

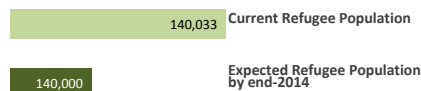
EGYPT COUNTRY: RRP6 MONTHLY UPDATE - OCTOBER FOOD SECURITY



HIGHLIGHTS:

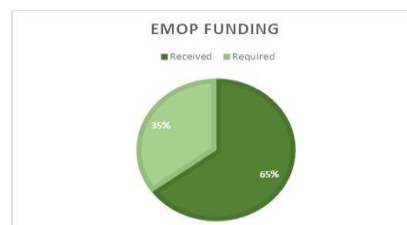
- October distribution commenced as planned on 26 October 2014, reaching 99,315 beneficiaries (SYR 95,314 and PRS 4,001). Activities for October cycle were carried out as planned without reduction of voucher value or beneficiary caseload.
- WFP EMOP Egypt team has finalized preliminary results of anti-fraud verification process, conducted from 19 to 23 October 2014 in Greater Cairo for Carrefour card holders. On 6 October, the findings were shared with UNHCR. The final verified list of eligible beneficiaries that are physically present in the country is expected to be available prior to the next distribution cycle.
- E-vouchers: analysis of September redemption figures of Carrefour e-vouchers was finalized, showing significant improvement compared to previous cycles reaching 97% of the planned figures. This is mainly due to the preparatory work started during the August distribution cycle, where WFP and UNHCR have removed around 10,000 beneficiaries from Greater Cairo distribution list.

REFUGEE POPULATION IN EGYPT



SECTOR FUNDING STATUS January - December

* Funds received until October 2014



NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Yearly Food Price Index stabilized at 11.8% compared to 14% at the same month of 2013. Monthly food inflation rate in September 2014 increased by 2.1% from August, which is less than monthly average of 2.5% (CAPMAS). Although this positive trend, inflationary pressures are likely to continue due to the forecasted increased taxation and may have.

On 21 September, WFP and UNHCR, in partnership with Save the Children, launched a joint assessment to identify vulnerable refugees in Egypt. As of 30 October, data have been collected through home visits in Obour, 6th October, Cairo, Giza, Ismailia, and Sharkiya. Initial results indicate that households' main expenditure is on rent, followed by food, education and health. Nearly 90 per cent of the interviewed households are receiving at least one type of assistance, while food assistance is the most common assistance received (65 per cent).

Results from the Beneficiaries Contact Information Monitoring (BCM) conducted by WFP during the October distribution cycle show that the three main households' needs are cash, rent, and food. The cash utilization is mainly to pay the rent and buy the food. The results also indicate significant improvement in the overall knowledge of WFP food voucher assistance programme and its components (from 89.5 to 97.5 percent), improvement in the knowledge of allowed items to purchase with WFP vouchers (from 92.5 to 97.5 percent) and general improvement of respondents' knowledge about feedback/complaint mechanism was noted.

PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS:

