



TARGETS

As specified in the RRP5

 **186,000**
Syrian refugees receive food assistance

 **6,000**
school children receive food assistance through school feeding

 **30,000**
Syrian refugees in Al-Qa'im camp receive sectoral cash grants.

 **54.8 million**
USD required

NEEDS

- Meet immediate basic and complementary food needs of vulnerable refugees through WFP regular distribution of adequate food assistance to refugees living in camps and provision of cash assistance to extremely vulnerable individuals by UNHCR, notably urban-based refugee families;
- Ensure regular school attendance and adequate learning capacity of school children in the camps through provision of a daily micronutrient-fortified snack;
- Obtain adequate information on the humanitarian food assistance needs of refugees in camps and host communities in the Kurdistan Region and Al Qa'im areas through regular assessments including Joint Assessment Missions (JAM);
- Meet the emergency food needs of newly arrived refugees following the reopening of the border in the Kurdistan Region on 15 August.

OBJECTIVE

Food security for all Syrian refugees in need is ensured.

ACTION/OUTPUTS

- Provide a full ration of 2,100 kcal through food vouchers and food parcels to up to 156,000 Syrians in the Kurdistan region and up to 30,000 Syrian refugees in the Central region (Al Qa'im) from January to December 2013.
- Provide a daily fortified snack to up to 6,000 Syrian refugee students attending schools in camps in coordination with Ministry of Education and UNICEF. Snacks will be provided for 20 school days per month while schools are in session and also during special summer classes.
- Coordinate with UNHCR, MODM and partners on registered Syrians for the distribution of in-kind food and food voucher assistance. Obtain refugee registers from the UNHCR database for the food and voucher distributions.

KEY AUGUST DEVELOPMENTS

- On 15 August, the Kurdistan Regional Government opened its border with Syria, leading to an influx of over 50,000 Syrian refugees in two weeks. The logistics operation to secure supplies in response included deployment of two cargo planes from Dubai and Adane on 26 and 27 August respectively. The cargo received in Erbil International Airport includes high-energy biscuits, A-29 wheat-based nutritional bars and UNHCR tents.
- WFP provided 1,500 in-kind food rations originally destined for Syrian refugees in Al Obady camp for distribution to new arrivals in Kawr Gosk camp. The dry rations were provided per tent as an immediate emergency response to cover the food needs of families for 4-5 days. 37,000 family food rations destined for Syria and sufficient for 185,000 people for one month were also delivered to Erbil in response to the influx. As part of this distribution and others that will follow, families who have children under 5 also received a 6 kg ration of High Energy Biscuits (HEBs), irrespective of the number of children in the family. Similar distribution is planned in other transit camps that have been established in Erbil, Dohuk and Sulaymaniyah governorates, and 870 individual food parcels were also sent to Baharka transit site for use in communal kitchens.
- Charitable organisations, the Kurdistan Regional Government and local communities provided wet feeding to the new arrivals in August.

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

-  **76,696** food vouchers have been distributed to Syrian refugees (including 13,545 in August targeting 59,915 beneficiaries)
-  **31,314** individual food parcels distributed to the Syrian refugees in Al Qa'im (including 2,086 in August)
-  **3,229** students received high-energy biscuits at the
-  **5,000** refugees provided with complementary food in
-  **500,000** meals distributed by local communities, the KRG and civil societies during the peak of the recent influx

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Local communities and local NGOs