

### Introduction:

Save the Children International (SCI) provided monthly unconditional cash assistance for 7 months last year, from June – December 2013. A total of 2,230 households received 50 JDs monthly, including 1,399 Syrians and 831 Jordanians.

To determine the impact of the assistance, SCI conducted Post Distribution Monitoring (PDM) after each cash disbursement. A sample of 258 households (approx. 1,638 persons) were used to conduct the PDMs, including 125 HH in Amman and 133 HH in Zarqa, both Syrian and Jordanian HH.

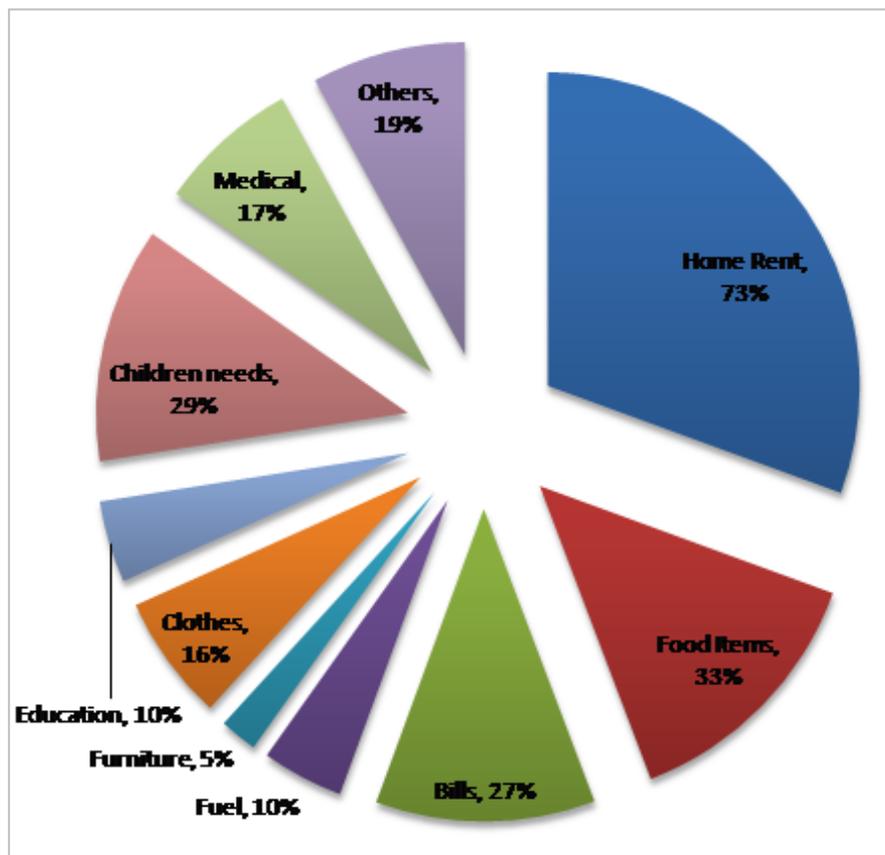
The age groups of the 1,638 persons was as follows:

Age Group	Percentage
Above 18	43%
10 – 18	24%
Below 10	33%

### Usage of the monthly Cash Assistance (50 JDs):

Respondents shared how they utilized the cash amount as follows:

1. Home Rent – 73%
2. Food items – 33%
3. Utility Bills – 27%
4. Gas/Fuel – 10%
5. Furniture – 5%
6. Clothes – 16%
7. Education (i.e. stationery, books, transportation to schools) – 10%
8. Little children needs (i.e. baby food, diapers etc.) – 29%
9. Healthcare – 17%
10. Others (i.e. home maintenance, other supplies, transportation etc.) – 19%



### Feedback about the Cash Assistance program:

Following questions were asked to understand beneficiaries' satisfaction of the cash assistance. Respondents answered using the following four categories:

Very much                      Somewhat                      Little                      Not at all

1. *Timely assistance to cover family needs:* cash received in good time to procure food, pay bills etc.

Very much	Somewhat	Little	Not at all
85%	14%	1%	0

2. *Received aid in timely fashion:* cash disbursement took place as per the agreed monthly dates.

Very much	Somewhat	Little	Not at all
72%	27%	.5%	.5%

3. *Assistance sufficient to cover family needs:* the quantity of cash assistance provided.

Very much	Somewhat	Little	Not at all
0%	30%	44%	25%

4. *Satisfied with distribution mechanism:* about SCI's ATM mechanism.

Very much	Somewhat	Little	Not at all
83%	15%	1%	0