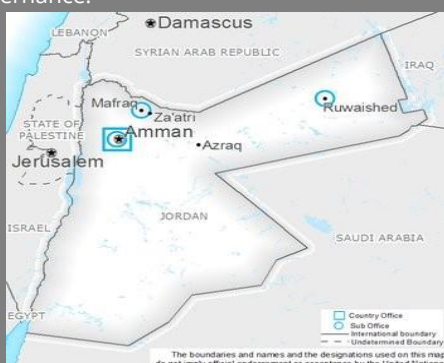


## WFP Jordan Country Brief October 2022

### Operational Context

Jordan is an upper-middle-income country, with a population of 11 million, 63 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 around 676,800 Syrian and 86,000 refugees of other nationalities registered with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) as of October 2022.

The results of WFP's Food Security Outcome Monitoring (FSOM) of the second quarter of 2022 showed that more than half (58 percent) of refugee households in camps were food insecure and the other half were vulnerable to food insecurity. In Communities, almost three-quarters of refugee households were food insecure (72 percent), and the other quarter were vulnerable to food insecurity. Female-headed households, small households, and households with persons/members with disabilities continued to have disproportionately poor food consumption. According to the Department of Statistics, Jordan's unemployment rate was 22.6 percent during the second quarter of 2022; with an improvement of 2.2 percentage points compared to the same quarter in 2021. Unemployment is 20.5 percent among men compared to 29.4 percent among women. The youth unemployment rate is 46.1 percent. WFP has been present in Jordan since 1964. Through its Country Strategic Plan (2020-2022), WFP Jordan provides humanitarian assistance to refugees and in line with national priorities, WFP has been rebalancing its portfolio towards Jordan itself by strengthening national capacity to deliver transformative results for residents of Jordan bypassed by economic opportunities, with a focus on social protection, livelihood support and food security governance.



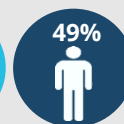
Population: **11.27 million**

2021-2022 Human Development Index:  
**0.72 (102 out of 191 countries)**

Income Level: **middle income**

Chronic malnutrition: **7.4% of children  
between 0-59 months**

### In Numbers



**573,000 people assisted** in October 2022 (estimate)

**US\$ 14.1 m** cash-based transfers transferred  
(estimate)

**US\$ 107.8 m** six months (November 2022-April 2023) net funding requirements

### Operational Updates

- In October, WFP provided food assistance to around 461,000 vulnerable refugees residing in camps and host communities through cash-based transfers. Most refugees come from Syria (89 percent), with a minority from Iraq (9 percent), and the remaining (2 percent) are from Yemen, Sudan, Somalia and other countries.
- Due to the continuous funding shortfall, WFP informed the refugees in communities that the assistance will remain at the reduced level until further notice.
- With the progressive shift from E-cards to mobile money to promote financial inclusion, around 13,000 Syrian refugees received assistance through this modality in October. To provide cohesive messages and prevent confusion among beneficiaries about the transition to e-wallets, WFP and UNHCR have successfully completed the joint information sessions on mobile money in Amman reaching more than 5,000 families. The joint information sessions continued in Mafraq governorate in October reaching 2,000 families who are currently receiving assistance from UNHCR through mobile money.
- WFP school feeding activities continued in October with the distribution of date bars to around 30,000 students in the camps and 26,000 students in communities, and healthy meals to 85,000 students in communities. A total of 1.5 million healthy meals were produced by 300 women working in the kitchens, of whom 35 women are registered with the National Aid Fund (NAF)'s Tamkeen programme which aims at creating job opportunities.
- Furthermore, WFP and its partners conducted mobile money information sessions for the school feeding healthy kitchen workers who will receive their salary through mobile money starting in November 2022.
- WFP continued to support the National Aid Fund (NAF) to validate the eligibility of 120,000 vulnerable Jordanian families enrolled in the NAF Programme for cash assistance. With the support of the WFP's contracted service provider, NAF successfully validated around 250 households through physical visits.
- Regarding the Food Security Outcome Monitoring (FSOM) exercise for NAF beneficiaries, WFP finalized the second quarter report. The data collection for the third quarter FSOM was completed in October.

## Country Strategic Plan (2020-2022)

Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)
<b>767 m</b>	<b>638 m</b>
2022 Requirements (in USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) (November 2022 – April 2023)
<b>261 m</b>	<b>107.8 m</b>

**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.
- **Act 8:** Provide on-demand cash-based transfer services to partners.

- Under the 'EU-MADAD' funded project, WFP and the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), in cooperation with the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), supported through cash-for-asset activity around 130 participants who rehabilitated 11 nurseries for forest seedling production, and around 120 who rehabilitated four national forests. Furthermore, 300 participants had access to short-term job opportunities in smallholder farmers' enterprises and agri-businesses to increase their productive capacities. In preparation for the winter season, 40 participants worked in canal cleaning activities under the supervision of MoA in eight different locations.

- In October, WFP completed the first phase of the iPark<sup>1</sup> programme by providing entrepreneurship training to 32 start-ups. The innovative business sectors focus on food security, including agricultural technologies, water-saving solutions, and farmers' access to markets.

- His Royal Highness, Prince El Hassan bin Talal visited WFP Jordan's offices in October. During his visit, WFP presented its programme achievements and its call centre and briefed him about WFP Jordan's upcoming 5-years Country Strategic Plan aligned with the national priorities.



- WFP's Goodwill Ambassador, Chef Manal Alalem, visited the national school feeding programme's healthy kitchen in Madaba Governorate. During her visit, she met with the women workers in the kitchens and appreciated WFP's achievements in empowering women and investing in local communities through this programme.

## Challenges

Between November 2022 and April 2023, WFP requires USD 100 million to cover the food requirement of 465,000 refugees. Additionally, for the same period, WFP Jordan requires USD 1.4 million to provide daily school snacks to 450,000 vulnerable students.

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<sup>1</sup> iPark is a local innovation hub that creates opportunities for entrepreneurs.