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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 559,000 Syrian refugees registered with UNHCR as of March), in addition to refugees from other countries. Between 8 December 2024, and 29 March 2025, approximately 52,000 Syrian refugees returned to Syria from Jordan, representing about 9 percent of the refugees registered with UNHCR.

Jordan's recent political reforms 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 fourth quarter of 2024, with women making up 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 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)**



In Numbers

51%



49%



281,000 refugees assisted in March

USD 6.5 m cash-based transfers

USD 77.3 m (April-September 2025) net funding requirements

WFP Operations in Jordan

- **Despite ongoing resource shortfalls, WFP prioritised available funding to provide essential food to the most vulnerable during the month of Ramadan. In March, WFP reinstated its full monthly assistance to refugees in camps and host communities. The amount increased from JOD 15 (USD 21) to JOD 23 (USD 32) per person. This temporary restoration was based on the WFP's Food Security Outcome Monitoring results for the first quarter of 2025, which showed rising food insecurity among refugees during the winter. It also aimed to support increased household expenditures during Ramadan.**
- Routine eligibility checks identified nearly 29,000 refugees who returned to Syria, and were therefore excluded from WFP assistance in March, representing 9 percent of the total planned beneficiaries. Consequently, WFP assisted approximately 281,000 refugees during the month.
- WFP continued its nutrition awareness education in Zaatari camp in cooperation with the International Medical Corps (IMC). By the end of March, more than 470 pregnant and breastfeeding women and children were reached through group awareness sessions and peer support groups to promote positive dietary habits.
- WFP paused the National School Feeding Programme in Ramadan. The distribution of date bars and healthy meals will resume in April in camps and communities.
- **Under its livelihood and climate response activities** WFP Jordan held a sensitisation workshop in March for the Credit and Loans Initiative for Modern Agricultural Technologies Enhancement project, targeting staff from the Agricultural Credit Corporation (ACC). The workshop aimed to enhance the understanding of loan officers from ACC headquarters and its Jerash, Mafrqa, and Balqa branches on project activities, the concept of climate-smart agriculture, and the loan development process. It also addressed context-specific challenges and opportunities faced by farmers in Jordan.

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Photo Caption: A refugee family in Zaatari camp shares a Ramadan meal.
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WFP Country Strategy

Country Strategic Plan (2023-2027)

Total Requirements (USD)	Total Received (USD)
997 m	371 m
2025 Requirements (USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (USD) (April – September 2025)
213 m	77.3 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

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- Furthermore, WFP and ACC launched a call for applications for Jordanian and Syrian farmers interested in training on climate-smart agriculture. The training is intended to raise awareness among farmers and agricultural small and medium enterprises in Jerash, Mafrqa, and Balqa governorates about technologies and practices that enhance the resilience of their farms and businesses.
- In support of WFP, the Jordan Food Security Council launched the “No Food Waste” campaign in response to rising demand for food commodities during the holy month of Ramadan. Under the slogan “*Value it, don’t waste it,*” awareness materials were disseminated through local media to promote mindful consumption. The campaign sought to raise public awareness of the scale and impact of food waste, and to encourage more sustainable practices throughout the month of Ramadan and beyond. Jordan wastes an estimated 101 kilograms of food per person annually —[equivalent](#) to approximately 1.136 million tons of food, enough to feed around 1.5 million people for an entire year.

Support for Gaza Response

- Since 2 March, the suspension of humanitarian aid delivery and the closure of all border crossings to Gaza have halted the entry of convoys and restricted the flow of food and essential supplies through the Jordanian corridor.
- During the ceasefire, between 18 January and 2 March 2025, WFP and the Logistics Cluster delivered nearly 16,000 mt of food and non-food items across 1,385 trucks into Gaza via the Jordan corridor, doubling the delivery volume compared to pre-ceasefire levels.
- Prior to the ceasefire, between November 2023 and 18 January 2025, a total of 3,010 trucks with approximately 41,472 mt of food and other humanitarian supplies were transported by WFP and the Logistics Cluster from Jordan.

Donors

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

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