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WFP LEBANON

2024 A YEAR IN REVIEW

OVERVIEW

The escalation of hostilities in 2024 deepened Lebanon's crisis, driving mass displacement, destroying livelihoods, and worsening food insecurity. Clashes between Israel and Hezbollah peaked on 23 September, marking the deadliest period since 2006 and exacerbating Lebanon's economic struggles. Declining humanitarian aid and escalating conflict **increased acute food insecurity** from 19 percent in April 2024 to 29 percent by end of year.

WFP played a critical role in responding to the crisis, prioritizing assistance for the most vulnerable people while navigating funding and security challenges. In 2024, **WFP supported 2.3 million people**, including 1.1 million Syrian refugees and 1.2 million marginalized Lebanese. WFP also facilitated cash transfers for 794,000 vulnerable Lebanese under the Government's Emergency Social Safety Net (ESSN). Through targeted livelihood and resilience-building initiatives, WFP connected businesses to its school meals programme and retail networks.

Following the 23 September conflict surge, **WFP rapidly scaled up support**, leveraging prepositioned food stocks, standby agreements with bakeries, and cash transfer networks to provide immediate support to 752,000 people, including those in shelters and hard-to-reach areas.

As the lead agency for the Food Security and Agriculture and Logistics Clusters, WFP partnered with organizations to optimize food distribution, offering shared warehousing, free transport services, and setting up a Humanitarian Notification System to improve safety and access to high-risk areas.

Beyond emergency response, WFP strengthened Lebanon's resilience by **enhancing national social safety nets and food systems**. In October 2024, WFP advanced the integration of the National Poverty Targeting Programme (NPTP) into the ESSN, establishing a unified, government-led social protection framework. It also supported the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA) in launching a grievance system and call centre, improving feedback mechanisms for cash assistance recipients while enhancing Lebanon's Shock-Responsive Social Safety Net (SRSSN). Additionally, WFP collaborated with key ministries to improve market transparency, conduct food security assessments, and strengthen national nutrition policies.

As Lebanon continues to face escalating challenges, WFP's focus on emergency response, shock-responsive safety nets and food systems will remain essential for the country's stability and recovery through 2025 and beyond.

2024 IN NUMBERS



2.3 M
BENEFICIARIES REACHED



51%
female



93,400
persons with disabilities

BENEFICIARIES BY RESIDENCE STATUS



48%
Refugees



38%
Lebanese



14%

Internally Displaced Persons



70%
Cash-assisted individuals

30%

Food-assisted individuals

BENEFICIARIES REACHED BY MODALITY



18,000 MT
FOOD
DISTRIBUTED



US\$213 M
CASH
TRANSFERRED



814,000
FOOD PARCELS
DISTRIBUTED



5.1 M
COOKED MEALS
DISTRIBUTED

The above numbers of people assisted and the amount transferred do not include the beneficiaries or transfers of the Government's ESSN programme.

794,000
ESSN ASSISTED
INDIVIDUALS



US\$213 M
ESSN CASH
TRANSFERRED



US\$967 M
Needs-
based Plan

US\$622 M
Available Resources
US\$382 M
Expenditures

Strategic outcome 01 CRISIS RESPONSE FOR REFUGEES AND LEBANESE



169,000 LEBANESE received regular in-kind food assistance

377,000 LEBANESE AFFECTED BY THE CONFLICT AND 54,000 NEWLY DISPLACED PEOPLE FROM SYRIA received emergency food assistance

1 MILLION REFUGEES received USD 149 million in cash-based transfers for food and other basic needs

5.1 MILLION HOT AND COLD MEALS AND 2,260 MT OF FOOD PARCELS distributed to people affected by the conflict

Strategic outcome 02 BETTER NUTRITION, HEALTH AND EDUCATION



413,000 LEBANESE received NPTF cash assistance for food and other basic needs before being **INTEGRATED INTO THE GOVERNMENT'S ESN PROGRAMME**

237,000 LEBANESE AFFECTED BY THE CONFLICT received emergency cash assistance under the Shock-Responsive Social Safety Net (SRSN)

108,000 LEBANESE AND SYRIAN REFUGEE STUDENTS received nutritious school snacks and fresh meals in 194 schools, including 12,000 students affected by the conflict

Strategic outcome 03 MORE RESILIENT LIVELIHOODS



219 GREENHOUSES constructed and rehabilitated benefitting 100 farmers (30 percent women) by boosting their income by 10 percent

400 DAIRY PRODUCERS supported and trained by WFP with 46 percent of them saw profit margin increases by 10 to 60 percent

ONE WFP-SUPPORTED SME linked to supply the school meals programme with food commodities

TWO OTHER SMES supported to meet required food safety and quality standards

Strategic outcome 04 CAPACITY STRENGTHENING OF NATIONAL PROGRAMMES & SYSTEMS



FIRST CALL CENTER at the Ministry of Social Affairs established and operated with WFP support

FOOD MARKET PRICE INFORMATION SYSTEM established at the Ministry of Economy and Trade with WFP support

429 EDUCATORS AND SUPERVISORS trained by WFP, supported the first national assessment of school nutrition and food environments in public schools

CROP AND FOOD SECURITY ASSESSMENT MISSION (CFSAM) conducted by WFP and FAO in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture

Strategic outcome 05 ENABLING HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE



USD 80 MILLION transferred to **794,000 LEBANESE** under the government's ESN programme

WFP facilitated **HUMANITARIAN CONVOYS** to hard-to-reach areas and provided shared storage capacity

WFP supported **TWO INTEGRATED FOOD SECURITY PHASE CLASSIFICATION (IPC) ANALYSES**

WFP supported **LEBANON'S FIRST INTEGRATED MICRONUTRIENT AND ANTHROPOMETRY SURVEY (LIMA)**

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