

# WFP Syria Crisis Regional Response Situation Report

May 2018



## In Numbers

**5.6 million** refugees from Syria  
**2.9 million** Syrian refugees assisted in May

**People assisted**  
 May 2018



## Highlights

- In May, WFP reached an estimated 2.9 million refugees across Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey through various food and cash assistance programmes under the Country Strategic Plan (CSP) in Lebanon and Transitional Interim CSPs in the four countries.
- To continue critical humanitarian assistance to millions of refugees and host communities in the region, WFP requires an additional USD 232 million from July to December 2018.
- Assistant Executive Director (AED) Valerie Guarnieri and Nicolas Oberlin (Deputy Regional Director), visited Turkey (27-29 May) and conducted field visits to ESSN assisted households, a partner bank branch and Altındağ Social Assistance and Solidarity Foundation and met with the EU Delegation.

**Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP) 2018-2019**  
**Overall: US\$ 4.4 billion**  
**WFP share: US\$ 1.5 billion**

## Situation Update

- As of May 2018, there are over 5.6 million refugees from Syria in the neighbouring countries of Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey (UNHCR, May 2018).

## WFP Net Funding Requirements (July– December 2018)\*

Regional	<b>US\$ 232.2 million</b>
Egypt	<b>US\$ 11.8 million</b>
Iraq	<b>US\$ 2.9 million</b>
Jordan	<b>US\$ 99 million</b>
Lebanon	<b>US\$ 113 million</b>
Turkey	<b>US\$ 5.6 million</b>

### Lebanon

- As part of the Emergency Preparedness Response Plan (EPRP), four contracts have been secured with private companies for emergency port operations, inland transportation and storage of food and non-food commodities.

### Turkey

- The Turkish President informed that 200,000 Syrians have returned to Turkish-controlled areas in North Syria. The Ministry of Interior's Directorate General of Migration Management (DGMM) confirmed to WFP that the opening of the Syrian border during the Ramadan period (May-July) has been extended for the remainder of 2018.

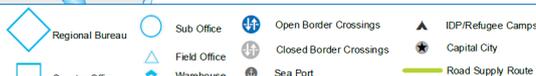
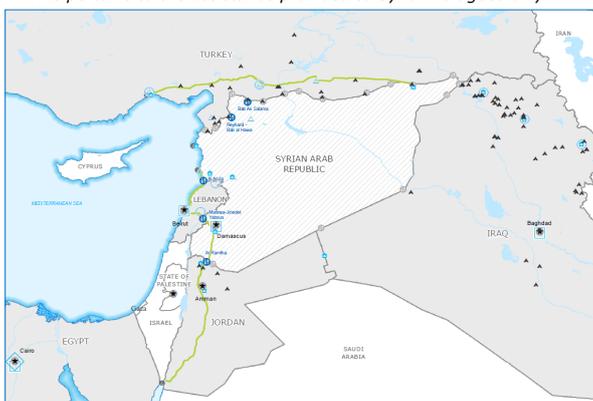
## WFP Response

### Food and Nutrition Assistance

#### Egypt

- WFP Egypt supported a total of 77,219 refugees from Syria with cash-based transfers (CBTs) through general food assistance (GFA) and food-assistance-for-training (FFT) activities. Each beneficiary received a monthly voucher assistance worth EGP 400 (USD 22).
- During May 2018, WFP launched nutritional support activities to 5,800 pregnant and lactating women both within the Syrian refugee community and host community members in Cairo, Alexandria and Damietta.
- The Q1 2018 Food Security Outcome Monitoring results have been finalised and key results revealed that assisted refugees from Syria had improved food security outcomes across all indicators compared to seasonal data from 2017 and that 78 percent of beneficiaries had acceptable food consumption scores. Additionally, the first quarter of 2018 witnessed the smallest difference between men and women in food consumption scores in over a year. Non-assisted

\* This pertains to the assistance provided to Syrian refugees only.



Syria Crisis: WFP Operational Overview

Photo: Cash for Work activities taking place in Jordan  
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households continued to have lower food security outcomes than those assisted, suggesting the need to expand assistance.

### Iraq

- WFP Iraq reached a total of 59,374 Syrian refugees with CBTs through GFA, totaling USD 1.16 million of assistance during the month. Each beneficiary of either unrestricted cash transfers or e-vouchers received IQD 22,000 (USD 19) per month.
- Preliminary findings of the Food Security and Outcome Monitoring report (Q2 2018) for General Food Assistance for IDPs and vulnerable Syrian refugees in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq indicate that the food consumption score stabilized from the previous quarter and improved when compared to the value registered for the same period last year.

### Jordan

- WFP Jordan supported a total of 551,621 Syrian refugees and vulnerable Jordanians with food and cash assistance through GFA, school meals and food assistance for assets (FFA) activities, of which 492,945 are Syrian refugees.
- The first cycle of barley production using the hydroponic unit started in Azraq town. The cycle serves as a pilot to test the product, monitor the system, identify issues and propose options to further scale production. A total of 150 kg of fodder was produced and will be marketed locally at subsidised prices to livestock owners. This model uses 80 percent less space and 90 percent less water to produce nutritious green fodder than traditional methods. This is particularly important considering climate-related challenges that the agricultural sector faces in Jordan -especially the lack of arable land and shortage of water.
- The Monitoring Logbook – an online-based tool to track actions related to monitoring findings – was launched in May. The tool is expected to significantly improve the oversight of monitoring activities and findings, thus enhancing WFP's accountability to its beneficiaries and other stakeholders.

### Lebanon

- WFP Lebanon assisted 761,854 Syrian refugees, Palestinian refugees from Syria, and vulnerable Lebanese with food and cash assistance through GFA and school meals, of which 643,434 are Syrian refugees.
- The Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA), with support from WFP and the World Bank, completed the National Poverty Targeting Programme retargeting exercise. The results of the exercise will allow newly targeted beneficiaries to be added to the programme.

### Turkey

- WFP Turkey reached a total of 1,486,988 beneficiaries in May. Of these, a total of 141,860 beneficiaries received e-vouchers with monthly value of TRY 50 (USD 18) under the in-camp assistance programme, in ten camps.
- Analysis of ESSN PDM 2 data collected between November 2017 and January 2018 was presented to the ESSN Governing Board in May. Survey results indicate that ESSN beneficiary households have a higher rate of improvement in their food consumption score, utilize coping strategies less frequently and reporting less household debt in comparison to non-beneficiary families.
- ESSN CVME data collection shows that non-applicants who cannot access the programme due to registration and other issues were worse off according to many indicators. Female-headed households were the most concerning group.

- Working together with the Turkish Red Crescent (TRC) and DGMM, a technical solution permitting cross-checking of WFP/TRC camps and ESSN beneficiary lists on a monthly basis has been realized. The first partial cross-check was run on the May camps list which identified approximately 1,300 people who were also candidates to receive ESSN assistance. These beneficiaries were excluded from the May ESSN payment list, and the check will continue to run on a monthly basis in order to ensure that no beneficiaries in the 10 camps assisted by WFP and TRC will benefit from the ESSN simultaneously. Latest discussions with DGMM indicate that cross-checking will also be available in the coming weeks for the camps where WFP and TRC do not provide assistance. WFP and TRC are developing a communication plan to beneficiaries and camp managers regarding this issue.

### Economic Impact

- Since 2012, WFP's regional operation has injected USD 3.8 billion into local economies in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey, through cash-based transfers, local food procurement and other expenditure. In 2017 alone, WFP injected USD 940 million into the local economies.

### Resourcing Update

- WFP requires USD 232.2 million until the end of 2018 to continue providing food assistance for refugees and host communities in the region. With current confirmed contributions, WFP's operations in the region would be facing first pipeline breaks by the beginning of August in Egypt and Jordan and by mid-August in Lebanon (cash-for-food e-cards) and Iraq.
- In Turkey, the in-camp programme is currently funded through October whereas assistance to up to 1.5 million vulnerable refugees living off-camp through the ESSN cash programme is funded throughout 2018.
- In Lebanon, USD 113 million are required for the implementation of activities until the end of the year. Of these, USD 5.4 million are required by mid-June to ensure 170,000 vulnerable Syrian refugees receiving cash-for-food will receive basic food assistance in August. A total of approximately USD 26 million is required to support these refugees from August until the end of the year.

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## WFP Operation

	<b>Total Requirements in 2018</b> (in USD)	<b>Net Funding Requirements in 2018</b> (in USD) (July to December 2018) **	<b>People Assisted</b> (May 2018)	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Modality</b>
Combined TICSPs/CSP	855 million	232.2 million	2.9 million		
<b>Egypt*</b>	19 million	11.8 million	83,844	General Food Assistance Food Assistance for Training	Cash-Based Transfers
<b>Iraq*</b>	15.5 million	2.9 million	59,374	General Food Assistance	Cash-Based Transfers
<b>Jordan</b>	150 million	99 million	551,621	General Food Assistance Food Assistance for Assets School Meals	In-kind Food Cash-Based Transfers
<b>Lebanon</b>	224 million	113 million	761,854	General Food Assistance Food Assistance for Assets/ Training School Meals	In-kind Food Cash-Based Transfers
<b>Turkey</b>	446 million***	5.6 million***	141,860 (in-camp) 1,345,128 (ESSN)	General Food Assistance	Cash-Based Transfers

\* Pertains to the refugee response only

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\*\*\*In-camp support only