



World Food Programme

REGIONAL EMERGENCY OPERATION 200433

Food assistance to Syrian populations in Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey

US\$20,633,285 Shortfall, US\$3,199,286 Resourced

BACKGROUND: The events in the Syrian Arab Republic have led thousands of Syrians to flee to the neighbouring countries of Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey, resulting in significant humanitarian needs. Through this Emergency Operation, WFP provides food assistance as part of a broader framework of support to refugees under the leadership of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). It supports strong partnerships with governments, United Nations organizations and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO), and is aligned with the United Nations Syrian Regional Response Plan.

OBJECTIVES: By meeting the immediate basic food needs of Syrian refugees in the region, the main objectives of this emergency operation are to: 1) save lives and maintain food security; 2) protect livelihoods and help prevent the depletion of the refugees' assets; and 3) strengthen capacities of partners and authorities, in line with WFP's Strategic Objective 1, saving lives and protecting livelihoods in emergencies. The operation will:

In Jordan: Distribute value-based food vouchers initially for 35,000 refugees, increasing to 70,000 during the project period and deliver daily food ration/hot meals to

1,500 refugees transiting through camps/guest houses.

In Lebanon: Provide food assistance to an initial caseload of 27,000, increasing to 40,000 Syrian refugees located in the North, Bekaa Valley and Beirut for six months through a value-based food voucher programme.

In Iraq: Provide food assistance to some 5,000 Syrian refugees in July increasing to 10,000 by December: through the delivery of family food packages for the first two months phasing then into a voucher system.

In Turkey: The Government of Turkey is generously providing Syrians with a high standard of support. WFP has had discussions on assisting with a portion of the overall needs through a voucher scheme.

OPERATION INFORMATION AT GLANCE

Area of Assistance: Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey

Beneficiaries: 67,000 in July to 120,000 in December

Duration of Project: June to December 2012

WFP voucher value US\$: \$31/person/month

TOTAL COST TO WFP: US\$23,832,571



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In Jordan and Lebanon, the Regional EMOP will build on the Immediate Response Emergency Operations (IR-EMOPs) currently being implemented:

In Jordan, through the IR-EMOP, WFP is delivering monthly family food packages targeting 25,000 Syrian refugees living in Jordanian communities during May and June. Distributions are carried out by the Jordan Hashemite Charity Organization and Jordanian Red Crescent Societies. In addition, WFP provides hot meals, breakfast and bread in two transit centers (Al-Bashabsha and Stadium) and food packages in a third site (Cybercity) where cooking facilities are available. WFP is monitoring both distribution of food packages and hot meal deliveries.

In the May cycle, WFP reached 15,720 beneficiaries in urban areas with monthly family food packages and 235 families in Cybercity with weekly packages. WFP is reaching an average of 750 persons per day with hot meals and/or breakfasts at transit centres near the border since mid-April.

In Lebanon, the IR-EMOP assists 15,000 Syrian refugees through food vouchers for June and July. The vouchers are being distributed by the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and World Vision International and will be redeemed by beneficiaries in local private and cooperative shops. The partners and WFP monitor all aspects of implementation including tracking the redemption of the vouchers. In north Lebanon, WFP is distributing food parcels for 7,000 beneficiaries for the month of June through DRC and will transition to voucher based assistance in July.

Most preparatory steps for the voucher assistance under EMOP 200433 have already been conducted in Jordan and Lebanon:

A Joint Rapid Needs Assessment in **Jordan** showed that markets are integrated, competitive and accessible through well connected roads. In addition WFP conducted a food price analysis focusing on 12 Jordanian markets relevant to the Syrian refugees concluding that the prices of these food items are stable. Both assessments indicate that Jordanian

infrastructure is sufficient for a successful voucher programme; WFP is finalizing necessary arrangements for implementation of the voucher programme in July.

In **Lebanon**, NGO partners have completed an assessment of retail stores in the Bekaa Valley; data is being analysed with the support of a WFP Cash and Voucher specialist. Shops are being contracted for voucher redemption. Field Level Agreements with implementing partners DRC and World Vision Lebanon have been signed. Vouchers are being distributed in Aarsal in the Bekaa Valley.

WFP is preparing to provide direct food assistance to Syrian refugees in the Kurdistan region of **Iraq** in July in coordination with UNHCR and the local authorities.

Turkey has been generously providing support to Syrians with a very high standard of assistance. WFP has had discussions to complement this support using a voucher scheme, which will be included in the updated Regional Response Plan.

WFP, WHO, UNFPA, UNICEF and different national authorities are in the final stages of preparing the joint nutrition survey for the refugee population in Lebanon and Jordan. The target for completion of this survey is July, and the results are expected by the end of August.

The Government of Japan has contributed US\$3 million and CERF US\$2.9 million towards WFP's operations assisting Syrian refugees in the region

Resource Mobilization Overview	
Japan*	US\$300,000
CERF Jordan	US\$2 million
CERF Lebanon	US\$899,286
Total Resourced:	US\$3,199,286
Total Cost to WFP:	US\$23,832,571
Total Budget Shortfall: 20,633,285	

*The Government of Japan has donated US\$3 million: US\$1.2 million towards IR EMOP Jordan; US\$1.5 to IR EMOP Lebanon; US\$300,000 for the regional EMOP.