

WFP's Response in Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey and Iraq

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HIGHLIGHTS/KEY PRIORITIES

- **In Jordan**, WFP's partners, Jordan Hashemite Charity Organization (JHCO) and Jordan Red Crescent (JRC), have distributed some 207.7 metric tons of family food packages reaching 23,400 Syrian refugees in urban settings for June's distribution so far. WFP continues to provide hot meals to two transit centres and family food packages to a third one covering the food needs of an average of 1,500 Syrian refugees daily.
- **In Lebanon**, WFP implementing partner Danish Refugee Council (DRC) has reached 2,375 families in the North with 1,300 family food packages provided by WFP and another 1,075 provided by the Lebanese High Relief Commission (HRC). In the Bekaa Valley, WFP reached about 1,550 beneficiaries with value-based food vouchers through DRC in June.
- **In Iraq**, WFP is preparing to deliver direct food assistance to some 5,000 refugees in the Kurdish area of the country by late July while planning for the implementation of a value-based voucher programme in September.
- The revised UN Regional Response Plan (RRP) was launched in Geneva on 28 June. Under the revised RRP the planning figure and time frame have increased from 90,000 beneficiaries in September to 185,000 by December in Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey and Iraq. The requested funds for the RRP are now US\$193.2 million, US\$34.5 million of which are planned to support WFP activities in the four countries.



WFP voucher beneficiaries in Bekaa Valley, Lebanon. *WFP/Laure Chadraoui*

SITUATION UPDATE

- UNHCR reports that as of 26 June, they have registered 27,344 Syrian refugees with an additional 500 currently awaiting registration. The Government of Jordan reports that over 140,000 Syrians have entered the country.

WFP RESPONSE

- WFP is targeting 25,000 Syrian refugees living in host communities in Irbid, Zarqa, Marfaq, Karak and Amman with family food packages. In addition, WFP is providing food assistance for up to 1,500 people per day in three transit centres: in Al-Bashabsha and King Abdullah Park¹, WFP is providing daily hot meals, breakfast and bread, while in Cybercity, WFP is providing family food packages as the centre has been equipped with cooking facilities by UNHCR.
- King Abdullah Park, a new transit centre for singles in Ramtha, was opened on 27 June. Individuals who were previously staying in Prince Hashem Stadium have relocated to this new centre. Since 27 June, the provision of daily hot meals, breakfast and bread in Prince Hashem Stadium has shifted to King Abdullah Park.
- The June cycle distribution of direct food assistance to 25,000 beneficiaries started on 17 June and is ongoing. WFP's implementing partners, JHCO and JRC, have distributed 207.7 MT of dry food rations to 23,400 Syrian refugees in urban settings for June's distribution so far. WFP food assistance to these 25,000 beneficiaries will phase over to a value-based voucher programme in the second half of July.
- During the reporting period, WFP provided hot meals and breakfast in Al-Bashabsha and Prince Hashem Stadium/King Abdullah Park for about 1,100 people daily; in Cybercity WFP assisted over 440 people with weekly family food packages.

WFP Food Distribution to Syrian Refugees in Transit Centres in this reporting period

Transit Centres	BENEFICIARIES REACHED					
	Al-Bashabsha		Prince Hashem Stadium/King Abdullah Park*		Cybercity	
Assistance	Daily Average	Total to Date	Daily Average	Total to Date	Average	Total to Date
Bread**	1,200	32,600	500	21,850	1,300***	53,300
Breakfast	781	23,149	262	10,051	n/a	n/a
Lunch	847	32,092	267	12,938	n/a	8,525
Weekly Family Food Packages****	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	444	1,431

*Provision of meals in Prince Hashem Stadium has now shifted to King Abdullah Park. **Pieces *** Bread is distributed in Cybercity on a daily basis. ****Packages tailored to the number of individuals per family.

- WFP's food rations are procured locally and delivered to the implementing partners' central warehouses directly where all repackaging is done. Distribution takes place either directly from these warehouses or through the different distribution centres around the country. The system is operating effectively.
- The Government of Jordan's coordination committee will provide feedback this week on the nutrition survey methodology. Meanwhile, preparatory work (questionnaire, training material etc.) with the UNICEF nutrition consultant continues. Communication with the Lebanon office is ongoing to prepare for a similar exercise

¹All Syrian refugees who previously stayed at Prince Hashem Stadium have been transported to King Abdullah Park where WFP is providing daily hot meals.

there. The nutrition consultant will visit the transit centres on 1 July to assess the Syrian refugee status and conditions.

- The WFP nutrition consultant working with UNICEF on the Nutrition Survey in the region has visited pharmacies, supermarkets, cooperatives and traditional markets to develop an inventory of weaning foods available in the retail stores.
- WFP Jordan monitors the delivery of all food to communities through a regular reporting system: WFP receives daily, weekly and monthly reports from JRC and JHCO including beneficiaries reached (using gender-disaggregated data), packages distributed and quantity of commodities delivered. WFP and implementing partner NGO Takiyet um Ali are both monitoring the implementation of hot meal assistance in transit centres.

COORDINATION/EXTERNAL RELATIONS

- Five NGOs have submitted proposals to implement the voucher programme in partnership with WFP. Final selection of implementing partners will be determined during the first week of July.
- A draft of the UNHCR-led contingency plan for Jordan was completed last week incorporating input from WFP. Based on the proposed framework, WFP developed a first draft of a Concept of Operations (CONOPS) to further detail WFP's possible response.

Lebanon

SITUATION UPDATE

- Tension in Tripoli has subsided and on 22 June WFP proceeded with food distribution which was completed on 29 June.
- As of 29 June UNHCR has registered 25,411 Syrian refugees in the country. An additional 2,250 Syrians in Tripoli and 2,000 in the Bekaa Valley are pending registration while being assisted by UNHCR and partners. As of 27 June UNHCR has registered 7,349 refugees in the Bekaa Valley.
- UNHCR reports that over 75% of the Syrian refugees who are being assisted are woman and children. Many live with host families who themselves struggle to make ends meet. Among the most pressing needs are food and basic non-food items, shelter, medical care and psychosocial support.

WFP RESPONSE

- WFP is targeting 15,000 refugees in the Bekaa Valley through value-based food vouchers distributed in a phased approach starting in June, following the progress of UNHCR registration of refugees.
- In addition, WFP is providing family food packages to 1,300 refugee households in the north of the country during June and to 3,222 households in July. Assistance will then continue under the Regional EMOP from August using vouchers.
- DRC is distributing the 2,600 the family food packages provided by WFP and HRC for beneficiaries in the North (Akkar and Tripoli) for the June cycle: 1,300 households were reached with WFP family food packages out of the total 2,375 who received food assistance so far. The distribution was completed in Tripoli from 22 to 29 June and reached 848 households. The distribution in Akkar district was completed between 4-19 June covering 1,527 families.
- The FLA with DRC for implementation of the voucher programme in the North is signed. DRC and WFP already started the training for shop assessment which will start in the first week of July. The voucher programme will begin in Akkar in August and in Tripoli by September. Shop assessment in Akkar district is planned to start next week.
- WFP reached 1,543 beneficiaries in the Bekaa Valley with value-based food vouchers in June. WFP voucher distribution for July will start in areas where registration has been completed. As UNHCR has experienced

some delays in their registration exercise, WFP will distribute vouchers only in Arsal, Al Sahel and Central Bekaa to registered refugees:

WFP July planned Voucher Distribution in the Bekaa Valley

Partner	Area	House Holds	Individuals
DRC	Arsal	487	2,237
DRC	Al Sahel	159	757
WVI	Central Bekaa	631	2,839
TOTAL		1,277	5,833

- In remaining areas of the Bekaa Valley (West Bekaa, Zahle, Hermel and Baalbeck), WFP will provide food packages through DRC and WVI to refugees awaiting UNHCR registration based on local actors' lists. WFP started the procurement of food packages to assist these refugees who will not have access to vouchers until they are registered.
- WFP, DRC and WVI finalized the shop selection in the Bekaa Valley except for the areas of Baalback and Zahle where the voucher program will start in August.
- The Field Level Agreement (FLA) with ACF to conduct a rapid nutrition assessment of the Syrian refugee population in Lebanon is finalized and pending signing. ACF's nutritionist, UNICEF and WFP consultants as well as WHO regional expert will arrive next week to finalize the latest technical details needed to begin the survey, which will start immediately thereafter. A committee comprised of WFP, UNICEF, WHO, IOCC and ACF will meet regularly to oversee the implementation and analysis of the survey. The Lebanese authorities have given their approval for survey implementation.
- WFP is planning a Food Security analysis of the Syrian refugee population in Lebanon. WFP will determine whether it is necessary to undertake further data collection or if analysis can be done with existing data.

COORDINATION/ EXTERNAL RELATIONS

- WFP HQ's Head of Television Communications and the consultant Syria Public Information Officer filmed the voucher programme in Arsal, Bekaa Valley. They had the support of DRC and a WFP field monitor. See video here: <http://www.wfp.org/videos/syrian-refugees-lebanon>.

Turkey

- From 24 May to 25 June, there has been an increase of 36% in the total number of Syrians currently receiving temporary protection from the Government of Turkey: there are 33,079 refugees registered with the Government as of 25 June.
- The current population of the Ceylanpınar Camp in Şanlıurfa has reached 9,165. Most new arrivals stay in Ceylanpınar as the camps in Kilis and Gaziantep have reached capacity.
- Reportedly preparations are underway to open a new camp in Akçakale in Şanlıurfa province for 10,000 persons.
- UNHCR is finalizing the shipment of over 2000 kitchen sets for refugees in Turkish camps.

Iraq

SITUATION UPDATE

- As of 26 June, UNHCR has registered 5,839 Syrian refugees while 347 Syrians await registration. UNHCR reports that an estimated 20-25 families and 100-120 singles continue to enter the Kurdistan Region on a weekly basis.

WFP RESPONSE

- WFP is targeting about 5,000 Syrian refugees in late July to early August with provision of direct food assistance; priority will be given to camp refugees in Domiz, Dohuk Governorate. After two months, WFP will phase into voucher assistance.
- WFP's planning figure for Iraq has increased from 10,000 to 15,000 beneficiaries in December in line with the revision of the Regional Response Plan (RRP). The financial implications of this rise will be reflected in a budget revision of the regional EMOP.
- WFP will start distribution of direct food assistance by the end of July; BMD has agreed to provide food assistance to the refugees in the Domiz refugee camp until then.
- DDM continues the provision of three hot meals per day to single males and food packages to families.
- WFP and UNHCR-led needs assessment of the Syrian refugees in Erbil, Dohuk, Suleimaniyah and the camp in Domiz, jointly conducted by UN agencies, NGOs and the Bureau of Migration and Displacement (BMD), is ongoing. The first phase of the field work has been completed in Domiz camp and in Dohuk.
- WFP Cash & Voucher (C&V) feasibility assessment report will be finalized by 8 July in preparation for the implementation of the value-based food voucher component of the Regional EMOP.

COORDINATION/ EXTERNAL RELATIONS

- Islamic Relief Worldwide, Qandil NGO and ACTED NGO will be submitting proposals to distribute WFP commodities to the refugees in Domiz.
- The financial requirement for WFP in Iraq has been updated to US\$1.9 million in the revised RRP.

Activities and coordination at Sub-Regional level

COORDINATION

- WFP has developed a first draft of a CONOPs based on the UNCHR led contingency plan to ensure readiness in the event of a rapid escalation of humanitarian needs in the region with the support of the Regional Bureau.

RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

Resource Mobilization for Regional EMOP	
Japan*	US\$300,000
CERF Jordan	US\$2 million
CERF Lebanon	US\$899,286
Total Resourced:	US\$3,199,286
Total Cost to WFP:	US\$ 23,832,571
Total Budget Shortfall: 20,633,285	

*The Government of Japan has donated US\$3 million: US\$1.2 million towards IR EMOP Jordan; US\$1.5 to IR EMOP Lebanon; US\$300,000 for the regional EMOP.

- The launch of the revised UN Regional Response Plan (RRP) took place in Geneva on 28 June with the participation of WFP Regional Director and Regional Refugee Emergency Coordinator. The planning target figure and period have been extended from 90,000 beneficiaries in September in the original RRP to 185,000 by December in Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey and Iraq. The request for funds has consequently increased from US\$84.1 million to US\$193.2 million, US\$34.5 million of which are planned to support WFP activities in the four countries.

- WFP's regional EMOP, aligned with the revised RRP, was officially launched for donor appeals at the RRP launch in Geneva.
- Thanks to contributions from the Government of Japan and the CERF, US\$3,199,286 has been resourced to date towards the EMOP, leaving a budget shortfall of US\$20,633,285.

- The Government of Japan fully covered the US\$2.7million cost of the IR EMOPs in Jordan and Lebanon, which allowed WFP to initiate the assistance to Syrian Refugees in these countries while preparing the implementation of the EMOP's voucher scheme.

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