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Livelihoods and Resilience

Strengthening household and community food security and resilience in Lebanon

The World Food Programme in Lebanon delivers livelihood and resilience programming to vulnerable Lebanese, Syrian refugees, and refugees of other nationalities towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly *SDG 2: Zero Hunger* and *SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals*.

FOR INDIVIDUALS, COMMUNITIES, AND SYSTEMS

WFP delivers across the humanitarian to development spectrum to **sustainably improve household food security and community resilience to economic and climatic shocks and stresses for vulnerable Lebanese and displaced populations**, focusing on:

- ◆ Income generation and employment creation
- ◆ Strengthening of food systems
- ◆ Natural resource management
- ◆ Community asset creation


69,000
BENEFICIARIES
PLANNED FOR 2021


PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE
LBP 750,000/MONTH
DEPENDENT ON HOURS WORKED

FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR TRAINING (FFT) AND FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR ASSETS (FFA)

WFP's Livelihood Programme's key modalities consist of Food Assistance for Assets (FFA) and Food Assistance for Training (FFT) activities, supporting community-level asset creation in 43 municipalities and individual skills training across 108 communities in Lebanon.

Lebanese and Syrian participants receive short-term conditional cash-based transfers (CBT) to support their food and other essential needs. Participants also receive vocational trainings to build their individual capacities and improve opportunities for sustainable livelihoods. Trainings include (but are not limited to) basic literacy, numeracy, digital, and other technical skills.

WFP interventions also include trainings for smallholder farmers and food producers on food handling, agro-food processing, and marketing to strengthen market linkages and agricultural value chains.

Meanwhile, people living in the municipalities where WFP has FFA activities benefit from new and/or rehabilitated long-term environmental and agricultural assets, such as irrigation canals and agricultural roads which contribute to the livelihoods of the wider community.

MEETING INDIVIDUAL AND LOCAL MARKET NEEDS

To ensure impact and relevance of interventions, WFP works in close partnership with Government counterparts (national Ministries and local municipalities), local and international cooperating partners, and the private sector to build capacity and skills and to construct and rehabilitate assets in communities.

WFP identifies local needs through vulnerability, market, and value chain assessments involving local government, community-based organisations, businesses, and Lebanese and Syrian individuals.

Outcomes of the programme are observed through Post-Distribution Monitoring. In 2020, participants emphasized the importance of the assistance on their ability to cover the needs of their households and the positive effects of participating in livelihood activities on their wellbeing.



Bassima takes part in WFP's FFT activities Photo: WFP/Edmond Khoury

INCLUSIVE, COMMUNITY-BASED, AND EMPOWERING

Through gender-sensitive programming, WFP ensures the equitable participation of men and women, with a special focus on women participation in capacity strengthening projects.

In 2020, WFP initiated a project specifically focusing on disability inclusion together with the Forum of the Handicapped, where 47 persons with disability and 4 caregivers received trainings, including 48 women and 3 men and 1 elderly person.

In 2021, WFP is planning targeted initiatives with community-based organizations who work with vulnerable women, elderly, and persons with disabilities to build their capacities and enhance their inclusion in communities.

INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO SUPPORTING LIVELIHOODS

In a first for WFP, in May 2021 WFP provided 222 small businesses affected by the Beirut Port explosion with grants totalling USD 590,000 to support their early recovery and continuation of operation. The grants, disbursed through WFP's own 'Food Systems Grant Facility', cover needs for rehabilitation, equipment, salaries, and business-related rent and debt. The next round of the grant facility will aim to support innovation and enhancement of food systems for producers, processors, and other key value chain actors.

ADAPTING TO CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENTS

In 2020, many national and municipal-level lockdowns and other imposed COVID-19 precautionary measures resulted in lower than planned activities and implementation rates. As with its other programmes, WFP was committed to deliver assistance in a challenging environment to ensure that beneficiaries secured their basic and food needs during lockdowns.

WFP therefore adopted various mitigating measures to counter the effects of the lockdowns as well as the economic crisis, including splitting classes into smaller groups, shifting from in-person to online sessions to ensure the safety of participants and staff, engaging more Lebanese affected by the economic crisis, providing FFA participants with unconditional cash transfers to continue meeting their basic needs, and increasing the transfer value of the assistance in line with inflation.

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WFP's forest management interventions are boosting livelihoods and preserving Lebanon's greenery. Designed in collaboration with local authorities, such projects create common grounds for people, be they refugees or Lebanese, who find themselves grouped together — this, in turn, breaks down social barriers and enhances cohesion.

In addition to supporting the planet, WFP's livelihoods programme has become a backbone for thousands of vulnerable families in Lebanon, helping them put food on the table. In 2020 alone, more than 53,000 people have benefited by securing their basic food needs through these short-term opportunities.

"It was very refreshing to meet one of my neighbours on this project site," says Bassima who wanted to get to know new people in her neighbourhood but was practicing physical distancing, spending most of her time indoors. "Here, we all wear masks. This makes me feel safe. It also makes me happy as I am giving back to my country and especially my hometown. Dirty clothes are a sign of hard and professional work."

2021 AND BEYOND

In 2021, WFP will continue to provide income-generating opportunities to vulnerable populations, strengthen the performance and inclusiveness of food systems, and enhance natural resource management and climate adaptation practices.

Increased Access to Employment and Income: To enhance the employability of vulnerable individuals, WFP supports skills enhancement in climate smart agriculture, hospitality, food preparation and processing, and digital skills. Training packages consist of technical skills, soft skills, and essential life skills as well as market linkages connecting participants to employers and markets.

Improved Performance and Inclusiveness of Food Systems: Support will be provided to strengthen food production, transformation, and consumption processes, and create new livelihood opportunities for small producers, processors and workers – including for youth, women and persons with disability. In 2021, WFP is supporting the development of the tomato, oregano, thyme, olive oil and small ruminants value chains.

Enhanced Management of Natural Resources and Enhanced Climate Adaptation Practices: To improve resilience to climate shocks, WFP supports forestry and pastureland rehabilitation and strengthens the capacity of community organisations to implement climate adaptation measures. To improve the use of land and resources, WFP supports communities with construction and rehabilitation of community assets including irrigation canals, water ponds, and agriculture roads.