



USD 921,724 were injected into local economy through vouchers/e-cards in **JANUARY 2016**

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS:

- January distributions took place from 28 to 31 January 2016, in six governorates (Obour, 6th of October, Alexandria, Marsa Matrouh, Mansoura, and Damietta), targeting 62,548 beneficiaries (2,911 Palestinian refugees from Syria and 59,637 Syrian Refugees).
- The reduced food voucher value continues to be USD17 per person per month instead of the planned USD 24.2.
- January eligible vulnerable case-load derived from usual verification, referral cases, exclusion from twice no-show, and closed cases.
- Depending on available resources, further prioritisation of most vulnerable refugees, and reductions in beneficiary caseload, may be necessary in the coming months.

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

- Food insecurity in Egypt remains an issue of household access to food driven by diminishing purchasing power. The average Egyptian household spends more than 40 percent of their income on food, rising to more than 60 percent for the poorest families.
- Throughout 2015, the increase in food prices was driven by the significant increase in vegetables (48.8%). Food prices are expected to increase during the coming months, due to the depreciation of the EGP in the black market as well as other seasonal factors, and the headline inflation rate is expected to increase as well as the newly increased custom duties on various commodities. WFP will continue to closely monitor inflation rates and exchange rates.

Monitoring Findings:

- While the regular monthly Post Distribution Monitoring (PDM) and on-site monitoring activities have been carried out during Jan cycle, the third quarter post distribution monitoring findings indicate that approximately 80 percent of all beneficiaries had an acceptable Food Consumption Score (FCS), with the remainder of households surveyed recording a borderline score, while almost all had medium or good diet diversity scores.
- Beneficiaries as per recent monitoring results indicated increased use of negative food consumption coping strategies that is due to cuts in the food voucher value since January, coupled with inflation trends and resulting increasing food prices.
- For on-site distribution and shop monitoring, users were satisfied with the process.
- WFP Hotline: The majority of registered queries/complaints were about removals from WFP food assistance from the previous cycles (53%), followed by UNHCR related registration and data base issues, while all other calls were on the same topics compared to December, such as loading inquiries, targeting & lost/stolen cards and list-related inquiries.

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Sector Response Summary:



166,400 Refugees & Local Community Members targeted for assistance by end of 2016, 61,860 assisted in 2016.



Syrian Refugees in EGYPT :



107,000 Syrian Refugees expected by end-2016, 118,500 currently registered or awaiting registration.



3RP Overall Funding Status:



USD 146.6 million required in 2016, USD 2.9 million received in 2016.



EGYPT RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY 2016

