



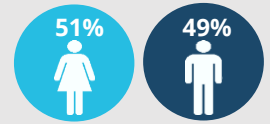
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# WFP Jordan Country Brief January 2025



## In Numbers



**310,000 refugees** assisted in January

**USD 6.5 m** cash-based transfers

**USD 73.1 m** (February-July 2025) net funding requirements

## 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 590,000 Syrian refugees registered with UNHCR as of January), 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 recent political reforms that have 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 21.5 percent in the third quarter of 2024, with women making up 33.3 percent.

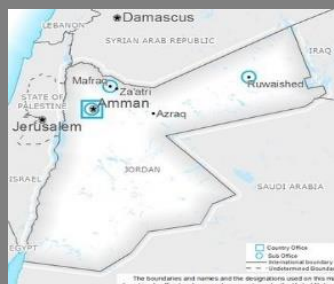
Under its five-year Country Strategic Plan-CSP (2023-2027), WFP continues providing unconditional food assistance for vulnerable populations in Jordan, including refugees, and technical assistance for national social protection programmes and systems. WFP focuses on education, and nutrition activities 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.

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)**



## WFP Operations in Jordan

- Within the framework of its Country Strategic Plan 2023-2027, **WFP signed several agreements** with the Government of Jordan in January. These renewed agreements were made with the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, the National Food Security Council, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Social Development, and the National Aid Fund. The agreements encompass technical assistance cooperation as well as joint programme implementation.
- In January, **WFP provided monthly food assistance to 310,000 refugees** in camps and communities, yet at reduced levels (USD 21 per person per month).
- As part of the technical assistance provided to the National Aid Fund (NAF), Jordan's primary social assistance provider, WFP and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) **launched a national database incorporating Human Security indicators**—including economic, food, environmental, and health-related aspects—to support NAF programming. Through this national database, which combines quantitative and qualitative data, NAF will shed light on the Human Security status of the most vulnerable beneficiaries. It will continuously be updated and serve as a foundation for NAF's vulnerability analysis and programming.
- With the conclusion of the school winter break, WFP and the Ministry of Education **resumed the National School Feeding Programme in January**. Date bars were provided to 430,000 students in camps and communities, and healthy meals to 90,000 students in communities.
- Under its climate portfolio, **WFP, in partnership with the Centre for Water Management Services (CEWAS), launched the Field Innovation Schools Project**. This initiative aims to empower vulnerable youth and refugees with entrepreneurial and market-driven skills. The initiative provides training in market research, enabling participants to identify local demand and develop innovative business solutions. Additionally, it equips them with the knowledge to formulate business plans to meet local demand.

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**Photo Caption:** WFP and the Ministry of Education signed agreements to support the school feeding programme in Jordan. @Mohammad Batah

## WFP Country Strategy

### Country Strategic Plan (2023-2027)

Total Requirements (USD)	Total Received (USD)
<b>997 m</b>	<b>367 m</b>
2025 Requirements (USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (USD) (February – July 2025)
<b>213 m</b>	<b>73.1 m</b>

#### 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 Jordan convened a **governmental roundtable to discuss agricultural climate-adaptive solutions supported by WFP's** Adaptation Fund Climate Innovation Accelerator. These pilot solutions in Jordan aim to enhance the agricultural market system by introducing affordable techniques for smallholder farmers.
- As part of its partnership with the National Centre for Security and Crisis Management (NCSCM), **WFP utilised the Platform for Risk Impact and Situation Monitoring (PRISM) to produce a drought outlook for Jordan.** PRISM aims to improve the effectiveness of the national response to shocks and preparedness for natural hazards. The platform was shared with key national stakeholders to solicit information for its improvement. WFP is also working closely with national institutions to operationalise and institutionalise PRISM and to integrate PRISM's services into the national drought management system.

## Support for Gaza Response

- **Following the ceasefire of 19 January, convoys from Jordan to Gaza have increased three-fold**, with nearly 240 trucks allocated for WFP and inter-agency cargo carrying nearly 4,000 metric tons of food, non-food items, and other humanitarian cargo.
- Since November 2023, WFP procured 38,000 metric tons of food from Jordanian suppliers for the Gaza response, in addition to 22,000 metric tons of food that have been procured for other regional operations.
- WFP is strengthening the logistics capacities of the Jordan Hashemite Charity Organization, to manage increased aid deliveries to Gaza and respond to potential emergencies in the region. Through the Logistics Cluster, WFP provides common logistics services, including warehousing, transport, coordination, and information management.

## Monitoring

The 2024 Quarter Four (Q4) Food Security Outcome Monitoring results showed a significant impact of the assistance cuts on refugees' food security. **In Q4, 16 percent of refugees in communities and 5 percent of refugees in camps were severely food insecure compared to 4 percent and 0 percent respectively pre-cuts in Q2/2023.** A much larger use of negative livelihood coping mechanisms is observed, mainly accepting degrading jobs, leaving the country to work, and withdrawing children from school.

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