LEBANON: RRP5 Update - October 2013 FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURE



TARGETS

As specified in the RRP5













NEEDS

FOOD ASSISTANCE: The number of people requiring food assistance continues to increase, putting additional stress on existing resources. Security constraints continue to delay access to beneficiaries, especially in Tripoli and Wadi-Khaled. Lebanese returnees are only receiving limited support and limited assistance for host communities is leading to increasing intercommunity tensions.

In October, partners working in the food security sector began targeting food assistance to families that cannot meet their needs. Targeted assistance is being implemented to ensure that the limited resources benefit those who need it most.

LIVESTOCK AND AGRICULTURE: Trans-boundary Animal Diseases (TAD) and large livestock losses, as well as the lack of food and phytosanitary control at the Lebanon-Syria border, continue to compromise the food and nutrition security. Disruptions in trade since the outbreak of the Syrian conflict, have led to a massive decrease in farm gate prices, while the costs of agricultural inputs and services continue to rise. Containment of trans-boundary animal and plant diseases and pests, and the establishment of food safety control measures on the border are urgently needed. In addition, crop and livestock production support is needed for returnees and vulnerable community's members.

OBJECTIVE

To ensure that food security and livelihood opportunities are provided to vulnerable Syrian refugees, Palestine refugees from Syria (PRS), Lebanese returnees and Lebanese host community members

ACTIONS/OUTPUTS

Food assistance provided to all population groups

- Spread of trans-boundary animal and plant diseases and pests contained, and food safety control established
- Restore smallholder agricultural production

KEY OCTOBER DEVELOPMENTS

- Targeted food assistance commenced across Lebanon
- The WFP e-cards roll out began in Beirut, Mount Lebanon, and South Lebanon
- FAO launched vaccination campaigns against trans-boundary animal diseases targeting 58,000 cattle, 277,000 sheeps and 424,000 goats throughout Lebanon

Leading Agencies: WFP and Government of Lebanon (GOL) Ministry of Social Affairs, with strong participation from FAO - Ekram El-Huni, Ekram.Elhuni@wfp.org Agencies reporting this month:



ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

