, WFP has so far provided in-kind food assistance to over 2 thousand households in quarantine, 40 percent of them are women.
- In preparation for increased cooperation with the Ministry of Social Development (MoSD), WFP held meetings with the Minister and technical staff to introduce potential systemic WFP support to the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)/Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR). WFP suggested initiating a needs assessment before identifying the tools, systems and trainings.
- WFP held a coordination meeting with UNDP to explore the opportunity of implementing a joint review of the institutional and legal framework of the DRR sector in Jordan. In collaboration with United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), the joint review will be based on the National DRR strategy of the country and the recommendations of the [Capacity Assessment of the Disaster Risk Management system of Jordan](#) conducted by the Capacity for Disaster Reduction Initiative (CADRI).
- WFP, with its local cooperating partner, Integrated International, finalized the M&E "Capacity Needs Assessment and Capacity Strengthening" within the National Aid Fund (NAF). The assessment defined systems and operational gaps and devised a comprehensive roadmap for M&E capacity strengthening. It also advised NAF to establish an internal M&E unit that would strengthen NAF's accountability and ensure evidence-based programming. Findings will be presented to NAF and relevant donors before delivering the final report in December.
- In November, WFP paused the NAF recertification process for procurement procedures. However, by mid-November, WFP was able to continue the process and completed over 1,400 visits collecting and validating data on the current target caseload of 100,000 households.
- Due to the closure of schools across the Kingdom including in the camps, school feeding activities and accordingly the cooperating partners agreements, remain on hold in all locations. The Government confirmed that the closure will last through December 2020. WFP is exploring the possibility to present new school feeding models as part of the national school feeding strategy.

- WFP joint initiative with local NGO partner Dar Abu Abdullah (DAA) continues to support 1,000 Jordanians and refugees with sustainable economic opportunities through cash for work since January 2020. **DAA dedicated a special handicrafts project for around 90 women (both Jordanians and Syrians) who participated in technical and soft trainings.**
- WFP launched the “Decapolis” a traceability platform aiming to support the regulatory agencies and improve the livelihoods of food producers and smallholder farmers by providing premium goods through the end-to-end supply and production chains in compliance with quality control standards. A 6 months pilot will train 100 small farmers, **including 14 female farmers**, across Jordan on using the platform as a test of its ability to increase their revenues.

Funding

- WFP requires an additional USD 39.1 million to ensure continuity of WFP’s assistance until end of May 2021 to respond to the needs of one million Jordanians and refugees.
- During November, WFP organized a brainstorming session on refugee assistance with key donors and the World Bank. WFP discussed the plans for 2021 and beyond and highlighted the impact of COVID-19 on WFP activities. Participants expected 2021 to be a difficult year for resource mobilization and recommended WFP put prioritization strategies in place and collect data that will allow the organization to enhance advocacy by demonstrating to donors the impact of reduced assistance on beneficiaries.

16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence

WFP launched the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence on 25 November under the theme “Orange the World: Fund, Respond, Prevent, Collect!”. WFP started to conduct various activities, including a presentation from the Family Protection Department on domestic violence in Jordan and a commemorative staff picture. A message from the WFP Good Will Ambassador, Chef Manal AlAlem, was shared on social media highlighting the increasing vulnerability of women and girls to malnutrition during the pandemic.

Success Story

Sarah Mohammad is a Syrian Refugee living in Jerash, and the sole provider for her four children. After the loss of her husband, Sarah was determined to find a job; “Working and earning a salary is important, it’s the only way I can make sure my children are happy and healthy”. With the support of WFP, she is now working with WFP and The Ministry of Agriculture in the reforestation project. After being trained on the best practices and techniques of the plantation of native trees, she was given the opportunity to work directly on site. At the end of each month, she receives a salary on her electronic card to buy food from the contracted shops or withdraw cash from ATM’s.



Donors

Australia, Canada, EU MADAD, France, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Norway, ROK, Russia, KSA, UNWOMEN, UK, USA and private sector (Cartier, Choithrams and Seven Circles).

Photo Caption: WFP empowers women by providing them with livelihood opportunities to ensure their access to adequate food (Sarah in the middle of the photo). ©WFP/Mohammad Battah

Jordan Country Strategic Plan (January 2020 - December 2022)

Total Requirements (in US\$)	Allocated Contributions (in US\$)
700 m	284 m
2021 Requirements	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in US\$) (December 2020 – May 2021)
235 m	39.1 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:

- Act 1:** Provide nutrition-sensitive food assistance to refugees and other crisis-affected populations.
- Act 2:** 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:

- Act 3:** Support the Government in reforming and expanding national social protection schemes.
- Act 4:** 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:

- Act 5:** 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:

- Act 6:** With other actors, develop a comprehensive food security and nutrition sector plan linked to other sectors and supported by a coordination structure.
- Act 7:** Facilitate knowledge exchange between partners and the Government to promote piloting and scaling of innovative approaches to achieving the SDGs.
- WFP continued with the National Alliance against Hunger and Malnutrition (NAJMAH) the Food for Training program targeting 800 participants in different governorates. **About 750 women were employed in the project. Flexible working hours for pregnant and lactating women were taken into consideration.**