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WFP Lebanon

Situation Report # 10

In Numbers

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Highlights

- In February, WFP assisted 594,763 Syrian refugees with USD 21.6. Approximately 52 percent of beneficiaries are female and 48 percent are male.
- In March, WFP will launch a nine month school meals programme for 10,000 Lebanese and Syrian pupils.

Beneficiaries



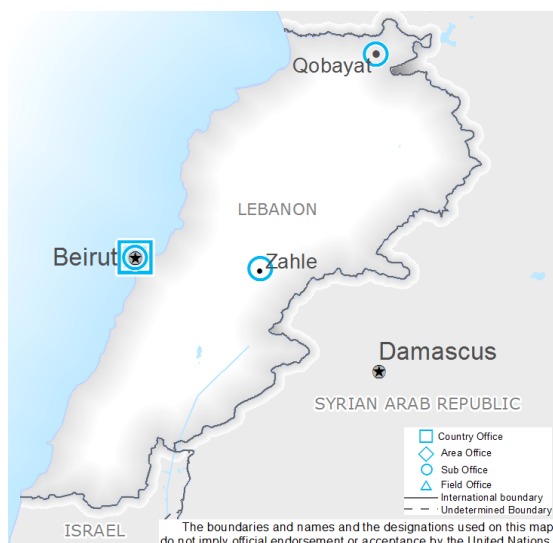
Funding Update

Regional emergency operation

With new funding pledged during the "Supporting Syria and the Region Conference" in London, WFP can fully reinstate its food assistance to displaced Syrians in the region from March.

Requirements

WFP's regional emergency operation (EMOP 200433) requires USD 132 million between March and May equivalent to USD 10 million per week.



Lebanon: EMOP 200433

Situation Update

- UNHCR registered around 1.1 million Syrian refugees in Lebanon. It is the world's largest concentration of refugees compared to its population. The influx is placing significant strain on Lebanese resources and communities.
- As the Syrian crisis continues, WFP - the world's largest humanitarian agency fighting hunger - is increasingly relied upon to provide life-saving assistance to an extraordinary number of vulnerable refugees.
- The 2015 multi-sectoral *Vulnerability Assessment of Syrian Refugees* (VASyR) in Lebanon shows a continued deterioration of the food security situation among refugees across the country compared to 2014. Specifically:
 - ◇ 70 percent of households are below the poverty line (USD 3.84/person/day);
 - ◇ 52 percent of households are below the survival minimum expenditure basket;
 - ◇ 61 percent of households are applying emergency and crisis coping strategies;
 - ◇ 11 percent of households are food insecure; and
 - ◇ 23 percent of households are moderately food insecure.

WFP Response

- In Lebanon, WFP provides assistance to vulnerable Syrian refugees and Palestinian refugees from Syria through e-cards and cash transfers. E-cards are the principle modality of assistance as local markets are capable of providing sufficient food. Additionally, the e-cards allow beneficiaries to choose the food they want to eat.
- WFP provides assistance to the Ministry of Social Affairs through the National Poverty Targeting Programme (NPTP). Under the programme, vulnerable Lebanese receive USD 30 per month for food through WFP e-card platform.

- Since 2013, WFP has injected over half a billion dollars directly into the Lebanese economy.
- Since the launch of the OneCard platform in February 2015, a number of humanitarian partners in Lebanon have been using WFP e-card platform for cash based assistance while WFP manages entitlement loading and data. So far, Lebanon Cash Consortium, UNHCR, World Vision and UNICEF have joined the platform in addition to NPTP.
- WFP is developing a new regional intervention strategy that will address resilience, safety nets, and national capacity building while continuing the provision of food assistance to the most vulnerable crisis-affected people. In line with that, WFP is developing a project with FAO for resilience building of the Syria crisis-affected people.
- WFP launched the Strategic Review of the Food and Nutrition Security in Lebanon. Led by ESCWA this exercise will support the efforts of the Lebanese government and partners to accelerate the progress toward achieving the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2, "End hunger".



Food Assistance

- In February, WFP assisted 594,763 Syrian refugees with USD 21.6. That assistance is limited to five persons in a household, meaning that the maximum a household can receive is USD 108 in a month.
- WFP also assisted 20,000 Palestinian refugees through UNRWA's ATM card programme as well as 27,000 vulnerable Lebanese by providing technical assistance to the government's NPTP programme.
- The first school snack distribution is anticipated to start in early March. Through the school meals programme, WFP will distribute snacks to 10,000 Lebanese and Syrian pupils in 13 primary schools selected from the most vulnerable communities. The programme aims to increase student enrolment and retention rates.



Food Security Sector

- In 2016, sector priorities have been established to:
 - ◊ Provide direct and critical food assistance to ensure improved food availability through in-kind food assistance and improved food access through cash-based transfers for food;
 - ◊ Improve agricultural livelihoods by increasing production capacity of vulnerable small-scale

farmers and by increasing employment opportunities in the food and agriculture sector;

- ◊ Improve nutrition practices and households' dietary diversity; and
- ◊ Strengthen food security information systems and coordination mechanisms.

Partnerships

- WFP works closely with the Lebanese government and has key relationships with the Ministry of Social Affairs. WFP is also strengthening partnerships with the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Education and Higher Education. Maintaining and building upon these relationships is key to WFP's long-term planning as it looks at diversifying interventions.
- For its e-card activities, WFP works with eight non-governmental organisations: Action Contre La Faim, Danish Refugee Council, InterSOS, Mercy Corps, Première Urgence - Aide Médicale Internationale, Save the Children, SHEILD and World Vision.
- WFP continues to liaise closely with the American University of Beirut on the development of a new targeting formula which will assist with accurately identifying the most vulnerable populations.

Resourcing Update

- With the newly pledged funds during the London conference in early February, WFP is in a position to fully restore its voucher values, USD27, in March.
- WFP Lebanon's biggest donors since 2012 are: Canada, Denmark, the European Commission, France, Germany, Japan, Kuwait, the Netherlands, Norway, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the United Kingdom, the United Nations Central Emergency Relief Fund and the United States of America.

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WFP Lebanon's Operation

	Total 2016 Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Months Net Funding Requirements (in USD)	People Reached (in February)	Female (approximate)	Male (approximate)
EMOP 200433	237 764 742	52,500 000	119 000 000	594 736	309 262	285 474