



World Food Programme

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WFP provides in-kind family food parcels to refugees. Kapan, Syunik province. ©WFP Armenia

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Since the onset of the influx, WFP provided food assistance to **38,811 refugees**, reaching **78 percent** of those targeted. An additional 20,000 refugees will be assisted in the upcoming months with family food parcels.
- WFP's emergency assistance included the provision of hot meals, ready-to-eat lunch boxes and family food parcels to refugees in Syunik, Armavir, Ararat, Lori, Kotayk, Shirak, Gegharkunik, and Tavush provinces.

SITUATION UPDATE Since 25 September, 101,848 people have fled through the Lachin Corridor into Armenia. Food remains a critical need for those refugees, as informed by the inter-agency Rapid Needs Assessment conducted in mid-October. The forthcoming winter season is an additional concern for the vulnerable populations.

WFP RESPONSE

Since the onset of the influx and in response to the registered food needs of refugees, WFP has supported the Government's emergency response by providing in-kind food assistance. Within the first month after the influx, WFP provided food assistance to 23,431 refugees, accounting for 78 percent of the initially targeted caseload for the immediate food response. While the influx has stabilized, the refugee population are still moving across the Armenian provinces.

To date, WFP, following the Government's request, has distributed more than 31,000 hot meals, about 4,800 ready-to-eat lunch boxes, and 7,615 in-kind family food parcels (123 metric tons) to 38,811 refugees residing in registration and crisis centers. Immediate food assistance has been provided to refugees in 8 out of 10 provinces Syunik, Armavir, Ararat, Lori, Kotayk, Shirak, Gegharkunik, and Tavush.

5,000 food parcels (80 metric tons) are being prepared for distribution to up to another 20,000 refugees in other provinces in November.

IN NUMBERS



72,500

refugees, host and vulnerable households targeted by WFP for six six-month period



38,811

refugees assisted with hot meals, lunch boxes and family food parcels so far



\$16.8M

WFP funding requirements



20,000

refugees will receive food parcels in the upcoming weeks

Over the next few months, WFP will transition to cash-based assistance through food cards to refugees and vulnerable households/host communities. Recognizing the need to integrate refugees socially and economically and to support social cohesion, WFP is committed to a nexus approach that can address immediate needs while promoting mid- to long-term economic and integration opportunities for refugees and the host population.

WFP promotes socioeconomic inclusion in its projects. WFP-supported "Wholegrain Training Center" has already employed two young refugees.

ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING

WFP participated in a joint Government/Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs and UN Rapid Needs Assessment (RNA), which provided an overview of the immediate needs of refugees in different communities. WFP has been present in provinces, monitoring the situation and operations since the outset of the crisis.

FUNDING

Immediate food assistance became possible due to USD 1 million from WFP's Immediate Response Account (IRA). WFP also received about USD 3.5 million in emergency response funding: USD 1.07 million from France, USD 0.58 million from Switzerland, USD 0.73 from the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), USD 1.12 million from the Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA/USAID).

WFP AND INTER-AGENCY REFUGEE RESPONSE PLAN

WFP requires **an immediate USD 2 million** and, as part of the inter-agency **Refugee Response Plan** (launched on 17 October), will request a total of **USD 16.8 million** for a 3-phase response, including (1) Immediate food response, (2) Transitional food assistance, and (3) Integration, aimed at supporting about **72,500** people, including 50,000 refugees, 3,125 hosting and 2,500 vulnerable households. Additional funding may also be necessary to meet further needs and support host communities.



WFP'S CRISIS RESPONSE AND REFUGEE DISTRIBUTION AMONG PROVINCES

