



TARGETS

As specified in the RRP5



70,000

Syrian refugees in November

2,000

Palestinian refugees from Syria in November



14,880,682 USD
required

NEEDS

Based on the WFP/UNHCR/UNICEF joint needs assessments in November 2012 and February 2013, WFP is providing food assistance through vouchers in poorer neighbourhoods of greater Cairo, Alexandria and Damietta. Assistance has since been expanded to include additional vulnerable areas identified by UNHCR and partners, with assistance delivered through existing distribution sites. UNHCR and partners, together with WFP, are conducting household-level vulnerability assessments to target the most vulnerable and food-insecure and ensure they are supported in a sustained manner.

The food assistance is currently in the form of paper vouchers or magnetic cards redeemable at partner supermarkets with a limited validity period. However, WFP, together with UNHCR, are working to transition to a OneCard assistance platform in early 2014. The OneCard system will support voucher and cash assistance by multiple agencies offering greater flexibility, independence and dignity for beneficiaries.

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE



70,569 refugees (unique cases) provided with monthly food vouchers



329,823 food vouchers distributed

OBJECTIVES

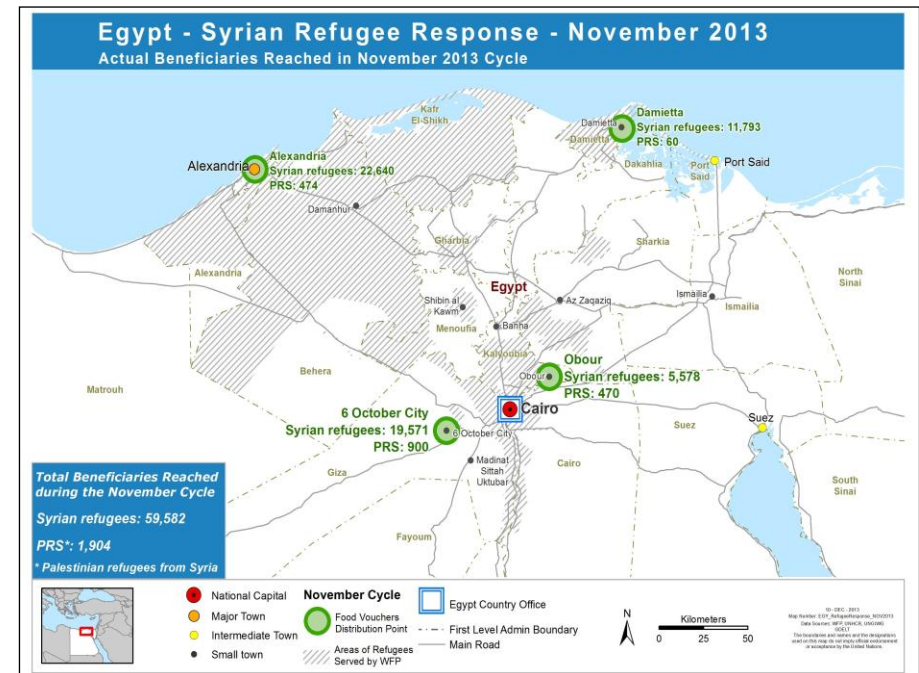
- 1 Save lives and maintain food security

ACTION/OUTPUTS (as per RRP5)

- Food-insecure refugees received monthly food assistance through vouchers
- Assistance targets food-insecure Syrians who are residing in poorer neighbourhoods
- Access to nutritious and sufficient food to provide minimum caloric intake of 2,100 kcal per refugee per day

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- November distributions have been completed reaching nearly 69,000 Syrian refugees and 1,900 Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS). December distributions will be targeting 70,000 Syrian refugees and 2,000 PRS.
- Results from monthly WFP programme monitoring between June and November 2013 show that after receiving food voucher assistance, the number of households eating three meals per day increased from 19 % to 41 % and those eating only one meal a day decreased from 24 % to 9 %.
- WFP is in the final stage of signing an agreement with an additional supermarket in greater Cairo to prevent overcrowding during voucher redemption periods and ensure timely and high quality food assistance to nearly half of the current beneficiaries in Egypt who are located in greater Cairo.
- Assistance and training has been provided to Caritas in Alexandria on the food security questions for household vulnerability assessments as part of the transition from geographic to household vulnerability targeting.



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