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# WFP JORDAN

## COUNTRY BRIEF

May 2026



**585,000** people assisted in April 2026  
(50% female) - estimate



**USD 2 M** cash transferred in April 2026



**USD 20 M** required in the next six months  
(May - October 2026)



**192,000** Syrian refugees returned to Syria  
(December 2024 - April 2026)

### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Due to critically limited funding, WFP has phased out food assistance for 135,000 refugees living in communities, while continuing support for around 85,000 refugees in camps.
- In April, over half a million vulnerable students received fortified date bars and healthy meals in communities and camps.
- WFP completed the first cohort of its self-reliance programme in camps, equipping 230 refugee youth with practical skills to enhance livelihood opportunities and strengthen resilience.

### SITUATION OVERVIEW

- Jordan is a low-middle-income country with a population of 12 million, 63 percent of whom are below age 30. It is a resource-poor, food-deficit country with dwindling energy and water resources and limited agricultural land.
- It is one of the world's largest refugee-hosting countries, with about 3.5 million refugees, including over 2 million Palestinians, 1.3 million Syrians (about 389,000 Syrians are registered with UNHCR as of April), and smaller numbers of other nationalities.
- Recent political reforms have contributed to strengthening the economic resilience, but ongoing regional conflicts have intensified pre-existing economic challenges. Unemployment remains a structural issue particularly among youth and women. In the fourth quarter of 2025, the unemployment rate was 16 percent among the population, with women accounting for 34 percent of unemployed people.
- Under its [Country Strategic Plan \(2023-2027\)](#), WFP continues to provide unconditional food assistance to vulnerable refugees, alongside technical assistance to strengthen national social protection programmes and systems. It prioritizes education and nutrition activities while advancing resilience interventions. In parallel, WFP Jordan, together with the Government plays a pivotal role in coordinating and facilitating the delivery of food assistance into Gaza.

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**Photo Caption & Credit:** Students transform healthy meal packaging into creative artwork during a school-based drawing competition under the national school feeding programme. Mohammad Battah

## OPERATIONAL UPDATES

### General Food Assistance

- Due to severe funding shortfalls, WFP has phased out food assistance for all 135,000 Syrian refugees in host communities. Refugees in camps will continue to receive assistance at the current reduced level (JOD 15/USD 21 per person).

### National School Feeding Programme

- In April, WFP and the Ministry of Education continued implementing the National School Feeding Programme, reaching around 106,000 students with healthy meals in camps and communities. This included 42,000 students in northern governorates, 44,000 in southern and central governorates newly supported by the Ministry and 20,000 in camps. Additionally, 400,000 students in host communities received date bars, with 480 metric tons distributed.
- A school feeding advocacy event was held in coordination with the Royal Health Awareness Society, bringing together government representatives and donors. The event aimed to promote the National School Feeding Programme, strengthen partner engagement, and highlight the importance of healthy nutrition. It also provided a platform for children to share their perspectives and creativity through artwork.

### Social Protection

- As part of the technical assistance provided to the National Aid Fund (NAF), Jordan's primary social assistance provider, WFP provided training to social workers across 52 branches to enhance evidence generation capacity. The training focused on the outcome monitoring data collection tool, improving the quality and consistency of field-level data collection.

### Resilience and Livelihood Support

- WFP completed the first cohort of self-reliance activities in camps, equipping 230 refugee youth, 160 in Zaatari camp and 70 participants in Azraq camp, with practical skills that can improve their livelihood opportunities and strengthen their resilience.

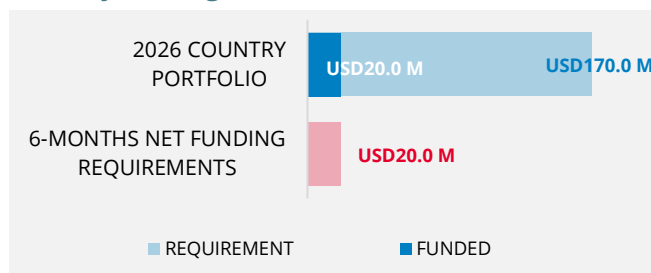
- Through its strategic partnership with the Agricultural Credit Corporation (ACC), WFP supported the launch of 11 new projects by smallholder farmers, focusing on adaptive technologies and practices for resilient agri-food systems.
- As part of its Credit and Loans Initiative for Agricultural Technology Enhancement, WFP [met](#) with partners from ACC and the Jordan River Foundation to review progress on interest-free financing for climate-adaptive agriculture, strengthening value chains, and enhancing food security and resilience for farmers. WFP and partners presented project achievements and findings from the training needs assessment, and discussed challenges and lessons learned from fieldwork.

### Support for Gaza Response

- In April, WFP delivered 162 trucks carrying 3,121 mt of food commodities into Gaza via the commercial modality through the King Hussein Bridge (KHB)-Allenby crossing. The Government-to-Government (G2G) modality, the primary channel for assistance from Jordan, has been suspended since September 2025. This modality enables WFP to work with authorities to move commodities directly from Jordan into Gaza.

## FUNDING OVERVIEW

### Country Strategic Plan (2023-2027)



## DONORS

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