

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

## Situation Report # 5

Reporting Period: 4-9 June 2012



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### HIGHLIGHTS/KEY PRIORITIES

- **In Jordan**, WFP is currently providing hot meals and breakfast daily in Al-Bashabsha and Stadium for an average of 700 people. WFP continues to distribute weekly family food packages in Cybercity to some 500 people as the center is equipped with cooking facilities. June distribution of family packages for 25,000 beneficiaries will start in the coming days.
- **In Lebanon**, WFP has procured 1,300 family food packages for beneficiaries in the North to be distributed for the June cycle. The shipment arrived to the DRC warehouse on 7 June. Distribution started on 5 June as the other 1,300 packages provided by HRC arrived earlier to the DRC warehouse.
- **In Iraq**, 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 will conduct a Cash & Voucher (C&V) feasibility assessment during the second half of June.

## Jordan

### SITUATION UPDATE

- Media reports between 30 May to 6 June indicate demonstrations took place in Amman with various agendas including protesting the rise in commodity prices and the economic crisis affecting Jordan. No security concerns have been raised but WFP is monitoring the price of food as this could affect both food security in Jordan and WFP's voucher programme implementation.
- Refugees continue to cross the border into Jordan. As of 7 June, 22,976 Syrian refugees have been registered by UNHCR with an additional 2,500 currently awaiting registration, totaling 25,476. The Government of Jordan reports that over 130,000 Syrians have entered the country.

### WFP RESPONSE

- WFP is targeting 25,000 Syrian refugees living in host communities in Irbid, Zarqa, Marfaq, Karak and Amman with family food packages. In addition, WFP is providing food assistance for up to 1,500 people on any given day in three transit centers: in Al-Bashabsha and Stadium, WFP is providing daily hot meals and breakfasts; in Cybercity, equipped with cooking facilities, WFP is providing family food packages.
- WFP delivered food assistance to 15,720 beneficiaries during the May cycle; the June cycle starting date is being established with partners. In July, WFP will provide food assistance through value-based vouchers to refugees living in Jordanian communities.
- During this reporting period, WFP has provided hot meals and breakfast in Al-Bashabsha and Stadium for an average of about 700 people and in Cybercity assisted 500 people with family food packages.

## WFP Food Distribution to Syrian Refugees in Transit Centres

Assistance	Bashabsheh		Prince Hashem Stadium		Cybercity	
	This Week (average) #	Total # to date	This Week (average)	Total to date	This Week (individuals reached)	Total to date (Individuals reached)
Breakfast + Bread	443	9431	232	5519	None	None
Lunch	452	22146	226	9409	None	8525
Weekly Family Food Packages*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	501	1681

\*Packages tailored to the number of individuals per family.

- WFP has an agreement with a local supplier to provide the daily hot meals and breakfast until 13 June. As per WFP request, various NGOs have submitted proposals to provide this service after 13 June.
- WFP's implementing partners, JRC and JHCO, distributed commodities by road using their trucks. WFP commodities are stored at the implementing NGOs' warehouses.
- The outcome report of the IT assessment conducted by the RB IT unit for upcoming Cash & Voucher activity in Jordan will be shared with concerned parties later this week.
- WFP Jordan Country Office monitors the delivery of food to all transit centers and communities through a daily reporting system. WFP receives daily, weekly and monthly reports from JRC and JHCO including beneficiaries reached (gender-disaggregated), packages distributed and quantity of commodities delivered.
- A Cash and Voucher consultant has been deployed to Amman to develop initiate and implement the voucher-based modality of food assistance to the Syrian refugees in Jordan based on WFP and partners' best practices in the region.

## COORDINATION/EXTERNAL RELATIONS

- WFP hosted and chaired a Food Sector Coordination working group meeting on 6 June. Partners continue to share information for the 3W matrix. Partners agreed with WFP's overall food sector strategy to assist affected Syrians with food vouchers under the Regional EMOP. NGOs were invited to submit implementation proposals as a WFP partner by next week.

## Lebanon

### SITUATION UPDATE

- Isolated armed cross-border confrontations on 5 and 6 June in Aarsal, Tripoli, and villages in the Bekaa Valley led to shops closing in north Lebanon on 5 June and to the deployment of the Lebanese Army in the area. The situation has raised concerns about the timely start of the voucher programme and is being monitored.
- Results from a livelihood assessment conducted by the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) in the Bekaa Valley between 10 April and 4 May indicate that most Syrian families in the Bekaa Valley have incurred debt from accommodation fees, credit owed to shops for food, health services and other necessities, confirming that Syrian refugees are in urgent need of assistance, especially for food and rent. In El Sahel, families indicated baby milk as their priority need. The assessment recommends cash or voucher based assistance.
- As of 7 June UNHCR has registered 19,068 Syrian refugees in the country. An additional 3,000 Syrians in Tripoli and 5,000 in the Bekaa Valley are awaiting registration.
- Registration continued in Saadnayel, Bekaa Valley. Since signing the agreement involving local actors in the registration process, more refugees came forward to be registered by UNHCR. Similarly in Aarsal, families are increasingly willing to register. UNHCR will return to Aarsal next week to register these additional families, who will be included in the first round of WFP's voucher distribution starting at the end of the week.

## WFP RESPONSE

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- WFP will assist 15,000 Syrian refugees registered with UNHCR in the Bekaa Valley through value-based food vouchers from June. In addition, WFP will provide 1,300 family food packages for the June distribution parallel to the 1,300 families assisted through HRC in North Lebanon.
- Field visits and contact with Internal Security Forces (ISF) revealed the presence of newly arrived families in different villages in the north of the Bekaa Valley. UNHCR is following up with the local authorities in order to confirm numbers and needs.
- WFP and HRC have procured each 1,300 family food packages (totalling 2,600), to assist beneficiaries in the North during the month of June. Distribution started on 5 June. WFP's packages bear the WFP and Japan stickers.
- A work plan for implementation of the voucher programme in the North was developed by DRC, shared with WFP and consolidated with the Bekaa Valley plan in order to ensure consistency in the implementation in the two regions.
- In Arsal, Bekaa Valley, DRC will begin distribution of WFP vouchers together with DRC hygiene kits on the second week of June for a minimum of 1,414 beneficiaries, pending registration of additional families.
- WFP and UNICEF met with WHO in Beirut to discuss the methodology to be used for the Nutrition Survey of the refugee population; the questionnaire will be modified to fit the context better. The Lebanese authorities (Ministry of Health and High Relief Commission) gave their approval for survey implementation.
- A Food Security Survey of the Syrian refugee population will be conducted in Lebanon under the supervision of the RB VAM unit.
- The RB WFP Cash & Voucher expert will return to Lebanon on 10 June. He will support partners in the Bekaa Valley (DRC and World Vision Lebanon) in the final selection of the retailers and the analysis of the retail assessment. He will also assist the NGOs in the finalization and signing of their contracts with retailers. He will then proceed to Qobayat to work with DRC in preparing the project for the North.
- While DRC will implement the voucher programme on behalf of WFP in the North, ACF will do the monitoring to ensure transparency.
- The RB Voucher Programme Officer is finalizing a monitoring tool kit to be implemented with the initiation of the voucher programme.



## COORDINATION/ EXTERNAL RELATIONS

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- An inter-agency Regional Response Plan (RRP) revision meeting held on 6 June was attended by over 60 local and international NGOs and UN agencies to prioritize sector-based assistance including the provision of food and non-food items. The final budgetary requirements will be shared by the end of June.
- The official letter explaining the voucher strategy was sent through HRC to the Government of Lebanon last week; it was then transmitted to the Council of Ministers on Tuesday and was being reviewed for approval on Friday.

## Turkey

- There is a significant increase in the number of Syrians in Turkey totalling 27,405 refugees as of 9 June. The increase is due both to increased violence near the border as well as the improved re-registration procedures being implemented in Öncüpınar.
- Turkish authorities have reported that some 2,700 Syrians fled to the southeastern province of Hatay during the past week as Syrian forces are said to have set fire to border areas to flush out rebels hiding there. As a result, the refugee population in Hatay has more than doubled in the last month.
- An increase of over 300% in the population of the Şanlıurfa camp in Ceylanpınar was observed in the last 3 weeks from 696 on 15 May to 4,434 on 9 June.

## Iraq

### SITUATION UPDATE

- As of 5 June, UNHCR has registered 4,549 Syrian refugees while 450 Syrians await registration. There are currently 3,519 Syrian refugees in Duhok, 239 in Suleimaniyah and 791 in Erbil.

### WFP RESPONSE

- 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 met with Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW) on 11 June to discuss the implementation of general food distributions for Syrian refugees at the Domiz camp. IRW will be submitting a proposal by next week.
- WFP is leading the joint assessment exercise in the North of Iraq. WFP drafted the concept note and questionnaires and has sent them to partners for comments.
- WFP will conduct a Cash & Voucher (C&V) feasibility assessment for the implementation of the C&V component of the Regional EMOP. The C&V specialist will be in Iraq from 19-27 June.  
WFP met with the Bureau of Migration and Displacement (BMD) on 11 June to discuss their participation in the joint assessment and the voucher assessment. BMD has shown interest in participating in both the exercises.

### COORDINATION

- The RRP revision is ready to be submitted to UNHCR Baghdad on 10 June. A coordination meeting took place on 9 June organized by UNHCR in northern Iraq and WFP provided the food sector inputs.

## Activities and coordination at Sub-Regional level

### COORDINATION

- 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 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. Nutrition consultants for both UNICEF and WFP have been recruited and are due to start working 17 June. *(Corrigendum: ACF will participate in this survey in Lebanon but not in Jordan as reported in SitRep #4)*
- WFP has developed and is continuously updating contingency plans to ensure readiness in the event of a rapid escalation of humanitarian needs in the region.

## RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

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

\*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.

Lebanon have been fully covered by the Government of Japan.

- The Syria Regional Response Plan with a requirement of some US\$84.5 million has a funding status of 36 percent as of 15 May.
- The Syria Country Director and the Regional Emergency Coordinator for Syrian Refugees met with officials from USA, EC, EK, Canada, Sweden, Norway and permanent representatives from the region to discuss the situation in Syria and the region at a luncheon hosted by the RD in Rome.

- The Regional EMOP early release was approved on 25 May. US\$3,199,286 has been resourced to date while there is a budget shortfall of US\$20,633,285.

- A US\$899,286 contribution from CERF toward WFP's operation for Syrians in Lebanon was confirmed on 29 May.

- The budget revision for the Jordan IR EMOP from US\$986,709 to US\$1,212,926 (increase of US\$226,217) has been approved.

- The IR EMOP Jordan and IR EMOP

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