

EGYPT COUNTRY: RRP6 MONTHLY UPDATE - DECEMBER FOOD SECURITY



US\$ 2,709, 020 million were injected into the local economy through food vouchers in December 2014

HIGHLIGHTS:

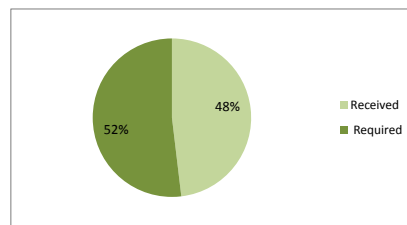
- December distribution started on 14 December 2014 in six distribution sites (Obour, 6th of October, Alexandria, Damietta, Marsa Matrouh and Mansoura), reaching 96% of targeted Syrian refugees, for a total of 96,861 beneficiaries
- Owing to concerted efforts at all levels, additional funds were received to cover the December shortfalls for the Syrian refugee response across the region.
- In light of the funding contribution, value of food voucher assistance in Egypt was left unchanged for the month of December, as well as beneficiary caseload.
- WFP started discussion with with contracted retailers HYPER and FATALLAH to look into capacities and possibilities to introduce e-voucher system with them in addition to Carrefour, which would allow to shift to full e-voucher system in early 2015.
- Following MFA/CAPMAS request to halt the households visits for the on-going vulnerability assessment, data is being collected by Save the Children through interviews at the UNHCR premises.

REFUGEE POPULATION IN EGYPT



SECTOR FUNDING STATUS January - December

* Funds received until December 2014



NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Sufficient funds were received to fully resume the WFP food voucher programme for December. Beneficiaries were informed accordingly through feed-back mechanisms (FaceBook, hotline).

In view of the planning of verification of Carrefour caseload and subsequent replacement of e-cards with new ones, WFP and UNHCR agreed on the following steps to update list of beneficiaries in Greater Cairo: UNHCR revises beneficiaries' list submitted by WFP and updates it by indicating which beneficiaries have (a) already gone through the IRIS scan verification; (b) are under verification process and (c) still need to be verified. This bi-lateral review will allow WFP to verify only those beneficiaries under b and c once the Carrefour cards are being replaced in January 2015.

In view of the transition from geographic to vulnerability targeting of Syrian refugees, offices interviews have started the week of November 17, at the UNHCR premises in Cairo (Zamalek) and 6th October, conducted seven days a week by fifteen teams of Save the Children enumerators per location. Average of 846 interviews (3,986 individuals) were conducted weekly, bringing total number of interviewed HH to 7,099, which equals 33,678 individuals as of 11 of December.

PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS:

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