

LEBANON: RRP6 MONTHLY UPDATE - FEBRUARY

FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURE



KEY ACHIEVEMENT OF THE MONTH

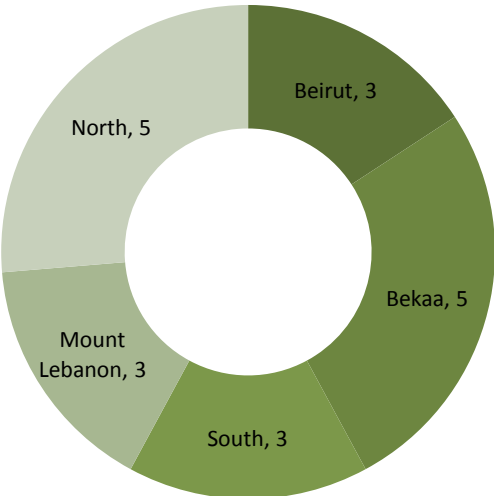
Food assistance was provided to more than **650,000** Syrian refugees in February.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Food partners continued to scale-up food assistance operations to meet the needs of vulnerable refugees and other affected populations through the provision of food parcels, electronic cards (e-cards), vouchers and cash transfers. WFP and partners reached approximately 558,967 beneficiaries through either e-cards or food parcels in February. As a result, over US\$ 17 million was injected into the Lebanese economy in February alone. In parallel, other Food Security Sector partners reached 99,361 beneficiaries through other food vouchers and food parcels. Food sector partners increased their monitoring efforts with WFP and its cooperating partners, particularly focusing on shop monitoring and adding more shops in refugee locations. In view of the escalating violence within Syria, food sector members responded efficiently to the recent Arsal influx using contingent stocks.

In February FAO Lebanon continued with its DFID-funded livestock vaccination programme, including joint training workshops targeted at improving the trans-boundary diseases (TADs) surveillance system in Lebanon.

Number of Food Security partners that reported in February



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Reporting Agencies:



A syrian refugee upon receiving a WFP electronic card in Arsal, Bekaa - Credits: WFP

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

The Food Security Sector will continue providing food assistance with the overall objective of ensuring that food security and livelihood opportunities are provided to vulnerable targeted groups.

Increasing levels of insecurity in some areas is placing pressure on food assistance provision and will require constant coordinated contingency planning throughout March. In March Food sector partners plan to provide over 600,000 Syrian refugees with food assistance, primarily through e-cards, while newly arrived refugees will receive a once-off food parcel. As reflected in the February figures, Lebanese returnees and vulnerable Lebanese still receive limited support, but there are on-going discussions on how to cover these two caseloads.

In 2014, WFP's plans to support Palestine refugees from Syria as well as vulnerable Lebanese with food assistance in collaboration with UNWRA and the Ministry of Social Affairs (MOSA) are still on the table.

Under the umbrella of the national poverty targeting programme (NPTP), WFP, MOSA and the World Bank have placed significant emphasis on enhancing capacity to government institutions to support hosting communities. The aim of the WFP project is to reduce inter-communal tension and help national capacity-building by supplementing the social safety-net package with food assistance.

PROGRESS AGAINST 2014 TARGETS			End-2014 Target
% of planned population (monthly) who benefitted from food assistance	53.3%		75% of caseload
Total cash equivalent of e-card/vouchers transfers or food distributed and redeemed	26,061,902		\$550,240,947
% of assisted individuals with acceptable food consumption score (>35.5)	76.6%		80%
Average dietary daily diversity among targeted populations	5.6		6
# of animal vaccinated	N/A		400,000
# of affected farming households that will have improved food nutrition and food safety	N/A		18,000

