

# WFP's Response in Lebanon, Turkey, Iraq and Egypt

## Situation Report # 30

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### HIGHLIGHTS/KEY PRIORITIES

**JORDAN** – The first cycle December distribution of dry rations to beneficiaries in Al Za'atri camp will commence on 2 December with plans to reach more than 31,200 people. WFP assisted almost 28,000 beneficiaries in Al Za'atri camp in November. WFP has reached nearly 38,000 beneficiaries with voucher assistance under the November-December cycle so far; distributions are ongoing.

**LEBANON** – This week, WFP distributed 19,000 value-based food vouchers to about 4,300 Syrian families in the North. The first December cycle voucher distribution in the Bekaa Valley will start next week parallel to the Danish Refugee Council's fuel voucher distribution. In December, WFP will provide voucher assistance to 49,000 people in the Bekaa Valley, 56,000 in the North and 5,000 in the South.

**IRAQ** – WFP started its voucher programme in Domiz camp for over 15,000 refugees on 29 November, reaching over 3,200 beneficiaries so far.

**TURKEY** – WFP Turkey together with the Turkish Red Crescent Society is now providing electronic voucher assistance to over 21,700 Syrian beneficiaries. Based on discussions with Turkish authorities, WFP is tentatively planning to expand the Electronic Food Card programme to Ishlayie by the end of the year where it will assist 10,000 Syrians living in the camp.

**EGYPT** – The Government of Egypt has officially requested WFP to provide food assistance to Syrian refugees in Egypt under the Regional Emergency Operation. WFP plans to implement a voucher programme targeting up to 30,000 food insecure Syrian refugees between January and June 2013.



Syrian girl who received WFP dry rations with her family in Al Za'atri refugee camp, Jordan. ©WFP/Maria Anguera de Sojo

## SITUATION UPDATE

Syrians in Jordan
UNHCR Registered: 97,639
Awaiting Registration: 40,627
<b>Total: 138,266</b>
(Government figure: 240,000)

**Al Za'atri Camp:** This week, Al Za'atri camp received 1,889 new arrivals. However, beneficiaries continue to leave camp either through voluntary return to Syria, the bailing system, or by their own means.

**Winterization:** WFP has assessed whether adjustments to its programming are needed given winterization concerns and food and fuel price increases in Jordan. In Al Za'atri camp, WFP dry rations combined with UNHCR complimentary goods provides nearly 2,400 kilocalories per person on a daily basis. Based on the current level of caloric intake, an increase in kilocalories per person is not necessary for winterization purposes in Al Za'atri camp. However, a recent price monitoring survey concluded that the voucher value in urban areas needs to increase by 2 Jordanian dinars per person, per month in order to account for food price increases and winterization of the food basket. WFP plans to increase

the monthly value per person to 24 Jordanian dinars, starting with the January cycle.

**Host Communities:** WFP is also planning to assist vulnerable Jordanians in host communities whose conditions have been exacerbated by the conflict in Syria by providing winterization assistance through food vouchers at half of the usual monthly value. Voucher assistance to host communities will begin January cycle and run for three months.

**Security:** Protestors continued to hold demonstrations on a daily basis around the country in response to recent price increases in petrol and cooking gas. Aside from increased travel times, WFP operations have not been heavily impacted by the demonstrations. On 27 November and 1 December demonstrations were held in Al Za'atri camp after two children died due to dehydration caused by excessive diarrhoea. On 28 November, WFP participated in the health sector meeting to discuss how to improve the health facilities and coordination in the camp. UNICEF together with the Ministry of Health are looking into the mismanagement between clinics in Al Za'atri camp and informing parents on how to rehydrate their children if they fall ill with a virus.

## WFP RESPONSE

**Food Distribution:** The first cycle December distribution of dry rations in Al Za'atri camp will commence on 2 December with plans to reach 31,269 beneficiaries according to the UNHCR database.

Cooperating partner Save the Children distributed welcome meals to new arrivals on a daily basis in Al Za'atri camp this week. In King Abdullah Park (KAP), welcome meals were suspended for five days in coordination with the Jordanian Hashemite Charity Organization (JHCO) to allow outside entities to provide food assistance. However, WFP distributed welcome meals to single males for five days of the reporting period. Through cooperating partner Save the Children, WFP distributed 6 mt of bread on a daily basis in Al Za'atri camp. WFP also distributed 140kg of bread daily to beneficiaries in King Abdullah Park (KAP).

Distributions of food and non-food items for new arrivals from the new joint UNHCR/WFP/NRC/Save the Children distribution centre began on 16 November

and is ongoing. Depending on the date of arrival, Syrian refugees receive either a one or two-week ration from the new arrival distribution point to cover food needs until they are incorporated into the regular distribution cycle.

**Voucher Distribution:** In Cyber City transit centre and in communities, WFP has distributed food vouchers to over 37,352 beneficiaries under the November-December cycle so far; distribution is ongoing.

Al-Takaful Charity Organization finalized the construction of a supermarket for the voucher programme in KAP. The database for beneficiaries in KAP was completed this week and vouchers have been printed in preparation for the first voucher distribution in KAP on 2 December. The distribution was planned for 29 November but the Jordanian Hashemite Charity Organization (JHCO) requested WFP to postpone because beneficiaries at KAP received food assistance consisting of fruit, vegetables, fresh meat and chicken

from outside entities which covered their needs. Through WFP's cooperating partner Human Relief Fund (HRF), each household in Kap will receive one set of individual vouchers based on their family size to cover their food needs for a month.

In Cyber City, WFP, through cooperating partner HRF, completed period one of the December cycle voucher distribution, reaching 474 beneficiaries. Due to the transitory nature of this transit centre, WFP distributes twice per month, instead of once per month in KAP and urban areas.

Beneficiaries Reached in Jordan	
July	5,247
August	18,000
September	48,050
October	69,752
November	65,803, ongoing
December	474, ongoing

**Operational Issues:** Distributing the correct amount of bread to beneficiaries in Al Za'atri camp continues to be a challenge. On several occasions during the reporting period, Save the Children purchased additional bread to cover shortages. Save the Children has taken steps to mitigate the over-distribution of bread by implementing a new color coded bread ration card system to be hole-punched on a daily basis, with a different colored card distributed each cycle. In addition, WFP obtained government clearance to take two beneficiary leaders to the bakery to observe the entire bread process, from production to packaging and shipping. Overall, the leaders were content and made suggestions to WFP regarding shipping and ways to ensure bread freshness. This report from leaders appears to have reduced complaints about bread quality.

The recent increase in cooking gas prices places a further burden on UNHCR to refill kitchen gas frequently.

**Assessments:** WFP and UNICEF continue their analysis of the data gathered through the General Nutrition Survey in Al Za'atri camp and host communities. Preliminary results will be available by mid-December.

**Monitoring of Food Distribution:** This week, field monitors conducted 123 post-distribution monitoring (PDM) interviews in all areas of Al Za'atri camp as well as daily distribution monitoring of general food distributions, bread and welcome meals to new arrivals. The following observations were made from distribution and PDM in Al Za'atri camp:

- Of the beneficiaries surveyed, over 86% noted that the bulgur wheat, rice and lentils are sufficient as a two week ration, while less than half reported the oil, sugar, and bread to be sufficient.

- The average time taken to receive WFP dry rations at the FDP was 30 minutes, while the average time from receipt of rations to beneficiaries' homes was one hour. This can often be explained by the long waiting times for the CP to shuttle beneficiaries to their homes with their dry rations.

- 68% of beneficiaries used cash to buy food products in the markets and two thirds of those beneficiaries purchased fresh vegetables regularly.

- Only 1% of beneficiaries reportedly sold or traded bulgur wheat, 1% rice, and 0.5% lentils. Most often beneficiaries sold or traded their dry rations for fresh produce.

- Nearly a quarter of all beneficiaries who go to the FDP to receive dry rations are women.

- The provision of gas in the kitchens continues to be insufficient, as beneficiaries complain daily of gas shortages. Kitchen monitoring is increasingly difficult as monitors are often threatened while entering the kitchens due to the gas shortages throughout the camp. WFP will hold meetings with UNHCR to address this issue next week.

- CP Save the Children staff, on some occasions, were found to not be punching beneficiary ration cards when distributing bread. This appears to occur when beneficiaries threaten CP staff. WFP has added more G4S guards to the bread distribution area to enhance the security for CP staff.

**Monitoring of Voucher Assistance:** Field monitors received 127 hotline calls pertaining mostly to registration issues with UNHCR's database, conducted 19 beneficiary PDMs, visited three shops and monitored six distribution points. The following observations were made:

- UNHCR is not consistently updating the beneficiary database and family sizes are often expanding as more refugees cross the border. Therefore, WFP must reprint vouchers for the larger family sizes, increasing the voucher value and the extending distribution dates.

- In the northern areas of Jordan, especially Mafraq, beneficiaries are complaining that stores are not carrying fresh produce. WFP is working with CP Islamic Relief to expand the amount of partner stores and the products offered such as fresh fruits and vegetables.

**Coordination:** Valerie Amos, the UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, visited Syrian refugees in Al Za’atri camp on 27 November. Ms. Amos met with UN heads of agencies including WFP and discussed the current situation and a way forward to support Syrian refugees. The WFP Jordan Country Director briefed Ms. Amos on the different modalities of WFP’s support for Syrians throughout Jordan. WFP and JHCO are co-leading the Food Sector in the preparation of the revised Regional Response Plan (RRP) with good participation from the other members. The revised RRP estimates that 300,000 Syrians will have arrived in Jordan by the end of June 2013, with 180,000 living in camps and 120,000 in host communities. With the intention to move to targeted assistance, it is estimated WFP will target 250,000 beneficiaries. The Food Sector’s response strategy also proposes the inclusion of vulnerable Jordanians living in select areas with high concentrations of Syrians. Once

approved, the regional response plan is scheduled to be launched in Geneva on 19 December.

The WFP Jordan Emergency Refugee Coordinator met with Saudi Relief Committees and Campaigns’ (SREC) Regional Office Manager and Campaign Manager Jordan Office, as SREC was interested in deepening their relationship with WFP, given WFP’s expertise and well organized distribution centre in Al Za’atri camp.

WFP staff met with Saudi Prince Turki bin Talal during his visit to KAP and briefed him on WFP’s support for Syrian refugees.

European Union donors visited Al Za’atri on 27 November. They were shown the entire camp process from welcome meals and registration, to receiving non-food items, WFP dry rations and cooking in kitchens. The group consisted of 12 European Union Embassy staff, with an informal atmosphere that facilitated many questions and fruitful dialogue.

## Lebanon

### SITUATION UPDATE

Syrians in Lebanon
UNHCR Registered: 103,160
Awaiting Registration: 30,735
<b>Total: 133,895</b>

**Registration Activities:** UNHCR continues to register Syrian refugees at a centralized location in Tripoli and Beirut and through mobile registration activities in the Bekaa Valley and South Lebanon. UNHCR teams register some 1,300 refugees daily. In the Bekaa Valley,

mobile registration teams continue to reach people in need of basic assistance such as food and winter items, pending the opening of a centre in Zahle in mid-December.

In November, UNHCR registered a total of 25,000 refugees who now have access to humanitarian assistance.

**Security:** This week, the overall security situation remained relatively calm in Lebanon with some occasional shelling along the Syrian border in North Lebanon which did not affect humanitarian activities.

### WFP RESPONSE

**North:** WFP has distributed 30,000 food vouchers so far under the November cycle. Voucher distribution will continue for one more week in Wadi Khaled reaching approximately 10,000 additional people.

Between 26 and 30 November, food and non-food item distributions for the November cycle took place in Tripoli. On 28 November, the distribution of half-value food vouchers for newly registered refugees started in parallel with the distribution of regular full-value food vouchers. During these 5 days of distribution, around 4,300 Syrian households received 19,000 food vouchers (including 4,000 half-value vouchers); some problem

cases received manually-made food vouchers from WFP.

In November, 255 WFP food parcels were distributed to vulnerable Syrian newcomer households in Akkar by DRC.

**Bekaa Valley:** WFP completed the first and second cycle November distribution on 24 November. In total 34,701 vouchers were printed and handed over to partners for both cycles. DRC continues to distribute food parcels to unregistered new arrivals through the New Comers Project, led and implemented by DRC.

The first cycle December distribution has been postponed to 5 December because of delays in printing

of the DRC fuel vouchers; nearly 40,000 beneficiaries will be targeted for the first round of distributions in the Bekaa Valley. The plan is to conclude this distribution on 14 December. DRC will start fuel voucher distribution parallel to the distribution of WFP food vouchers. Each family will receive US\$100 monthly fuel vouchers for at least six months. In December, DRC plans to distribute a double ration voucher (US\$200) for each family.

**South /Mount Lebanon/Beirut:** The Beirut-South Sub-Office is operational. Agreements with Première Urgence/Aide Médicale Internationale (PU/AMI) and Action Contre la Faim (ACF) for the provision of WFP assistance were finalized on the national level are awaiting signing of the field level agreement. Through ACF and PU/AMI, WFP will distribute 5,000 vouchers to Syrian refugees in December. Information collected from municipality and local NGOs suggest that previous estimations were low and the expected caseload in this area may exceed 10,000; registration remains ongoing. On 3 December, PU/AMI and WFP will start shop assessments in Saida. The assessment of shops in Nabatiyeh and Tyre areas should also be completed this week.

A meeting was held between WFP South Sub-Office and UNHCR registration teams in Saida and Beirut to agree on data sharing modalities. UNHCR will share its database on 7 December for the December round of assistance. The first distribution in Saida will take place by 15 December at the latest, followed by distribution in Nabatiyeh and Tyre.

Beneficiaries Reached in Lebanon	
July	30,942
August	37,470
September	49,342
October	68,381
November	65,925, ongoing

**Assessments:** A shop assessment visit was conducted in Beirut area (Bourj Hammoud and Nabaa) to identify potential shopkeepers who are familiar with credit card payment systems.

The feasibility and risk assessment matrix of the prepaid bank card solution is being developed and will be finalised next week.

**Monitoring:** Since the beginning of November, 42 Syrian household post-distribution monitoring (PDM) visits were conducted by WFP Field Monitoring Assistants (FMAs) in the North, mainly with families identified as vulnerable or with problem cases. Follow-

up will be done with the DRC Protection team and UNHCR registration team.

WFP FMAs made more than 60 phone calls to clarify why 10% of the expected households did not show up at distributions. In many cases, households' absence was due to a lack of information; beneficiaries indicated that they did not receive the SMS notification.

WFP Bekaa Valley conducted 66 household PDM interviews from 26 to 30 November for the first cycle November distribution. Four shops were also monitored and price surveys were conducted.

During the previous reporting week, WFP Bekaa conducted seven distribution and 21 shop monitoring visits as well as six household interviews for the first and second round of November 2012 cycles in west, central and north Bekaa. The main findings included that:

- The distributions in all areas were well organized and managed; however, some distribution sites did not have chairs in the waiting areas.
- There is still a gap in fresh food availability and accessibility in most of the Bekaa Valley, especially vegetables, fresh meat and chicken.
- Some visited shops have landline phones; others are willing to provide one in order to participate in the e-voucher programme.
- The late payment to shop keepers by DRC and WV was an issue this month. Almost all shop keepers complained about the late payment and how it negatively affected their relationship with suppliers.

**Coordination:** WFP had a conference call with the Head of MasterCard Group for the WFP Partnership Global Lead and MasterCard's regional representative from Dubai to share plans and start discussions over support and potential partnership for the Lebanon electronic food voucher programme. Two main lines of work have been identified: one through the Partnership unit (technical support) and one through MasterCard's regional office (commercial participation in the bid).

A conference call with HQ Cash for Change unit over the use of MasterCard as the predefined system provider for the e-voucher system took place this week. The proposal needs to be discussed further at the Country Office level to evaluate the pros and cons.

A meeting was held at UNDP to update the HCT contingency plan for Lebanon. The main issue was the risk of managing two coordination mechanisms in the country should an emergency occur while the refugee

crisis is still ongoing. The Resident Coordinator Office will share a proposal in the coming days for comments. The Corporate Response Exercise II (CRX) is taking place in Jordan from the 4 to 6 December.

The final consolidation of the Lebanon component for the Regional Response Plan (RRP4) was completed. The final version will be shared before consolidation at the regional level.

The agreement between IOM, WFP and HRC regulating the assistance to Lebanese returnees was signed on 26 November. All partners are now working to prepare for the implementation of assistance to Lebanese returnees due to start with the December cycle.

The Emergency Coordinator (EC) met with the Japanese Ambassador, a German delegation and the Swedish Minister of Cooperation for Development this week. In all of these meetings, the EC presented on WFP's achievements in 2012 and WFP's strategy for 2013. As the situation in Syria is evolving rapidly, most of the donor countries are inquiring about WFP's preparedness level and plans in case of a large influx of refugees. Reactions were all very positive and will require follow-up from Donor Relations (ERD) in Headquarters in order to secure additional funding for 2013.

## Iraq

### SITUATION UPDATE

#### Syrians in Iraq

UNHCR Registered: 60,307

**Domiz camp:** UNHCR reports that some 15,000 refugees currently reside in Domiz camp, while others move between the camp and host communities due to a lack of formal shelter facilities.

**Food Security:** Food prices have remained relatively stable in November, although there has been an increase of 10-12% in the price of pulses and

vegetable oil. Regular market price monitoring in the Al-Qaim area will start in the second week of December.

**Winterization:** UNHCR is implementing a full-fledged winterization plan in the two camps in Al-Qaim. This includes replacement of all existing tents with more wind and cold resistant tents and the provision of additional quilts and blankets, cooking stoves, heaters, kerosene and other necessities for each family. IOM has also supplied some winterization items that complement UNHCR supplies.

### WFP RESPONSE

**Domiz:** WFP launched its voucher programme in Domiz on 29 November for the December cycle, targeting 15,000 beneficiaries. The voucher value will be US\$31 per person, per month. As of 2 December, WFP has distributed vouchers to 3,205 beneficiaries (665 households) in Domiz camp so far. WFP assisted 10,400 beneficiaries in Domiz with direct food assistance in November.

**Al Qaim:** Food distribution in Al-Qaim will start immediately after the arrival of food commodities which are expected to arrive in Iraq by the second week of December. The field level agreement for the cooperating partner in Al Qaim has been signed by WFP and is awaiting signing by the partner. The contract for the Programme Assistant in Al Qaim has been issued. The Programme Assistant will receive training and orientation on 6 December in Baghdad prior to starting in Al Qaim. Two wiik-halls are on their way to Al Qaim from Amman. Qandil NGO will install the storage facilities - one in each of the

camps. More wiik-halls will be required once the third camp, which is currently under construction, becomes operational. Food parcels for refugees in Al Qaim are expected to arrive in Iraq by the second week of December. WFP has received confirmation from the suppliers in Turkey that the trucks will be loaded on 7 December.

**Assessments:** WFP launched its Household Food Security Assessment of the refugees in Domiz and UNHCR has joined the assessment; a coordination meeting will take place on 3 December.

WFP will start to conduct regular market price data collection of the shops under the voucher system. WFP conducted regular food and beneficiary contact monitoring in Dahuk during the reporting period. Some findings indicate that refugees who managed to escape Syria into Iraq have spent significant amounts of money during their journey; most refugees have arrived in Iraq with limited personal

resources and are in need of humanitarian assistance.

**Coordination:** WFP will launch the food sector coordination group in December. The first meeting is planned on 10 December at Domiz camp.

Beneficiaries Reached in Iraq	
September	10,212
October	10,400
November	10,400, ongoing
December	3,205, ongoing

## Turkey

### SITUATION UPDATE

Syrians in Turkey
Government Registered: 123,747
Government estimate of Syrians present in country: 200,000

**Syrians in Turkey:** According to the Government of Turkey, there are an estimated 60-70,000 Syrians who are living in urban settings due to the crisis. Anecdotal reports by local camp managers indicate that some families who were previously being hosted in the community are now seeking support in the camps as they have depleted their financial resources to live independently. According to the authorities, there is no change in Turkey's "open

border policy" despite the total number of Syrians accommodated in camps exceeding 100,000. Syrians who would like to seek asylum are admitted and referred to the newly opened camps of Nizip-1 in Gaziantep province and the camp in Adiyaman provinces, unless they have immediate family members in other camps.

**Syrians Across the Border:** Local Government officials have informed the UN that there are more than 25,000 people on the Syrian side of the border. The Turkish Red Crescent is providing zero point assistance. The Government is admitting between 500-2,000 on a daily basis with priority given to the most vulnerable, including women, children and the elderly.

### WFP RESPONSE

**Voucher Distributions:** Following the successful establishment of the Electronic Food Card programme in Hatay, WFP Turkey is now providing assistance to 21,760 Syrian beneficiaries. This includes 13,700 in Kilis camp and 8,060 in camps in Hatay.

Distribution of cards in Boynuyogun camp in Hatay will be completed by 2 December; the programme was slightly delayed in this camp as there were delays in getting the supermarkets ready.

Based on discussions with the Coordinating Governor and with The Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD), WFP is tentatively planning to expand the Electronic Food Card programme into Ishlayie by the end of the year; there are around 10,000 Syrians living in this camp.

**Operational Issues:** The Swiss Development Cooperation Agency (SDC) will second a voucher specialist to WFP Turkey from mid-December for at least six months. WFP has prepared the terms of reference and the SDC is now identifying a suitable candidate to propose to WFP. The position will be based in Gaziantep.

WFP Turkey staff members met with shop owners in Altinozu and Yayladagi in Hatay to discuss the implementation of the programme. Retailers were satisfied with the programme and had not experienced any major problems.

AFAD has requested assistance (through WFP and partners, including UNHCR and TRCS) to establish cooking facilities in the new camps. In addition, AFAD is planning to reinforce the power capacity in the camps in order to accommodate the use of electric stoves and refrigerators. UNHCR has already ordered 25,000 'utensil based kitchen sets'. However, stoves, benches and other cooking

Beneficiaries Reached in Turkey	
October	12,223
November	21,760 ongoing

implements are still required. UNHCR, the Turkish Red Crescent Society (TRCS) and WFP in coordination with the Government will organise a detailed plan for procurement of all required cooking facilities when specifications are provided by AFAD next week.

It is expected that AFAD and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will provide WFP with a written request to increase assistance to more camps and a timeframe for where and when this should occur – based on when camps will be prepared to have household level cooking facilities. It is anticipated that a draft plan will be available by early December.

**Coordination:** The USAID Administrator and WFP Regional Director (RD) undertook a mission to Gaziantep and Kilis camp on 27 November. The mission met with camp leaders, toured the supermarket in the camp and received a briefing from WFP on the Electronic Food Card Programme. There was also a press conference which received significant attention in local and international media.

Following the visit with the USAID Administrator Dr. Shah, the RD proceeded to Yemen with the TRCS President, Dr. Ahmed Lutfi Akar, to review further opportunities for partnership between WFP and TRC in Yemen. The TRC President was accompanied by the TRC Director General and the TRC Directors of International Cooperation and Finance departments.

A briefing took place between the WFP Emergency Coordinator, the Coordinating Governor and the

Deputy Director of the Food for Peace office at USAID. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the implementation of the WFP and TRCS e-card programme in Turkey and its expansion.

- The Coordinating Governor confirmed that new containers camps would be ready by mid-January in Haran, Nizip, Kilis and Malatya and mentioned that he would discuss expansion plans with AFAD and others next week.
- The Coordinating Governor showed calculations he had made which demonstrated that the Electronic Food Card programme could save the Turkish Government over US\$179 million per year if provided to 100,000 people. Under the existing hot meal programme, it would cost US\$262 million to assist 100,000 people compared to the US\$83 million with the e-card; this is without considering donor contributions through WFP.
- FFP expressed its strong support for the programme and that it will consider extension of the current grant for Turkey and additional contributions in 2013.

WFP is planning to organize a workshop with Governors and camp managers in Gaziantep during the third week of January.

Discussions between AFAD, UNHCR, WFP and TRCS to plan for the implementation of cooking facilities to accommodate increasing assistance remain ongoing. It is anticipated that specifications for the required cooking facilities will be provided by AFAD in the coming week.

## Egypt

### SITUATION UPDATE

#### Syrians in Egypt

Government Registered: 8,158  
Government estimate of Syrians present in country: 150,000

**Syrians in Egypt:** According to UNHCR, since July, a monthly average of 20,000 Syrians have arrived in Egypt. The Government of Egypt has maintained open borders to Syrians since the start of the crisis. There are no visa requirements for Syrians to enter Egypt; they are granted three-month visas upon their arrival. After the initial three months,

individuals are required to regularize their stay in the country through the Department of Immigration of the Ministry of Interior.

Until June, Syrians families arriving in Egypt were predominantly middle class and relatively well off. However, since June the number of large families arriving with limited financial resources has increased and many are residing in poor neighbourhoods in Cairo, including areas very far from the centre and less expensive urban centres throughout the country.

**Assistance:** The Government of Egypt officially requested WFP to include Syrian refugees in the Regional Emergency Operation, along with Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey and Iraq. WFP, UNHCR and UNICEF jointly agreed to include Egypt in the revision of the Regional Response Plan (RRP4)

because of the increase in UNHCR registration of Syrian nationals in Egypt, the change in the socio-economic profile of the newly arriving Syrians and the depletion of savings among those who have been in Egypt for several months.

## WFP RESPONSE

**Assessments:** WFP, UNHCR and UNICEF conducted a joint needs assessment of Syrian refugees in Egypt. The assessment highlighted, among other issues, that the majority of Syrian refugees in Egypt face food insecurity due to the following key reasons:

- Most are unemployed (79%), without a sustainable source of income.
- Only 28% of households receive regular food support from local NGOs; this support is declining.
- Syrian refugees do not have access to the Egyptian Government's subsidized food ration system and food prices in Egypt are expected to rise during the next quarter due to global trends and local seasonal factors.

More Syrians are expected to arrive in Egypt placing further pressure on the capacity of local NGOs to sustain their support.

**Voucher Assistance:** Pending availability of funding, WFP plans to launch a voucher programme in January 2013 targeting and initial 10,000 Syrian refugees increasing to 30,000 by June 2013. The voucher value will be US\$26.2 per person, per month.

**Beneficiaries:** WFP will provide food assistance to targeted vulnerable Syrians including:

- Individuals residing in Obour, 6th of October and Alexandria who are found to be relatively more vulnerable than others.
- Families with school-aged children and are unable to provide a healthy balanced diet.
- Households that include members with chronic illnesses.

**Coordination:** WFP is conducting initial coordination meetings with potential NGOs who may be cooperating partners for the planned voucher assistance.

WFP Egypt is coordinating closely with the Regional Bureau, including information exchange on voucher programming with WFP Lebanon, preliminary voucher programming issues and the inclusion of Egypt in the upcoming Regional EMOP Budget Revision.

## Regional Coordination and Resource Mobilization

The Regional Corporate Response Exercise (CRX2), part of WFP's Preparedness and Response Enhancement Programme (PREP), will take place in Amman, Jordan from 4 to 6 December. Participants from all country offices involved in the Regional Emergency Operation, Syria Country Office, the Regional Bureau, the Regional Cell and Head Quarters will attend.

The WFP Country Director meeting will take place in Dubai from 6 to 9 December at the International Humanitarian City. Discussions will focus on organizational change, partnerships, programmes and the strategic plan, among other things.

### RESOURCE UPDATE -BUDGET REVISION 4-

Country	Requirements (US\$)	Resourced (US\$)	Shortfalls (US\$)	Percent Shortfall
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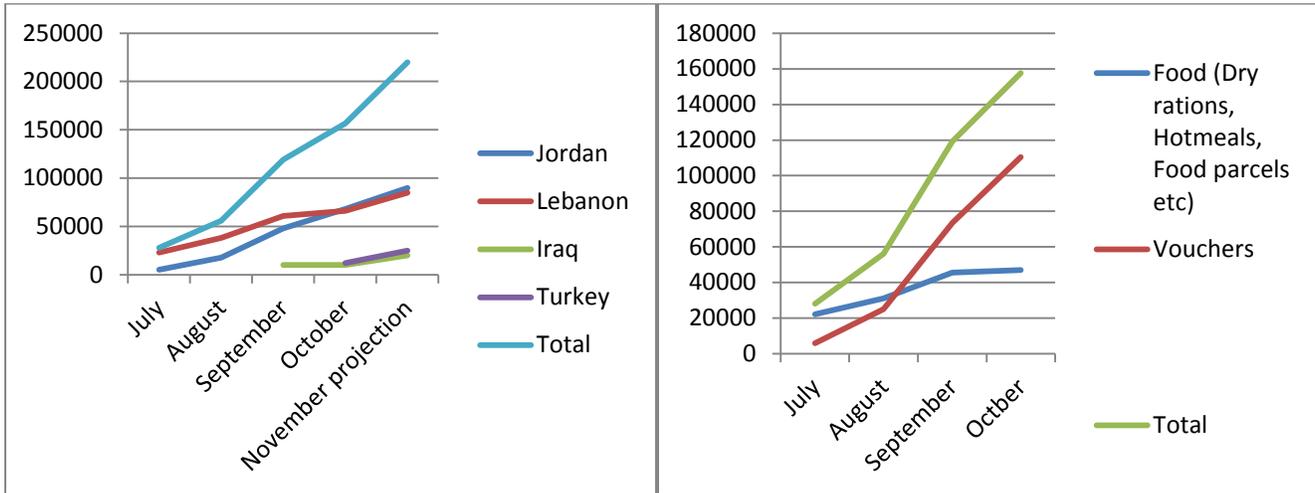
Jordan	33,833,855	18,286,752	15,547,103	46%
Lebanon	16,765,670	11,268,764	5,496,906	33%
Iraq	4,928,479	3,037,027	1,891,452	38%
Turkey	7,163,402	6,654,619	508,783	7%
<b>EMOP total</b>	<b>62,691,406</b>	<b>39,247,163</b>	<b>23,444,243</b>	<b>37%</b>

*USA, UK, EC, UN CERF, Japan, Canada, Switzerland, Saudi Arabia and WFP Multilateral funds (Sweden and USA) have contributed to the EMOP.*

## OVERVIEW OF REGIONAL EMOP

REGISTRATION OF SYRIAN NATIONALS IN THE REGION				
Country	UNHCR Registered	Awaiting Registration	Total	Other
Jordan	97,639	40,627	138,266	Government Figure: 240,000
Lebanon	103,160	30,735	133,895	
Iraq	60,307	-	60,307	Total includes 12,401 partially registered
Turkey	123,747	-	123,747	Government Estimate of Syrians in country: over 200,000
Egypt	8,158	-	8,158	Government Estimate of Syrians in country: over 150,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>393,011</b>	<b>71,362</b>	<b>464,373</b>	

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN THE REGION						
Country	Modality of Assistance	July	August	September	October	November ongoing
Jordan	Vouchers	-	-	19,000	37,752	37,876
	DFA	5,247	18,000	29,050	32,000	27,927
Lebanon	Vouchers	5,747	24,355	42,902	63,491	64,550
	DFA	25,195	13,115	6,440	4,890	1,375
	Vouchers	-	-	-	-	-
Iraq	DFA	-	-	10,212	10,400	10,396
Turkey	Vouchers	-	-		12,223	21,760
<b>Direct Food Assistance Total</b>		<b>30,442</b>	<b>31,115</b>	<b>45,702</b>	<b>47,290</b>	<b>39,698</b>
<b>Voucher Total</b>		<b>5,747</b>	<b>24,355</b>	<b>61,902</b>	<b>113,466</b>	<b>124,186</b>
<b>Total beneficiaries reached</b>		<b>36,189</b>	<b>55,470</b>	<b>107,604</b>	<b>157,745</b>	<b>120,969</b>
<p><i>The term Direct Food Assistance (DFA) includes dry rations, food parcels, hot meals and welcome meals</i>  <i>The term Vouchers includes paper and electronic modalities</i></p>						



**Beneficiaries reached in the Region**

**Beneficiaries reached per modality of assistance**

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