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# WFP Lebanon Country Brief June 2022

## In Numbers



1.7 m people assisted in June 2022

US\$ 25 m cash-based transfers made

5,100 mt of food assistance distributed

US\$ 411 m six months (July - December 2022) net funding requirements

### 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. Record-high global food and fuel prices are adding to the already dire situation in Lebanon.

The human impact of these crises is sobering, with high levels of poverty and food insecurity amongst both Lebanese and refugee communities. 54 percent of the Lebanese (2.1 million people) were found to be vulnerable and in need of assistance in 2021. Food insecurity alone affected 46 percent of Lebanese by the end of 2021.

The multiple crises have 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) have been living in extreme poverty and require assistance, with food insecurity affecting half the refugee population in 2021.

WFP remains at the forefront of the response to Lebanon's economic and refugee crisis, planning to support 2.3 million of the most vulnerable Lebanese and refugees in 2022 to meet their food and other essential needs.



Population: 6.8 million

2019 Human Development Index: 92 out of 189

Income Level: Lower middle

2021 GNI per capita (US\$): 3,450

### Operational Updates

- In June, WFP assisted a total of 1,698,556 beneficiaries through cash-based transfer modalities amounting to USD 25 million and through distribution of family food parcels. The people assisted were 629,827 vulnerable Lebanese, 1,062,862 Syrian refugees, and 5,867 refugees of other nationalities.
- WFP supported 1,027,521 refugees in June with cash assistance to meet their food and other basic needs. 64 additional retailers were contracted in June to expand redemption points for beneficiaries receiving the food e-card, helping to reduce travel time and cost and enabling beneficiaries to maximize the value of assistance.
- Through the emergency response to the ongoing economic crisis, WFP reached 81,914 vulnerable Lebanese households (around 319,300 individuals) with food parcels in June. Between January and June 2022, WFP reached 380,872 vulnerable Lebanese in total through its in-kind food assistance.
- In June, 71,742 Syrian and Lebanese students registered in the morning and afternoon shifts at 115 public schools that are part of WFP's School Meals programme, reaching 98 percent of the target to assist 73,500 students. This included 4,596 students who received cold meals prepared by students' mothers as part of the School Kitchens initiative.
- Under WFP's Food System Challenge, 10 businesses received grants in June to upgrade their production facilities and launch new products and an additional 10 businesses were selected to receive grants.
- WFP assisted 49,060 Lebanese households (around 280,000 individuals) through the National Poverty Targeting Programme (NPT) in June. The household verification exercise for the inclusion of additional households is ongoing to reach the goal of assisting 75,000 vulnerable Lebanese families by September 2022 through the NPT.

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Photo Caption: A participant is working on site at a forestry project supported by WFP in Majdal Anjar.  
WFP/Mustapha Ghabris

## Country Strategic Plan (2018-2022)

Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Percentage Funded
<b>3.39 bn</b>	<b>2.02 bn</b>	<b>60 %</b>
2022 Requirements (in USD)	2022 Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) (July– December 2022)
<b>1.33 bn</b>	<b>644.7 m</b>	<b>411 m</b>

### 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.

**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

- In coordination with the Ministry of Agriculture, WFP held the opening ceremony of the Food Safety Laboratory and Quarantine Centre

at the port of Beirut on 16 June. The project included rehabilitation of the destroyed laboratory centre, procurement and installation of damaged equipment, and replacement of the lost and destroyed laboratory tools and supplies to return functionality of these facilities. The rebuilding and augmentation of the facilities will help prevent the introduction and spread of harmful exotic plants and plant/animal product pests inside Lebanese territories.

## Monitoring

- Despite the stability of the market rate in June (averaging LBP 28,600 to the dollar), the price of the minimum food basket notably increased to LBP 844,000 in June from LBP 792,000 in May due to increasing global fuel prices.

## Story Worth Telling



*Ghada and Aesha built a friendship after getting to know one another at the forestry project. Photo: WFP/ Mustapha Ghabris*

Gender equality and women’s empowerment are an integral part of WFP’s livelihoods and resilience programming. Between 2019 and 2021, the number of women participants in WFP’s livelihoods activities focusing on forestry tripled.

Ghada and Aesha are two of the women who participated in WFP’s forestry project in Majdel Anjar – a first for both. Aesha in particular found the tasks challenging once she first joined, but soon enough, she got the hang of it. “We would support and help each other out. If ever we found someone tired, we would take over for them,” says Aesha.

Ghada, a mother of four, and Aesha, a mother of five, are the sole providers for their families. The two mothers felt proud of what they achieved on the site and wanted to show their kids what they accomplished.

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