

# EGYPT COUNTRY: RRP6 MONTHLY UPDATE - AUGUST

# FOOD SECURITY



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**food vouchers in August**

## HIGHLIGHTS:

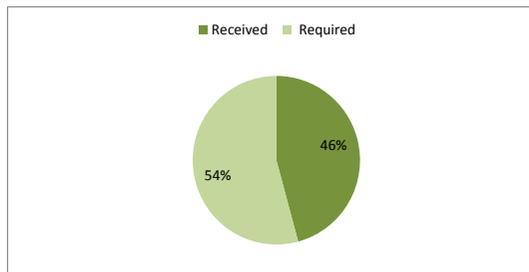
- Food voucher distribution commenced on 17 August and finished on 23 August. WFP reached over 63,000 beneficiaries in Greater Cairo, 22,900 in Alexandria, 11,100 in Damietta, 2,700 in Mansoura, 600 in Marsa Matrouh and 500 in Tanta. Over US\$2.8 million was injected into the local economy through food vouchers.
- Responding to an increase in fuel costs and transportation fares, WFP is monitoring sites in relation to beneficiary accessibility and affordability of travel. Over 3,000 beneficiaries were previously traveling over 60km from Mansoura to collect food vouchers in Damietta. This was costly and made it difficult for beneficiaries to redeem vouchers on the same day. To better serve Syrian refugees in Mansoura, WFP has launched a new distribution site in their locale, partnering with Fathallah supermarket.
- On 27 August, WFP re-started a Food Security Working Group for the emergency Syrian response in Egypt. WFP gave an overview of food security and inflation trends in Egypt, an update on the vulnerability assessment and debriefed partners on the August distribution cycle. It was agreed to have FSWG meeting on a regular monthly basis and to aim at a larger audience. WFP also agreed to share monthly food security and mapping data with partners. WFP, UNHCR, UNRWA and Save the Children attended the meeting.

## REFUGEE POPULATION IN EGYPT



## SECTOR FUNDING STATUS January - December

\* Funds received until August 2014

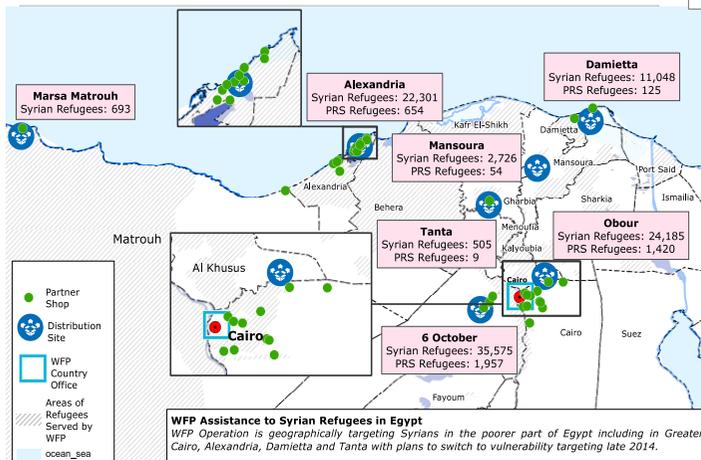


## NEEDS ANALYSIS:

The partial removal of energy subsidies contributed to 2.9 percent food inflation in July. Food prices are 12.3 percent higher than the same month of the previous year. Complimenting the ongoing vulnerability assessment, WFP is analysing consumption patterns of Syrian refugees and the impact of current inflation. Depending on the results, WFP will re-calculate food voucher value.

The Government is also reforming its food subsidy system. It is activating a card system limiting the discounts of popular Egyptian bread known as "baladi" only to cardholders. The system is being piloted in Port Said, Suez, Ismailiya and Cairo. However, this system is limited to Egyptian citizens. The vulnerability assessment will inform WFP if beneficiaries depend on buying "baladi" from local bakeries and if exclusion from this card system will have an impact on their food security. If so, WFP will mitigate this by either increasing voucher value or working with supermarkets to offer special discounts on the bread.

WFP and UNHCR, in partnership with Save the Children, are conducting a joint assessment to identify vulnerable refugees in Egypt. During the first phase, over 30,000 households will be assessed in Cairo. In a shift from geographical targeting and based on expected vulnerability profiling results, WFP plans to target all refugees based on their assessed vulnerability and needs. Data collection is expected to start in September 2014.



## PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS:

