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DAYS OF ACTIVISM
AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE



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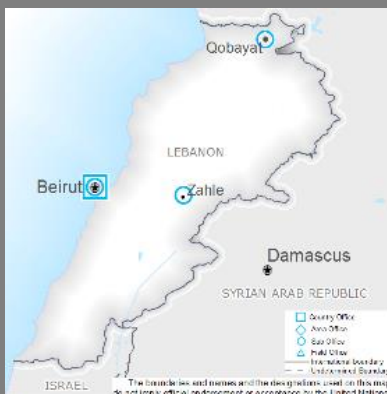
Operational Context

Lebanon is in its third year of a severe economic, political, and social crisis while also hosting the largest number of refugees per capita in the world. Record-high global food and fuel prices have added 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 have been living in extreme poverty and require assistance, with food insecurity affecting half the refugee population in 2021.

WFP is 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**

In Numbers



1.8m people assisted in November 2022

US\$ 23m cash-based transfers made

4,600 MT of food distributed

US\$ 544 m six months (November 2022 – April 2023) net funding requirements

Operational Updates

- In November, WFP assisted a total of 1.8 million beneficiaries through cash-based transfer modalities amounting to USD 23 million and through the distribution of food parcels. The people assisted were 690,000 Lebanese, 1,086,000 Syrian refugees, and 5,000 refugees of other nationalities. An additional 384,000 Lebanese received cash assistance through the Government's Emergency Social Safety Net (ESSN).
- UNHCR and WFP completed the annual identification of Syrian refugee families who will receive cash-based assistance for food and other essential needs in 2023. As both UNHCR and WFP expect to receive less funding from donors in 2023, coverage of assistance will decrease from 90 percent currently to around 77 of the Syrian refugee population starting January 2023. Coverage could be expanded only if funding prospects improve.
- WFP assisted 355,000 Lebanese individuals (63,300 families) through the National Poverty Targeting Programme (NPTP). The inclusion of 10,000 households into the NPTP is awaiting results of deduplication with applicants to the Emergency Social Safety Net (ESSN). Verification visits for 18,000 households to complete the NPTP scale-up (target of 75,000 households) is also pending the deduplication process with the ESSN.
- WFP supported 299,000 vulnerable Lebanese individuals (77,900 households) with food parcels in November with distributions in all 26 districts across Lebanon.
- Along with the regular distribution of in-school snacks and cold meals in 105 public schools, the first round of vegetable oil distribution as a take-home ration for the academic year 2022-2023 was launched in November in 99 schools across Lebanon for 60,000 children who received 2 litres of sunflower oil each.

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Photo Caption: WFP and its partner Lebanese Reforestation Initiative planted 150,000 seedlings in Yammouneh, Bekaa.
WFP/Ziad Rizkallah

Country Strategic Plan (2018-2022)

Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Percentage Funded
3.39 bn	2.15 bn	63 %
2022 Requirements (in USD)	2022 Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) (Dec 2022 – May 2023)
1.33 bn	831 m	441 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 (CBT 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 (CBT)
- Asset creation and livelihood support activities (CBT)

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

- Under the Food System Challenge, WFP and its partner Berytech started supporting 9 new small and medium enterprises after a 4-month period of needs assessments and planning. The business transformation packages developed include capital, assets, technical assistance, and operational support.

Monitoring

- The price of the food Survival Minimum Expenditure Basket (SMEB) monitored by WFP reached LBP 1.08 million per person/month in October, a 10 percent increase from September. The full SMEB, including food and other essential needs, amounted to LBP 10.8 million per household in October.
- Overall monthly inflation was 14.6 percent in October and annual inflation of 158 percent according to the Consumer Price Index of the Central Administration of Statistics. This has been driven by sharp increases in food and energy prices since late 2021 following exchange rate depreciation and the lifting of subsidies.
- Following a positive trend, 74 percent of monitoring visits to ATMs noted no crowds. However, some tensions between people queuing to use the ATM were observed during 3 percent of the visits.

Story Worth Telling



Kawthar gets creative with the food parcel she receives from WFP
Photo: WFP/Mustapha Ghabris

For Kawthar and her husband Khattar, the food parcel they receive from WFP has allowed them to withstand the inflation and better allocate their money to buy other necessities. “Ever since the recent increase in food prices happened, the food parcel allowed me to use my money to pay for other household essentials, which in their turn have also become expensive,” says Kawthar.

Kawthar and Khattar not only benefit from the food within the parcel, but also make use of the all the items that comes with it. The boxes, cans, and bags are all reused for new and different purposes. An especially interesting example is that of the heavy-use thread sewn into the rice bags. Khattar patiently removes the thread from the bag, properly stores it, and later uses it to fix the furniture. Kawthar also uses this thread for cooking techniques she learned from her family back in the village.

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