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Operational Context

Jordan is a low-middle-income country with a population of 11.7 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. Jordan hosts the world's second-highest share of refugees per capita with 3.5 million refugees residing in the country. This includes over 2 million Palestinian refugees, 1.3 million Syrian refugees (of whom 620,000 Syrian refugees registered with UNHCR as of November), in addition to refugees from other countries. This large number of refugees adds unprecedented pressure on Jordan's budgetary and natural resources, infrastructure, and labour market. Nevertheless, Jordan has linked the attainment of its own national goals with a progressive approach to hosting refugees.

Jordan has shown commendable resilience in maintaining its stability due to its strategic geopolitical positioning and relevant recent political reforms that effectively enhanced the resilience of its economy. However, the ongoing conflict in the region has significantly impacted the country, particularly in sectors such as tourism, while exacerbating existing economic challenges. Unemployment remains a structural challenge in Jordan as there is still a pressing need to enhance job creation for the young population and to bring more women into the labour market. Jordan's Department of Statistics announced an unemployment rate of 21.4 percent in the second quarter of 2024, with women making up 34.7 percent.

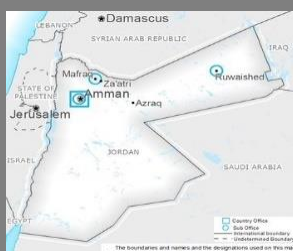
Under its five-year Country Strategic Plan-CSP (2023-2027), WFP continues providing unconditional food assistance for vulnerable populations in Jordan, including refugees, and technical assistance for national social protection programmes and systems. WFP focuses on education, and nutrition activities and expands its climate action in Jordan. Additionally, WFP and the Government of Jordan have been playing a pivotal role in coordinating and delivering food aid to Gaza and most recently to Lebanon.

Income Level: **low-middle income**

Population: **11.7 million**

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

2022 Human Development Index: **0.74 (98 out of 204 countries)**



In Numbers



310,000 people assisted in November under cash-based transfers

USD 6.5 m cash-based transfers

USD 73.8 m (December 2024 - May 2025) net funding requirements

WFP Operations in Jordan

- In November, WFP maintained its commitment to provide food assistance to 310,000 refugees in camps and communities, yet at reduced levels (USD 21 per person per month).
- WFP continued its support to the National School Feeding Programme by providing 520,000 vulnerable students with nutritious meals. In November, 430,000 students in the camps and communities received date bars in addition to healthy meals provided to 90,000 students in communities.
- In celebration of UN Day, WFP hosted the UN Resident Coordinator, Sheri Ritsema-Anderson, and representatives from other UN agencies and the Ministry of Education, for a school feeding visit in Mafrqa Governorate. The visit featured hands-on participation in meal preparation, distribution of meals to students, and observation of a nutrition-sensitive session to promote healthy eating habits among students ([link here](#)).
- In close cooperation with the Agricultural Credit Corporation (ACC), WFP launched a new project to provide training to farmers and small and micro businesses (MSMEs) on advanced technologies and practices that enhance their resilience to climate change. Over 400 smallholder farmers and MSMEs in Jerash and Mafrqa participated in this training. From mid-2025, these farmers will access finance for climate adaptive technologies and practices.
- WFP Jordan participated in a boot camp hosted at WFP's Innovation Accelerator in Munich where three companies from Jordan - Agsymbiotic Technologies, Deploy Tech., and Responsive Drip Irrigation- showed their innovative solutions for climate adaptation in the agriculture sector. Through a series of workshops, the companies refined solutions to align with the needs of the Jordanian market and developed detailed implementation plans and budgets, setting the stage to launch their activities in Jordan by 2025.
- As part of WFP's technical support for the Jordanian Food Security Council, and in line with the National Food Security Strategy (2021-2030), WFP updated the action plan for the coming three years. This action plan encompasses areas of food security, governance, and acceleration of strategic projects related to food security, food waste and loss interventions.

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Photo Caption: WFP is providing vulnerable students in communities with Healthy School Meals to enhance their nutrition, support their learning outcomes, and encourage regular school attendance.
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WFP Country Strategy

Country Strategic Plan (2023-2027)

Total Requirements (USD)	Total Received (USD) 2024
997 m	349 m
2024 Requirements (USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (USD) (December 2024 – May 2025)
213 m	73.8 m

Strategic Result 1: Access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Vulnerable crisis-affected populations in Jordan, including refugees, meet their food and nutrition needs through the year.
Focus area: Crisis Response

- Activities:**
- Act 1:** Provide unconditional resource transfers to refugees and other vulnerable populations to support access to food.

Strategic Result 1: Access to food

Strategic Outcome 2: Extremely vulnerable populations in Jordan, including refugees, are covered by adequate social protection schemes by 2027
Focus area: Resilience building

- Activities:**
- Act 2:** Provide capacity strengthening to national social protection institutions.
 - Act 3:** Support the Government with technical expertise for the operationalization of the national school feeding strategy to provide nutrition-sensitive school meals to targeted children.

Strategic Result 1: Access to food

Strategic Outcome 3: Vulnerable populations in Jordan, including refugees, have improved self-reliance, access to sustainable livelihood opportunities, and increased resilience to shocks by 2027
Focus area: Resilience Building

- Activities:**
- Act 4:** Build an interagency two-way referral system and an evidence-based advocacy strategy for refugee self-reliance and provide a livelihood support package to targeted refugees and vulnerable Jordanians.
 - Act 5:** Provide tailored climate adaptive support to smallholder farmers, pastoral communities and institutions responsible for natural resources management.

Strategic Result 17: Capacity building

Strategic Outcome 4: National and subnational institutions in Jordan have increased capacity to coordinate, manage and monitor food security and nutrition programmes, and respond to shocks by 2027
Focus area: Resilience Building

- Activities:**
- Act 6:** Provide technical expertise and capacity strengthening to the Government for the operationalization of the National Food Security Strategy
 - Act 7:** Provide technical expertise and capacity strengthening to national and local EPR/DRR institutions

Strategic Result 17: Global partnerships

Strategic Outcome 5: Humanitarian and development actors have enhanced ability to support vulnerable populations in Jordan all year round through on-demand cash-based transfer services
Focus area: Resilience Building

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

- WFP conducted a training session for key government stakeholders from the Ministry of Agriculture, the National Centre for Security and Crisis Management, the Meteorological Department, and the National Agricultural Research Centre, on the Real-time Impact and Situation Monitoring (PRISM) system, developed for the National Centre for Security and Crisis Management (NCSCM).

The system aims to improve the effectiveness of the national response to shocks as well as preparedness for natural hazards. The training focused on data analysis, interpretation, and practical application of the tool's features. It emphasized hands-on exercises and real-world scenarios specific to Jordan's context, ensuring participants could independently operate PRISM and leverage its capabilities for their respective ministries' needs.

Support for Gaza Response

- The Jordan Corridor continues to face significant challenges mainly due to a lack of enabling environment in Gaza to receive the cargo. Only 66 percent of planned deliveries successfully crossed into Gaza in November 2024.
- Over one year, 2,628 trucks with around 36,500 MT of food and other humanitarian supplies have been transported by WFP and the Logistics Cluster from Jordan. In early 2024, WFP also carried out 10 airdrops in coordination with the Jordanian Armed Forces (JAF) and the German Air Force.
- On 19 November, as part of a delivery arrangement between the Jordan Armed Forces (JAF) and the Coordination of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT) of Israel, WFP facilitated the dispatch of eight helicopters from Jordan carrying around 16 pallets of humanitarian cargo from Kissufim to a WFP warehouse in Gaza. This marks the first helicopter operation under the 'Humanitarian Bridge' initiative announced by His Majesty King Abdullah II.

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