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REGIONAL EMERGENCY OPERATION 200433 Food assistance to Syrian populations in Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey

Requirement: US\$27,728,035 Resourced: US\$16,127,702 Shortfall: US\$11,600,333

BACKGROUND: The events in the Syrian Arab Republic have led thousands of Syrians to flee to the neighbouring countries of Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey and Iraq, resulting in significant humanitarian needs. Through this Emergency Operation, WFP provides food assistance as part of a broader framework of support to refugees under the leadership of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). It supports strong partnerships with Governments, United Nations organizations and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO), and is aligned with the United Nations Syria Regional Response Plan.

OBJECTIVES: By meeting the immediate basic food needs of Syrian refugees in the region, the main objectives of this emergency operation are to: 1) save lives and maintain food security; 2) protect livelihoods and help prevent the depletion of the refugees' assets; and 3) strengthen capacities of partners and authorities, in line with WFP's Strategic Objective 1, saving lives and protecting livelihoods in emergencies. The operation will:

In Jordan: Assist initially 35,000 refugees, increasing to 80,000 during the project period through vouchers and in-kind food ration / hot meals to refugees in camps, transit centres and living with local communities.

In Lebanon: Provide food assistance for six months to an initial caseload of 30,000, increasing to 40,000, Syrian refugees located in the North and the Bekaa Valley. Assistance is predominantly through a value-based food voucher programme with in-kind household food parcels provided to families not yet registered for vouchers or remote locations.

In Iraq: Provide food assistance to some 5,000 Syrian refugees in August, increasing to 15,000 by December, through the delivery of family food packages before phasing into a voucher system.

In Turkey: The Government of Turkey is generously providing Syrians with a high standard of support. At the Government of Turkey's request, WFP will complement the Government's assistance through a voucher scheme targeting 30,000 refugees.

OPERATION INFORMATION AT GLANCE

Area of Assistance: Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey

Duration of Project: June to December 2012

Beneficiaries: 67,000 in July to 135,000 in December

WFP voucher value US\$: \$31/person/month



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ACHIEVEMENTS

In Jordan and Lebanon, the Regional EMOP continues the assistance started under the Immediate Response Emergency Operations which closed in July 2012:

JORDAN: WFP reached over 30,000 Syrian refugees living in local communities during June with monthly family food packages while 15,720 people were reached in May.

WFP is now providing some 13,000 meals per day in the transit camps in Ramtha and Al Za’atari, reaching about 6,500 beneficiaries with two meals per day WFP will phase from hot meals to dry rations in Al Za’atari camp, as soon as kitchen facilities are in place after Ramadan. In August WFP is targeting 22,888 beneficiaries in the communities and in the transit camps with voucher assistance This month’s distribution of vouchers started on 1 August in Cyber City Transit Camp and 5 August in the communities, through the implementing partners, Save the Children Islamic Relief Worldwide and the Human Relief Foundation.

LEBANON: In August, WFP is targeting 33,000 Syrian refugees:

In the North, the August cycle vouchers distribution in Akkar region to 13,690 individuals, will start on 16 July. Assistance will be also provided to 6,865 beneficiaries in Tripoli for August cycle through family food packages. WFP will begin the voucher programme in Tripoli area in September.

In the Bekaa Valley, WFP is providing assistance through value-based food vouchers to the overall refugee population except a very small caseload of 211 households who will receive family food packages due to access constraints. 12,864 persons will receive the food voucher during the first two weeks of August. Both vouchers and direct food assistance are distributed by the Danish Refugee Council and World Vision International.

WFP started assistance through vouchers in Lebanon in June reaching 1,543 people. The target population is increasing in a phased approach following the progress of UNHCR registration of refugees; in July the target number for voucher assistance in the Bekaa Valley was about 6,000 beneficiaries while in August is almost 13,000.

IRAQ: WFP will start direct food assistance for 5,000 beneficiaries in August. Simultaneously, WFP is in the process of establishing a voucher system to provide assistance through value-based food vouchers, allowing the assistance to support the local economy. Preliminary findings of the draft voucher feasibility assessment indicate that Erbil is conducive to voucher programme implementation to serve the Syrian nationals in the area, including those in Domiz Camp.

TURKEY: The Government of Turkey has been generously supporting Syrian refugees providing a very high standard of assistance. The recent voucher feasibility study recommended a phased transition from direct food assistance to a market based approach through food vouchers in camps where people have or will have cooking facilities and access to shops. The proposed assistance, initially to cover the needs of some 30,000 people, is expected to be expanded as cooking facilities and access to shop is ensured.

Overview resource mobilization	
DONOR	CONFIRMED USD
USA	8,000,000
Japan	315,488
Switzerland	198,346
UN CERF	2,904,292
UK	4,709,576
Total confirmed	16,127,702
REG EMOP 200433 Cost	27,728,035
SHORTFALL	11,600,333