



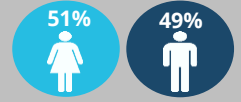
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In Numbers



881,175 total number of beneficiaries reached in October 2021

479,700 beneficiaries assisted through cash-based transfers

1,220 beneficiaries benefited from livelihood activities

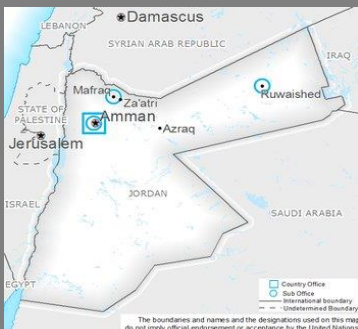
USD 125 million six months net funding requirements (November 2021 - April 2022)

Operational Context

Jordan is an upper-middle-income country, with a population of 11 million, 74 percent of whom are below the age of 30. Jordan is also a resource-poor, food-deficit country with dwindling energy and water resources and limited agricultural land. It carries the social, economic and environmental burden of hosting over 670,000 Syrian and 87,700 refugees of other nationalities registered with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

The results of WFP's June 2021 mobile vulnerability analysis and mapping (mVAM) showed 23.4 percent of refugees are food insecure, with an additional 60 percent vulnerable to food insecurity. Female-headed households, small households, and households with disabilities have disproportionately poor food consumption. 93 percent of refugee households are below the refugee poverty line with 35 percent below the abject poverty line. According to the Department of Statistics, Jordan's unemployment rate reached 25 percent during the second quarter of 2021; the increase of 1.9 percentage points from the second quarter of 2020 is attributed to the COVID pandemic. Unemployment is 22.7 percent among men compared to 33.1 percent among women. Youth unemployment rates reached an unprecedented 50.0 percent as indicated in the World Bank Performance and Learning Review of Jordan in May 2021.

Through the Country Strategic Plan (2020-2022), WFP Jordan is rebalancing its portfolio more towards Jordan itself, in line with priorities linked to the 2030 Agenda. The focus is on strengthening capacities of national institutions, strategies and programmes, in addition to providing support for livelihoods to deliver transformative and equitable results for Jordanians and refugees bypassed by socio-economic opportunities. WFP has been present in Jordan since 1964.



Operational Updates

- WFP provided food assistance to around 480,000 very vulnerable refugees residing in camps and host communities in the form of cash-based transfers. This includes the additional 40,000 refugees integrated in response to the COVID-19 pandemic using dedicated funds from the United States of America. Most refugees come from Syria, with a minority from Iraq, Yemen, Sudan, and Somalia.
- WFP resumed the annual verification exercise for the current refugee beneficiaries in communities using iris scanning working through post offices around the country. WFP informed beneficiaries about the dates and locations of the verification through SMS. WFP successfully validated around 15,000 cases through its cooperating partner. The verification exercise will finish by the end of November.
- The National Centre for Security and Crises Management (NCSCM) and WFP signed a joint Action Plan on 13 October. The plan covers the provision of technical support and capacity strengthening for the NCSCM. This cooperation will allow WFP to develop a risk monitoring and impact analysis platform and facilitate South-South triangular cooperation with the NCSCM.
- The Government of Jordan officially approved the National School Feeding Strategy developed with WFP support. This Strategy will build a sustainable, effective and scalable school feeding programme using a nutrition-sensitive, community-based and home-grown school meals model that will eventually also bring economic benefits for local populations. The implementation is planned for the second scholastic semester (February 2022).
- Furthermore, the Ministry of Education (MoE) and WFP signed the technical Assistance Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in October. Through this MoU, WFP will provide capacity strengthening support to MoE to achieve the goals of the National School Feeding Strategy.
- WFP started School feeding activities in communities throughout the country. WFP reached around 400,000 students in communities with 80 grams of daily fortified date bars. School feeding in the camps is expected to resume in November following temporary suspension in October.
- WFP, through its contracted service provider, completed around 21,500 home visits out of the 33,000 targeted home visits for the National Aid Fund (NAF) beneficiary validation process. WFP will complete the full targeted home visits in November 2021.

Population: **11.03 million**
Source: Jordan Department of Statistics

Human Development Index (2019): **0.729**
Source: UNDP Human Development Reports

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

Gender Inequality Index (2019): **0.450**
Source: UNDP Human Development Reports

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Photo Caption: WFP resumed School feeding activities in communities across the country @wfp/ Mohammad Batah

WFP Country Strategy

Jordan Country Strategic Plan (January 2020 - December 2022)

| Total Requirements (in US\$) | | Allocated Contributions (in US\$) |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| 753 m | | 394 m |
| 2021 Requirements | 2022 Requirements | Six-Month Net Funding Requirements in USD (November 2021 - April 2022) |
| 268 m | 261 m | 125 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 working with partners including Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) on the action plan for the National Food Security Strategy through a consultative process with relevant Government institutions. This process included identifying sectoral challenges and intervention opportunities linked to the objectives laid out in the strategy. The first complete draft will be ready in November.
- WFP and the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), along with FAO and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), continued to support small-holder farmers under the EU-MADAD funded project. The project will enhance the resilient livelihoods and food security of host communities and Syrian refugees in Jordan and Lebanon. A Field Level Agreement amendment was signed to conduct a second phase of seedling production, forestry, and rangelands activities. These activities will target 450 participants in different agricultural activities during November 2021 till March 2022.
- The long-term partnership with MoA supporting small-holder farmers continued targeting 300 small-holder farmers (50 percent Jordanians, 50 percent Syrians). Activities included constructing water harvesting reservoirs, fencing, and plantations on selected farms to increase water-use efficiency, decrease soil erosion and increase production.
- Under the Human capital development project in partnership with local NGO Dar Abu Abdallah (DAA), WFP distributed 29 hydroponic units to selected participants in Madaba and Amman. Almost 70 participants (73 percent Jordanian males, 23 percent Jordanian females and 4 percent refugee males) were then linked with employers in the retail sector. WFP and DAA distributed technical equipment to maintain the hydroponic units in preparation for the second round of planting. An additional 37 participants (81 percent Jordanian females, 13 percent Jordanian males and 3 percent refugee males, 3 percent refugee females) received technical training on dairy production and sewing to support their home-based businesses in Mafraq, Irbid, Ajloun and Jerash.

Funding

- Under its current planning, WFP requires USD 125 million until the end of April 2022. This includes USD 110.4 million to maintain assistance to all eligible targeted refugees assisted under general food assistance until the end of April 2022 and USD 2.6 million required to cover the needs of 433,000 school children of date bars during the coming six months.
- WFP Jordan continued its efforts in advocating for ShareTheMeal fundraising campaign in support of Refugees in Jordan. Until now, the campaign has reached more than 85 percent of its target.

Donors

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