



# WFP Syria Crisis Regional Response Situation Report

December 2017

## In Numbers

**5.4 million** refugees from Syria  
**3.5 million** people assisted in 2017

**People assisted  
2017**



## Highlights

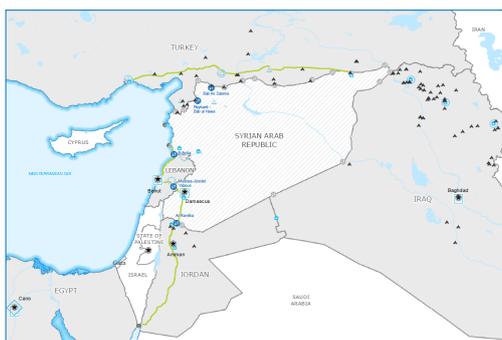
- In 2017, WFP reached more than 3.5 million people across Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey through various food and cash assistance programmes under the Regional Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO) 200987.
- For 2018, the regional response is now covered by one Country Strategic Plan in Lebanon, and four Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plans in the other four countries.
- The 2018 Regional Refugee Response (3RP) was launched in December, seeking USD 4.4 billion to support over 5 million refugees from Syria and vulnerable host community members in the five neighbouring countries.

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

## WFP 6-month Net Funding Requirements (February — July 2018)

Regional	<b>US\$ 249 million</b>
Egypt	<b>US\$ 18 million</b>
Iraq	<b>US\$ 17 million</b>
Jordan	<b>US\$ 82 million</b>
Lebanon	<b>US\$ 117 million</b>
Turkey	<b>US\$ 15 million</b>



Syria Crisis: WFP Operational Overview

## Situation Update

### Regional

- As of December 2017, there are more than 5.4 million refugees from Syria in neighbouring countries of Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey.

### Egypt

- During the month, most of the food market price recorded high inflation rates, reaching 51.6 percent for dairy and poultry products, 44.6 percent for oil and fats products, 43.6 percent for meat, 39.3 percent for bread and cereals and 37.1 percent for vegetables. This has a direct impact on the purchasing power of the Egyptian households.

### Iraq

- Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) Prime Minister Nichirvan Barzani has called on the Parliament to arrange general elections in KRG by the end of March 2018 to bolster Kurdish unity.

### Jordan

- The overall safety and security situation in Jordan remained stable, with Jordanian Armed Forces continuing to foil infiltration attempts, according to media reports. The Jordanian Armed Forces have increased defensive systems along the borders.

### Lebanon

- President Michel Aoun invited various Lebanese parties to a bilateral dialogue to address the issue of outside international political interference in order to find a solution to the postponed resignation of Prime Minister Hariri. Hariri has requested non-participation of Hezbollah in conflicts outside of Lebanon.

### Turkey

- Turkey's Deputy Director General of Migration Management (DGMM) said on 21 December that 75,000 Syrians have been repatriated from Turkey following Operation Euphrates Shield and that Turkey was facilitating their return. He added that more refugees will willingly return to their home country soon.

## WFP Response



### Food and Nutrition Assistance

#### Regional

- In 2017, WFP reached more than 3.5 million people across Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey through various food and cash assistance programmes under PRRO 200987. In December, WFP reached more than 2.87 million people.

#### Egypt

- WFP Egypt supported a total of 77,880 refugees from Syria with cash assistance through general food assistance (GFA) and food assistance for training (FFT). Each beneficiary received a monthly voucher assistance worth EGP 400 (USD 22).
- The final report of the 2017 Egypt Vulnerability Assessment, a comprehensive multi-sector household-level survey of Syrian refugee households in Egypt, is currently being drafted. Preliminary results show that the proportion of food-insecure people has decreased to 14 percent in 2017 from 23 percent in 2016.

#### Iraq

- WFP Iraq reached a total of 57,633 Syrian refugees with cash-based transfers (CBTs) through GFA, totalling USD 1 million of assistance during the month. Each beneficiary of either unrestricted cash transfers or e-vouchers received IQD 22,000 (USD 19) per month.
- In December, WFP launched phase 2 of its Tech for Food activity, with 57 returning students from the pilot phase. The students have been split into two groups – one taking WordPress and online freelancing and the other working on projects' simulation as well as testing income-generating platforms and services. Both groups are also taking English language classes. Recruitment of 50 new participants to take part in a new eight-week round of basic training is underway.

#### Jordan

- WFP Jordan supported a total of 595,603 Syrian refugees and vulnerable Jordanians through a variety of activities. Of this, a total of 491,628 people were supported with e-cards and paper vouchers in the host communities, in King Abdullah Park Transit Centre, and in Azraq and Za'atri camps. Through WFP's tiered approach, the extremely vulnerable Syrian refugees in host communities were assisted through e-cards with a value of JOD 20 (USD 28), and vulnerable refugees through e-cards with a value of JOD 10 (USD 14). In camps and Transit Centre, WFP also assisted Syrian refugees through paper vouchers and e-cards with a value of JOD 20 (USD 28).
- Following the successful roll-out of the "choice" modality in Madaba governorate in August, WFP expanded the modality to two additional governorates in December; Balqa and Zarqa, reaching 60,000 Syrian refugees with a total disbursed amount of USD 1.2 million. "Choice" is an innovative modality introduced by WFP Jordan, allowing beneficiaries to redeem the assistance they receive from WFP through food-restricted vouchers or unrestricted cash, or both as per their preferred choice based on their personal circumstances.

#### Lebanon

- WFP Lebanon assisted 820,931 Syrian refugees, Palestinian refugees from Syria, and vulnerable Lebanese with food and cash assistance through GFA, school meals, asset-creation and training activities.

- The school meals programme reached the milestone of delivering 2 million school snacks, since the programmes inception in March 2016.
- The 2017 Vulnerability Assessment of Syrian Refugees (VASyR) by WFP and partners was published in December. Results show 91 percent of Syrian refugee households remain food insecure to some degree, and the share of households classified as moderately and severely food insecure grew from 36 percent in 2016 to 38 percent in 2017.

#### Turkey

- WFP Turkey reached a total of 1,319,780 people in December. Of this, a total of 144,526 people received e-vouchers with monthly value of TRY 50 (USD 18) under the in-camp assistance programme. Additionally, payments through the Emergency Social Safety Net (ESSN) programme were transferred to 1,175,254 people, or 199,336 households, with each household receiving monthly cash transfer of TRY 120 (USD 44). The average beneficiary household size is now 5.9 people.
- As of 29 December, a cumulative total of 397,688 ESSN applications (representing nearly 2 million people) had been received since November 2016, according to the Ministry of Family and Social Policies. Of these, 209,999 were assessed as eligible, with 180,163 ineligible, and 7,526 pending. This is an inclusion rate of 53 percent of households.
- The contract for the second phase of the ESSN has been signed by both WFP and ECHO to continue ESSN assistance from January 2018 to January 2019 with a contribution of EUR 650 million. This new contract constitutes the largest ever ECHO grant, and reflects great confidence in WFP Turkey's work.



#### Economic Impact

- Since 2012, WFP's regional operation has injected US\$ 3.4 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 942.7 million into the local economies.

## Resourcing Update

- WFP needs an additional USD 249 million from February to July 2018 to continue providing food assistance for refugees in the region. With the current levels of confirmed contributions, WFP's operations in the region would be facing pipeline breaks as early as January 2018. However, thanks to internal loans based on a number of solid pledges, WFP will be able to continue providing assistance without interruption throughout the first quarter of the year. Additional funding remains critical, without which millions of people currently being assisted will have their assistance either significantly reduced or completely cut.

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## WFP Operation

	<b>Total Requirements</b> (in US\$)	<b>6 Months Net Funding Requirements</b> (in US\$) (February — July 2018)	<b>People Assisted</b> (December 2017)	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Modality</b>
<b>Regional PRRO 200987</b> (2017-2018)	2.31 billion	249 million	3.05 million		
<b>Egypt</b>		18 million	77,880	General Food Assistance Food Assistance for Assets/ Training	Cash-Based Transfers
<b>Iraq</b>		17 million	57,633	General Food Assistance	Cash-Based Transfers
<b>Jordan</b>		82 million	595,603	General Food Assistance Food Assistance for Assets/ Training	Food Cash-Based Transfers
<b>Lebanon</b>		117 million	820,931	School Meals General Food Assistance Food Assistance for Assets/ Training	Cash-Based Transfers
<b>Turkey</b>		15 million*	144,526 (in-camp) 1,175,254 (ESSN)	School Meals General Food Assistance	Cash-Based Transfers

\*In-camp only