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Operational Context

Jordan is a low-middle-income country with a population of 11.9 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 around 437,000 Syrian refugees registered with UNHCR as of October), in addition to refugees from other countries. Between 8 December 2024 and 25 October 2025, 166,000 Syrian refugees returned to Syria from Jordan, representing 27 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: **11.9 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)**



In Numbers



610,000 people assisted in October (estimate)

USD 5 m cash-based transfers

USD 53 m (November 2025-April 2026) net funding requirements

WFP Operations

- The number of refugees receiving WFP food assistance in Jordan continued to decline as more families are returning to Syria. Between December 2024 and October 2025, nearly 166,000 refugees voluntarily repatriated. Therefore, in October 2025, **WFP supported 230,000 refugees in camps and communities with reduced monthly food assistance of JOD 15 (USD 21) per person**. Since the beginning of the year, approximately 80,000 refugees have been excluded from WFP assistance, primarily due to their return to Syria and following a routine verification exercise.
- WFP and the International Medical Corps (IMC) continued delivering nutrition awareness sessions to beneficiaries in Za'atari camp. In October, 75 pregnant and breastfeeding women and caregivers of children under two participated. The sessions focused on key maternal and infant and young child nutrition practices.
- In support of the National School Feeding Programme, and in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, **WFP distributed date bars to 380,000 students in communities. Furthermore, WFP distributed healthy meals to 115,000 students in communities and camps**. The meals, consisting of a pastry, vegetable, and fruit, are prepared by women working in dedicated kitchens, with the involvement of local bakeries and smallholder farmers.
- As part of its technical assistance to the Ministry of Social Development, WFP and Jordanian delegations attended a South-South Cooperation Mission to China on Shock Responsive Social Protection (SRSP). The mission provided guidance on developing an effective SRSP system, covering early warning, monitoring and evaluation, social registries, assistance delivery, and financing.
- Under its social protection portfolio, WFP continued supporting the National Aid Fund (NAF) in monitoring and evidence generation by training 40 NAF field workers on the updated routine outcome monitoring tool. This will be followed by a pilot data collection and analysis exercise to gradually build NAF's capacity for independent monitoring.

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Photo Caption: WFP welcomed H.E. Mr. ASARI Hideki, Ambassador of Japan to Jordan, to Azraq refugee camp, where he met families and saw WFP's cash assistance and school feeding activity in action. @Mohammad Batah

WFP Country Strategy

Country Strategic Plan (2023-2027)

Total Requirements (USD)	Total Received (USD)
997 m	428 m
2025 Requirements (USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (USD) (November 2025 – April 2026)
213 m	53 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 resilience-building programme, WFP supported small and medium farmers and agribusinesses, especially women and youth, to strengthen climate resilience through access to finance for climate-smart technologies. In October, 70 applications were received and 30 loans disbursed, with the Agricultural Credit Corporation continuing to process new applications.
- Furthermore, With WFP's support, the Jordan Palestinian Company for Marketing Agricultural Products (JPACO) trained over 20 farmers on market access and post-harvest management to strengthen their linkages with markets. The training aimed to help farmers improve product quality and reduce pesticide residues, enabling them to access higher-value markets.
- WFP continued piloting new water-saving and productivity-enhancing technologies with farmers in Northern Jordan. In October, 200 farmers received the bio-fertilizer, resulting in improved yields and greater plant resilience to low rainfall, pests, and high salinity. Furthermore, six concrete water tanks were installed and demonstrated to farmers, government, and businesses across the region.

Support for Gaza Response

- Since November 2023, WFP and Palestine Logistics Cluster have delivered over 73,000 mt of food commodities and non-food items into Gaza. Following the resumption of convoy deliveries in June 2025, 12,000 mt of food commodities have been delivered into Gaza.
- There are currently around 9,000 mt of food commodities in storage, ready to support the Gaza response. An additional 3,000 mt are in production, with a further 2,600 mt planned under the ongoing procurement process.
- As of 18 September, all convoy movements through the Jordan Corridor remain suspended following the security incident at the King Hussein Bridge border crossing. However, some other convoys remain operational through Sheikh Hussein Bridge (SHB) for non-food items (NFI).

Challenges

General Food Assistance provided to refugees in Jordan

- WFP's priority is to secure adequate funds to address the immediate food needs of refugees in Jordan. However, current resources can sustain monthly cash-based assistance for refugees in camps and communities only until the end of January 2026. WFP Jordan requires USD 16.4 million to address the critical needs of refugees from November 2025 to April 2026.

The National School Feeding Programme

- WFP Jordan requires around USD 3.5 million to continue its school feeding activity from November 2025 to April 2026.
- Without additional funding, WFP will be unable to provide daily nutritious school meals to 500,000 vulnerable Jordanian and refugee children in schools in camps and communities.

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