

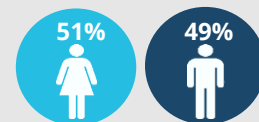


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## WFP Jordan Country Brief August 2025

### In Numbers



**248,000 refugees** assisted in August

**USD 5.3 m** cash-based transfers

**USD 92.5 m** (September 2025-February 2026) net funding requirements

### Operational Context

Jordan is a low-middle-income country with a population of 11.8 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 around 3 million refugees residing in the country. This includes over 2 million Palestinian refugees, and around 462,300 Syrian refugees registered with UNHCR as of August, in addition to refugees from other countries. Between 8 December 2024 and 20 August 2025, over 144,600 Syrian refugees returned to Syria from Jordan, representing 24 percent of those registered with UNHCR.

Jordan's recent political reforms have contributed to strengthening the resilience of its economy. Nevertheless, ongoing regional conflicts have had a considerable impact on the country, especially in sectors like tourism, and have intensified pre-existing economic challenges. Unemployment remains a structural issue in Jordan, particularly among youth and women. In the first quarter of 2025, the Department of Statistics reported an unemployment rate of 21.3 percent, with women accounting for 31 percent of the unemployed.

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 resilience efforts 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: **11.8 million**

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

2025 Human Development Index: **0.74 (99 out of 193 countries)**



### WFP Operations in Jordan

- More than 144,000 refugees returned voluntarily from Jordan to Syria between December 2024 and August 2025, reducing the number of individuals assisted by WFP in Jordan. In August, WFP provided monthly food assistance to **248,000** refugees in camps and communities, at reduced levels (JOD 15/USD 21 per person). Since early 2025, nearly 62,000 refugees have been removed from the monthly food assistance provided by WFP following their return to Syria. This action was undertaken as part of standard individual eligibility assessments for refugees residing in Jordan.
- Additionally, by the end of August, WFP concluded its annual biometric verification exercise to confirm the continued presence and eligibility of assisted refugees in camps and communities. Ninety percent of beneficiaries successfully verified their presence, while the remainder will be excluded from assistance in September.
- In support of the National School Feeding Programme, WFP is preparing to resume its school feeding activities for the first semester of 2025-2026 by mid-September. As in previous years, WFP, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and its partners, will distribute date bars and healthy meals in camps and communities. [This year in 2025](#), WFP will also expand the healthy meals modality to include schools in Zaatari and Azraq camps starting in September. The meals consist of a pastry, a vegetable, and fruit prepared by women working in dedicated kitchens, with the involvement of local bakeries and smallholder farmers.
- Within the framework of resilience building and enhancing shock-responsiveness, the Agricultural Credit Corporation ([ACC](#)), with WFP's technical support, has launched low-interest loan products to support farmers in Jordan. Recently, WFP trained **450** farmers, agrifood businesses and cooperatives in Jerash, Mafraq, and Balqa. They can now utilise these products to invest in climate-resilient farming practices, enhance productivity, reduce losses and improve livelihoods.

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**Photo Caption:** HRH Prince El Hassan bin Talal received WFP's new Representative & Country Director and Deputy Country Director in Jordan to discuss WFP's activities and ongoing partnership. WFP values His Royal Highness's enduring support, leadership and vision. @Mohammad Batah

WFP Country Strategy

Country Strategic Plan (2023-2027)

Total Requirements (USD)	Total Received (USD)
997 m	400 m
2025 Requirements (USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (USD) (September 2025 – February 2026)
213 m	92.5 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

- Furthermore, WFP facilitated the installation of responsive drip irrigation systems on eight farms in Jerash and Irbid and supported the adoption of adaptive symbiotic technologies on more than 120 farms. These technologies enhance irrigation efficiency, improve crop resilience to climate stress, reduce fertiliser use, and increase yields.
- As part of its strategic partnership with the National Centre for Security and Crisis Management (NCSCM), WFP continued its support to the Technical National Drought Committee by providing advisory and facilitative assistance to initiate the production of the National Drought Monitoring Report for the 2024/2025 season. The process involves using the NCSCM's Platform for Real-time Impact and Situation Monitoring (PRISM) tool to produce a drought monitoring bulletin, conduct expert impact analyses, and draft a national drought report. PRISM is a critical instrument for assessing climate risks and forecasting seasonal patterns.

Support for Gaza Response

- Since the resumption of convoy deliveries to Gaza in June, WFP and the Logistics Cluster delivered 10,735 mt of food commodities through 629 trucks. This includes 5,545 mt of food and commodities delivered through 307 trucks in August.

Challenges

General Food Assistance provided to refugees in Jordan

- WFP's priority is to secure adequate funds to address refugees' immediate food needs in Jordan. However, current resources can sustain monthly cash-based assistance for refugees in camps and communities only until January 2026. **WFP Jordan requires USD 65 million to address the critical needs of refugees through the end of 2026.**

The National School Feeding Programme

- WFP Jordan requires around USD 13 million to continue its school feeding activity through the end of 2026.
- If WFP does not receive the required funds, it will be unable to provide daily nutritious school meals to 475,000 vulnerable Jordanian and refugee children across schools in camps and communities.

Donors

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