

REGIONAL OVERVIEW: RRP5 Update - November 2013

FOOD SECURITY



TARGETS



2,000,000

Syrian refugees in Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Egypt (registered and/or awaiting registration)



197,500

Host Families in Lebanon



156,700

Lebanese returnees



716.6 million
USD required

NEEDS

The most vulnerable Syrian refugees, both in and out of camps, often struggle to find sufficient resources to cover their families' needs. Efforts are made to provide food assistance or the equivalent purchasing power to secure food, and this is all the more important for those vulnerable refugees who have suffered multiple displacements and may be accommodated in the poorest of conditions. New arrivals and those who have not yet registered may be in need of emergency assistance, pending eligibility for enrollment in food assistance programmes.

WFP and other RRP5 partners have identified vouchers and e-cards as a more efficient means of food assistance which also supports local economies. School-age children also benefit through increased enrollment and retention in formal education when provided with healthy school snacks. The above-described needs require vigilance, information mapping, surveillance and vulnerability assessments done at the macro and household levels to ensure fair and equitable targeting, and to ensure that those who are most in need benefit from food assistance.

KEY NOVEMBER DEVELOPMENTS

In **Lebanon**, the e-card rollout was completed in the Bekaa Valley and is underway in North Lebanon. Some 29,000 appeals were received from families excluded from food assistance after the introduction of targeting, and 20,000 of these have been visited by verification teams. FAO continued vaccinations of cattle, sheep and goats against trans-boundary animal diseases.

In **Jordan**, WFP distributions based on UNHCR's Za'atari Camp sweep Verification Access Cards reached 77,749 beneficiaries during the second November cycle. Distributions under the e-voucher pilot in communities began, while the two supermarkets selected for Za'atari began construction, and will join the programme at the start of 2014. The Comprehensive Food Security Monitoring Exercise began surveying the first of 7,000 families in November.

The Government of **Turkey** sets and implements food policies for Syrian refugees. Some 118,000 Syrians are now supported with e-food cards in 14 camps. During November, WFP provided assistance worth US\$ 4.6 million through the e-voucher system. Through the funding of the e-voucher assistance, an estimated 10.4 million meals were prepared during the month.

In **Iraq**, a retail assessment for the launch of the 'one-card' pilot project in Suleimaniyah has been completed and expressions of interest received from various organizations. A baseline survey targeting Syrian refugees in camps established after the 15 August influx to assess their food consumption and coping mechanism indices has been completed and the report is in preparation.

In **Egypt**, results of programme monitoring from June to November show that after receiving food voucher assistance, the number of households eating three meals per day increased from 19 to 41 per cent, while those eating only one meal a day decreased from 24 to 9 per cent.

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE



1,738,000 beneficiaries of food vouchers or cash assistance for food



118,000 refugees in 14 camps across Turkey received e-cards for food



408,000 beneficiaries of food parcels or food rations



28,800 children have received high-energy biscuits or snacks



5,450 host community members received agricultural support

Featured map, Egypt Beneficiaries reached in Nov 2013

Source [data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/ ... maps](http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/...maps)

