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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



## 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 2021, the Livelihoods programme improved participants' job competitiveness and competencies for both formal sector employment and entrepreneurial endeavours.



Fatima participates in a cooking session Photo: WFP/Photo Library

## 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 2021, fifty percent of cooperatives and small businesses were targeted through FFT were led by women. In parallel, 454 persons with disability, 89 percent of them women, participated in food for training activities through a WFP project with the Forum of the Handicapped Association, learning marketable culinary skills, food safety and more to enhance their livelihood opportunities.

For 2022, WFP will scale up its activities to reach more women and men with short-term income opportunities, as well as strengthen the enabling environment of the agriculture and other key sectors to improve long-term self-reliance for vulnerable women and men to ensure improved food security and access to livelihood.

## INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO SUPPORTING LIVELIHOODS

WFP launched the Food System Challenge in 2022, an innovative development project seeking to enhance the resilience of the local food system. Through this project, 30 small and medium businesses and cooperatives will be selected to receive grants (up to USD 100,000) and business support packages based on their proposed solutions to key challenges related to the food and agriculture systems, including access to energy and raw materials, and import substitution.

## GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

Following the Beirut blast in August 2020 which damaged much of the port's establishments, WFP supported the repair and augmentation of the damaged animal and plant quarantine lab, as well as the office of the Ministry of Agriculture at the port of Beirut. In addition, WFP provided the Kfarchima food safety lab with testing equipment and materials to ensure the safety and quality of imported food to the country. (Link [here](#))

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WFP's vocational trainings are enabling participants to develop marketable skills and improve opportunities for sustainable livelihoods. Designed in collaboration with local authorities, such projects create common grounds for people, as both refugees and Lebanese participate and work together in groups— 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 2021 alone, 77,000 people benefited by securing their basic food needs through these short-term opportunities.

"When I heard about the training programme WFP offered in Beirut and Mount Lebanon, I immediately rushed to register myself to participate," Fatima tells us, adding that her main goal in life is to start a small business of her own.

## CLIMATE ACTION

Following a study on climate change, agriculture and livelihoods, WFP implemented a climate-smart agriculture pilot project in 3 areas in Lebanon: Hasbaya, Akkar and Baalbeck-Hermel. (Link for the study [here](#))

In addition, WFP established living labs to research new technologies, and provided composting and barley sprouting units to reduce costs for farmers and maximize climate-smart technologies, including renewable energy.

## 2022 AND BEYOND

In 2022, WFP continues 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.

*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.