

WFP's Response in Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey and Iraq

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HIGHLIGHTS/KEY PRIORITIES

- In **Jordan**, WFP has distributed more than 43,670 hot meals in transit centers since the start of the programme (19 April), averaging 750 meals per day and reaching a maximum of 900 beneficiaries per day. 9,150 breakfast and bread rations have also been distributed in Al-Bashabsha and Stadium transit centers while 204 families in Citycenter have received in-kind weekly family food packages from 17 to 30 May. 16,720 beneficiaries in urban centers have also been reached through the in-kind assistance in the May.
- In **Lebanon**, Danish Refugee Council (DRC), WFP's implementing partner, will begin voucher distribution during the first week of June in Arsal, Bekaa Valley. 1,300 in kind family packages will be distributed in the North starting on 7 June.
- In **Iraq**, at the request of UNHCR and local authorities, WFP will provide in-kind food assistance to some 5,000 Syrian refugees in July, with priority given to camp refugees in Domiz, Dohuk Governorate.
- WFP, WHO, UNFPA, UNICEF and different national authorities are in the final stages of planning a joint nutrition survey for the refugee population in Lebanon and Jordan. A joint agreement has been signed with Action Contre la Faim (ACF) who will be in charge of data collection, data entry and first analysis of the results in both countries.

Jordan

BENEFICIARIES

- WFP is targeting 25,000 Syrian refugees living in host communities in Irbid, Zarqa, Marfaq, Karak and Amman with family food packages. In addition, in two transit centers, Al-Bashabsha and the Stadium, WFP is providing hotmeals, breakfast and bread to up to 1200/day. In Cybercity transit center, which has been equipped with cooking facilities by UNHCR, WFP has stopped hotmeal distribution and is now providing weekly in-kind assistance in family packages for up to 350 families/week.
- As of 3 June 2012, 21,832 Syrian refugees have been registered by UNHCR with an additional 2,500 currently awaiting registration, totaling 23,932 Syrian refugees.
- While local organizations have identified some 30,000 individuals in need of assistance. The Government of Jordan reports that over 120,000 Syrians have entered the country.

ACTIVITIES

- With May distribution finalized, WFP has reached, 15,720 of the 25,000 targeted Syrian refugees living in local communities with in-kind food assistance through its partners JHCO and JRC. Initial feedback from the cooperating partners indicates that the mobility of the Syrian refugee population has hampered the partner's ability to reach all targeted beneficiaries. WFP has requested a more formal report on the

discrepancy between the planned figures and the actual beneficiaries reached to see how to assist a higher percentage in the June cycle.

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- A mission from the RB IT unit is currently in Jordan to explore the feasibility of adapting the regional C&V information management system developed for Libya to the new C&V activities in Jordan. This database offers features such as beneficiary registration, importing beneficiary lists, voucher management and printing and has an English and Arabic interface.

COORDINATION

- WFP is finalizing the food sector inputs for UNHCR's contingency plan for Jordan.

Lebanon

SECURITY

- Despite isolated security incidents, the situation in Lebanon has returned to a relative calm and activities have resumed normally. All travel to the North must however be monitored closely as the situation can rapidly degenerate again.

BENEFICIARIES

- WFP will assist 15,000 Syrian refugees registered with UNHCR in the Bekaa Valley through food vouchers from June. In addition, under an agreement between WFP, UNHCR and HRC, WFP will provide 1,300 family food rations for the June distribution parallel to the 1,300 families assisted through HRC in north Lebanon.
- To date UNHCR has registered 17,041 Syrian refugees in Lebanon, while an additional 3,000 in Tripoli and 6,500 in Bekaa await registration.
- The registration exercise in the North resumed on 28 May and is proceeding normally.
- Registration is continuing in Saadnayel though the process is still slow. Following the meeting detailed in the last sitrep between UNHCR, local leaders and authorities, an official agreement involving the local actors in the registration process has been signed this week; all parties expect this to result in a higher turnout rate at the registration office. An encouraging fact is that in Aarsal, families who did not come forward for registration two weeks ago expressed now their willingness to do so. As a result, UNHCR will go back to Aarsal next week, after completion of the registration exercise in Saadnayel, to register additional families.

ACTIVITIES

North

- Following the meetings between WFP and HRC about assisting through voucher modality in the North, WFP has sent an official letter of intent to the Government of Lebanon through HRC to explain the strategy officially. WFP and HRC agreed on HRC's full involvement in the implementation.
- The Danish Refugee Council (DRC) will implement the voucher programme on behalf of WFP in the North and Action Contre la Faim (ACF) will do the monitoring to ensure transparency. A meeting will be held in Beirut on Monday 4 June with DRC and ACF to discuss the technical details of the joint assistance in the North.

- DRC has developed a work plan to ensure consistency between the North and the Bekaa Valley voucher programme. DRC is an implementing partner in both areas of Lebanon.
- WFP has procured 1,300 family food rations for the 1,300 families in the North. The rations in boxes with WFP and GoJ logos will be delivered to the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) warehouse on 7 June. An inspector and a WFP procurement officer will be present to monitor the quality of the food rations. DRC will start distribution immediately after.

Bekaa Valley

- In preparation for the shift to voucher distribution, a shop assessment was completed in Arsal, Bekaa Valley; 11 shops have already been shortlisted and implementing partners will finalize the selection of the shops and begin to sign contracts with shop owners next week so that the voucher programme can begin by 15 June.
- DRC will begin voucher distribution during the first week of June in Arsal.

Turkey

- There is an increase in the number of Syrians in Turkey totaling 24,326 refugees as of 24 May. Reportedly, this increase is due not only to new arrivals, but also to improved re-registration procedures in Öncüpınar.
- The new registration system includes Camp ID cards that contain information on aid received and in the future will be used in the camp markets to ensure efficiency in the provision of assistance and prevent duplication of registration.
- New arrivals from Syria and those refugees already registered are receiving assistance from the Turkish Government in the border provinces of Hatay, Gaziantep, Kilis and Şanlıurfa.

Iraq

BENEFICIARIES

- At the request of UNHCR and local authorities, WFP will provide in-kind food assistance to some 5,000 Syrian refugees in July, with priority given to camp refugees in Domiz, Dohuk Governorate.
- As of 3 June, UNHCR has registered 4,413 Syrian refugees; numbers have increased steadily by some 300 persons per week.

COORDINATION

- The RRP revision is due for submission to UNHCR Baghdad by 9 June. A coordination meeting is being organized by UNHCR in Northern Iraq to discuss the various sectoral requirements before submission to Baghdad. WFP is leading the inputs for the Food Sector.
- WFP's Regional Refugee Emergency Coordinator (RREC) visited Erbil, Northern Iraq and met with UNCT members (UNHCR, UNICEF, WHO and IOM) and Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) officials, including the Director of Bureau of Immigration and Displacement of the Ministry of Interior and the head of unit for International Organizations in the Department of Foreign Relations. He also met with Syrian refugee families and singles.
 - Participants discussed assistance to Syrian refugees in the framework of the RRP.
 - Recent reports suggest that Syrians in camps are experiencing some difficulties as the authorities have become overstretched.
 - The RREC advised that WFP will provide in-kind assistance as of July. He asked the local authorities to fill the gap in June until WFP's assistance comes online. He recommended that agencies undertake

a rapid needs assessment to inform urgent interventions after which regular food security monitoring and nutrition assessments should take place.

Activities and coordination at Sub-Regional level

COORDINATION

- WFP, WHO, UNFPA, UNICEF and different national authorities are in the final stages of planning a joint nutrition survey for the refugee population in Lebanon and Jordan. A joint agreement has been signed with Action Contre la Faim (ACF) who will be in charge of data collection, data entry and first analysis of the results in both countries. The target for completion of this survey is around 15 July, before the beginning of Ramadan. Results are expected by the end of August. The methodology used will be defined jointly by WFP and UNICEF at the regional level.
- An interagency review of the Regional Response Plan for Syrian refugees is ongoing under the leadership of UNHCR. A meeting will take place in Amman on 5 June to plan requirements for each sector.

RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

- The Regional EMOP budget has been inserted in WINGS for clearance; early release was approved on 25 May.
- A US\$2 million contribution from CERF toward WFP's operation for Syrians in Jordan has been confirmed.
- In a meeting between WFP and ECHO on 27 May, ECHO expressed interest in supporting the operation and requested additional operational details about the regional EMOP.
- The UAE Ambassador met with WFP in Amman and offered support to GoJ in terms of medical centers and renovation of Syrian guest houses. WFP Amman will send the regional EMOP and updates on WFP's activities to the Ambassador so that he can see how WFP is coordinating closely with local and International partners and advocate for resources.

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