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In Numbers



527,000 people assisted in February

USD 6.3 m cash-based transfers

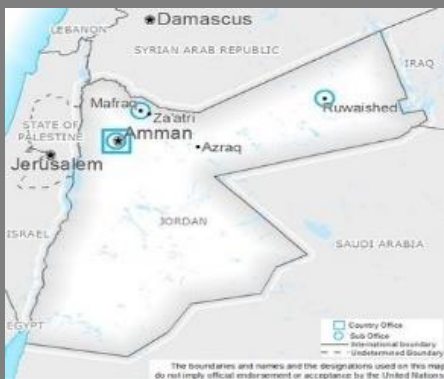
USD 76.2 m (March-August 2025) net funding requirements

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 faces shortages in resources, including food, energy, water, and agricultural land. Jordan has the second-highest number of refugees per capita, with 3.5 million residing there. This includes over 2 million Palestinian refugees, 1.3 million Syrian refugees (564,000 registered with UNHCR as of March), and others from different countries. Between 8 December 2024, and 22 February 2025, around 43,000 Syrian refugees returned to Syria from Jordan, making up about 7 percent of the total.

Jordan has maintained stability due to its strategic geopolitical positioning and recent political reforms that have enhanced the resilience of its economy. The conflict in the region has heavily affected the country, especially tourism, worsening economic issues. Unemployment is a persistent issue in Jordan, with an ongoing need to improve job creation for the young population and increase women participation in the labour market. Jordan's Department of Statistics reported an unemployment rate of 21.4 percent in the fourth quarter of 2024, with women constituting 33 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 prioritises education, nutrition, and climate action in Jordan. Furthermore, WFP and the Government of Jordan have been instrumental in organizing and providing food assistance 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

- In February, WFP provided monthly food assistance to 297,000 refugees in camps and communities, at reduced levels (USD 21 per person per month). Nearly 29,000 of returnees to Syria who were assisted previously by WFP, were excluded from assistance (representing 9 percent of WFP's 2025 total targeted beneficiaries), following routine validation of refugees residing in Jordan.
- WFP continued its nutrition awareness education intervention in Zaatari camp in cooperation with the International Medical Corps (IMC). In February, more than 360 children and pregnant and breastfeeding women were reached through group awareness sessions and peer support groups to promote positive dietary habits.
- WFP has launched a Geographic Information System (GIS)-enabled application to improve the efficiency of social workers conducting home visits for the National Aid Fund (NAF), Jordan's main social assistance provider. The application enables users to plan visit locations within a designated geographic area and offers GPS-guided navigation to ensure optimal routes in terms of both distance and speed. This will reduce travel time, minimize fuel consumption, and improve the overall efficiency of data validation visits.
- In February, WFP and the Ministry of Education continued implementing the National School Feeding Programme. The programme provided date bars to 430,000 students in camps and communities and healthy meals to 90,000 students in communities.

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Photo Caption: Cash assistance is a vital lifeline for vulnerable refugees in Jordan. @Mohammad Batah

WFP Country Strategy

Country Strategic Plan (2023-2027)

Total Requirements (USD)	Total Received (USD)
997 m	369 m
2025 Requirements (USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (USD) (March – August 2025)
213.8 m	76.2 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

- Under its climate portfolio, WFP and Tetra Tech, a consulting firm specialised in climate engineering, environmental solutions, and technical services, started the preparatory phase of the “Credit and Loans Initiatives for Modern Agricultural Technologies Enhancement (CLIMATE)”. This initiative will strengthen the institutional capacity of the Jordan Agricultural Credit Corporation through the development of financial products aligned with Islamic financing principles.
- WFP Jordan partnered with the Food Security Council to launch a pilot project enhancing smallholder farmers' access to high-value markets. The initiative strengthens market linkages and supports post-harvest services to improve agricultural product marketing.

Support for Gaza Response

- During the ceasefire, WFP Jordan delivered 9,000 mt of food items into Gaza, and the Logistics Cluster facilitated the delivery of 7,000 mt of interagency cargo on behalf of the humanitarian community.
- Since November 2023, WFP procured 40,000 mt of food from Jordanian suppliers for Gaza response, in addition to 27,000 mt of food 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

- In February, data collection for the Food Security Outcome Monitoring exercise for the first quarter of 2025 continued in host communities and refugee camps. The findings are expected to be completed by April.

Donors

Austria, Germany, Italy, Japan, Jordan Ministry of Education, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and private sector (Talabat Jordan).