



Operational Context

Once an upper middle-income country, albeit hosting the largest number of refugees per capita in the world, Lebanon is now in its third year of a severe economic, political, and social crisis. The geopolitical developments in 2022, particularly the recent hike in international fuel prices, are adding to the already dire situation and ongoing inflation in Lebanon.

The human impact of these crises is sobering. In 2021, both the Lebanese and refugees suffered from high levels of poverty and food insecurity. Taking into account vulnerability criteria not limited to monetary poverty, such as food insecurity, 54 percent of the Lebanese (2.1 million people) were found to be vulnerable and in need of assistance in 2021. Food insecurity alone reached 46 percent of Lebanese by the end of 2021.

The multiple crises also had a very negative impact on the 1.5 million Syrian refugees in Lebanon. Since 2020, 88 percent of Syrian refugees (1.3 million people) were extremely poor and in need of assistance and half of the Syrian refugee population was food insecure in 2021.

WFP remains at the forefront of the humanitarian response to Lebanon's crisis, supporting 2.1 million of the most vulnerable Lebanese and refugees in 2021 to meet their food and other essential needs.

The Lebanon Country Strategic Plan (CSP) for 2018 – 2022 positions WFP as a major partner of the Government and other United Nations agencies towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. WFP is developing the new CSP for the next three years to articulate its strategy and priorities to respond to the increased needs in Lebanon. The new CSP will remain aligned with the Government-endorsed Lebanon Crisis Response Plan (2017–2022), the United Nations Strategic Framework (2017–2022), and Lebanon National Agriculture Strategy (2020 – 2025).

Population: **6.8 million**

Income Level: **Upper middle**

2019 Human Development Index: **92 out of 189**

2019 Gross National Income per capita (PPP): **USD 14,655**



In Numbers



1,585,392 people assisted in February 2022

US\$19.5 m cash-based transfers made

US\$111 m six-month net funding requirements (March 2022 – August 2022)

Operational Updates

- In February, WFP assisted a total of 1,585,392 beneficiaries through cash-based transfer modalities amounting to USD 19.5 million and through distribution of family food parcels. The people assisted were 520,824 vulnerable Lebanese, 1,058,207 Syrian refugees, and 6,361 refugees of other nationalities.
- Through the emergency response to the ongoing economic crisis, WFP reached 68,076 vulnerable Lebanese households (around 269,240 individuals) with food parcels in February. Assessments to identify additional beneficiary households to be included for assistance are ongoing and the scale-up to reach 100,000 households is on track for the end of April.
- WFP assisted 35,848 Lebanese families (around 216,911 individuals) through the National Poverty Targeting Programme (NPTP) in February, including 320 households who received assistance for the first time as part of WFP's ongoing scale-up. WFP plans to reach approximately 75,000 households in need of assistance by the end of April 2022.
- In February, WFP assisted 69,022 Syrian and Lebanese students registered in 108 schools, reaching 94 percent of the target for the School Meals programme. This included 4,476 students who received cold meals (sandwiches and fruit/vegetables) prepared by students' mothers as part of WFP's School Kitchens project in 6 schools.
- 1,546 Syrians and Lebanese benefitted from WFP's livelihoods activities consisting of Food Assistance for Assets (FFA) and Food Assistance for Training (FFT) in February. This included 308 participants who engaged in individual skills building, value chain development, and construction of agriculture roads.
- In February, WFP finalized the construction and rehabilitation of 5,720 meters of canals and agriculture roads in Bar Elias, Zahle. This project helps prevent floods of agricultural lands during winter, provides irrigation water and improves farmers' access to their lands.

WFP Country Strategy

Country Strategic Plan (2018-2022)

Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)
2.88 bn	1.69 bn
2022 Requirements (in USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) (March 2022 – August 2022)
814.4 m	111 m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Food-insecure refugees – including school-age children – and crisis-affected host populations have access to lifesaving, nutritious and affordable food throughout the year

Focus area: Crisis response

Activities:

- Unconditional resource transfers to support access to food (CBTs and in-kind food assistance)
- School meal activities

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 2: Vulnerable women and men in targeted refugee and Lebanese communities sustainably improve their skills, capacities, and livelihood opportunities by 2020

Focus area: Resilience-building

Activities:

- Individual capacity strengthening activities (CBTs)
- Asset creation and livelihood support activities (CBTs)

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 3: Vulnerable populations in Lebanon are enabled to meet their basic food needs all year long

Focus area: Root causes

Activities: Unconditional resource transfers to support access to food (CBT)

Strategic Result 5: Developing countries have strengthened capacity to implement the SDGs

Strategic Outcome 5: National institutions and national and international humanitarian actors are supported in their efforts to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of their assistance

Focus area: Root causes

Activities: Institutional capacity strengthening activities

Strategic Result 8: Enhanced global partnerships

Strategic Outcome 6: Partners in Lebanon benefit from effective humanitarian coordination, expertise, services in the areas of logistics and procurement.

Focus area: Crisis response

Activities: Provision of Logistics sector and procurement services to all partners

- WFP concluded its fuel support to the WASH sector, with 5.3 million litres delivered to 350 water stations since the beginning of the project in September 2021. Fuel support to Health facilities will continue until end of March 2022.

Assessments & Monitoring

- As of 1 March 2022, 98 percent of beneficiaries who received cash-based entitlements redeemed their assistance through shops and ATMs.

- The latest WFP market assessments show that the price of the minimum food basket reached a record-high of LBP 660,000 (USD 22) in January 2022, marking a 1,140 percent increase since October 2019. Prices of food and other basic commodities continue to increase amidst persisting inflation and are expected to keep increasing following the recent hike in international fuel prices.

A Story Worth Telling



Laure is the sole provider for her family of five.

Photo: WFP/Khadija Dia

When people her age are beginning to think about retirement, Laure seems to be far from it. Laure is the sole provider for a family of five: her 2 sons, her 2 elderly parents, and herself. As she approaches the age of 60, she is still determined, though out of necessity, to work hard in order to provide for her loved ones. “You have to push through life. You cannot give up,” she explains. “You have to work hard in order to survive.”

Despite her hard-working ethic, Laure continues to suffer from the dire economic situation of the country. The pandemic forced her previous employers to let her go after over 20 years. She is currently working as a daily wage labourer with an income barely sufficient for one person, let alone her whole family. In order to assist Laure and her family, WFP is providing her with a monthly food parcel that covers a large portion of her family’s nutritional needs.

“If it wasn’t for the food parcel, we would have been doing much worse,” says Laure, whose family relies heavily on ingredients from the in-kind parcel, especially the rice, pasta, beans, and oil. These ingredients are occasionally complemented by whatever vegetables Laure can afford with her small salary.

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