

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

Situation Report # 7

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HIGHLIGHTS/KEY PRIORITIES

- **In Jordan**, WFP's partners, Jordan Hashemite Charity Organization (JHCO) and Jordan Red Crescent (JRC), distributed 97,140 MT of food commodities to about 11,000 Syrian refugees in urban settings from 17 to 23 June. WFP continues to provide hot meals to two transit centres and family food packages to a third one covering the food needs of about 1,500 Syrian refugees daily.
- **In Lebanon**, WFP has reached over 800 households with family food packages through implementing partner DRC in the North and about 340 additional families with value-based food vouchers in the Bekaa Valley since 5 June.
- **In Iraq**, WFP is preparing to deliver food assistance to refugees in the Kurdish area of the country by the end of July while preparing for a voucher system to be implemented in September.
- The UNHCR-led revised Regional Response Plan (RRP) will be launched in Geneva on 28 June, with country specific and regional inputs from WFP. In line with the updated RRP, WFP's planning figure for Iraq has increased from 10,000 to 15,000 beneficiaries in December.

Jordan

SITUATION UPDATE

- UNHCR reports that as of 21 June, they have registered 26,371 Syrian refugees with an additional 500 currently awaiting registration. 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 per day in three transit centres: in Al-Bashabsha and Prince Hashem Stadium WFP is providing daily hot meals, breakfast and bread, while in Cybercity, WFP is providing family food packages as the centre has been equipped with cooking facilities by UNHCR.
- The June cycle distribution of direct food assistance to 25,000 beneficiaries started on 17 June. WFP's implementing partners, JHCO and JRC, have distributed 97,140 MT of dry food rations to 10,985 Syrian refugees in urban settings for this cycle so far.
- In July, WFP food assistance to these 25,000 beneficiaries will phase over to a value-based voucher programme.

- During the reporting period, WFP provided hot meals and breakfast in Al-Bashabsha and Stadium for an average of 850 people daily; in Cybercity WFP assisted 410 people with weekly family food packages.

WFP Food Distribution to Syrian Refugees in Transit Centres in this reporting period

BENEFICIARIES REACHED						
Transit Centres	Al-Bashabsha		Prince Hashem Stadium		Cybercity	
Assistance	Daily Average	Total to Date	Daily Average	Total to Date	Average	Total to Date
Bread*	875	24,200	500	18,350	1214**	44,200
Breakfast	636	17,683	214	8,217	n/a	n/a
Lunch	574	26,163	237	11,067	n/a	8,525
Weekly Family Food Packages***	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	410	-

*Pieces ** Bread is distributed in Cybercity daily. ***Packages tailored to the number of individuals per family

- WFP's food is procured locally and is delivered to the implementing partners' central warehouses directly where all repackaging is done. Distribution takes place either directly from these warehouses or through the different distribution centres around the country. The system is operating effectively.
- The Government of Jordan will open a new transit centre in Ramtha (King Abdullah Park) next week.
- An assessment mission was carried out on 27 June in Cybercity transit centre to assess the possibility of implementing voucher assistance in the camp.
- The WFP nutrition consultant participated in a meeting with the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, the Ministry of Health and UN Partners to discuss the terms of reference and methodology for the nutrition survey. The Government of Jordan's coordination committee will provide some feedback this week.
- WFP Jordan monitors the delivery of all food to transit centres and communities through a daily reporting system.
- The May cycle Post Distribution Monitoring exercise for the distribution of family food packages to refugees is currently underway and is expected to finish by 24 June.
- WFP and implementing partner NGO Takiyet um Ali (TUA) are both monitoring the implementation of hot meal assistance in transit camps.
- WFP receives daily, weekly and monthly reports from JRC and JHCO including beneficiaries reached (using gender-disaggregated data), packages distributed and quantity of commodities delivered.
- A consultant Cash & Voucher (C&V) expert is in Amman supporting the development, initiation and implementation of the voucher-based food assistance to the Syrian refugees in Jordan.

COORDINATION/EXTERNAL RELATIONS

- Five NGOs have submitted proposals to implement the voucher programme in partnership with WFP. Final selection of implementing partners will be determined on 25 June.
- A draft of the UNHCR-led contingency plan for Jordan was completed last week incorporating input from WFP.

SITUATION UPDATE

- Due to tension in Tripoli, the June food distribution was briefly interrupted; as the situation improved, WFP restarted food distribution with local authorities and partners on 22 June which proceeded normally.
- As of 21 June UNHCR has registered 22,530 Syrian refugees in the country. An additional 2,250 Syrians in Tripoli and 3,000 in the Bekaa Valley are pending registration while being assisted by UNHCR and partners.
- UNHCR started registration in Jdeide, Bekaa Valley where 1,553 individuals have been registered so far, bringing the total for the Bekaa Valley to about 6,500 persons. New Syrian families have arrived in villages in north Bekaa including Al Hermel, Al Qaa, and Mazraat Ain el Jaouze. UNHCR is following-up with the local authorities in order to confirm numbers and needs.

WFP RESPONSE

WFP Food Distribution to Syrian Refugees in Lebanon in June

Location	Assistance Type	Target Beneficiaries	Beneficiaries Reached
Bekaa Valley	C&V	15,000*	1,543
North Lebanon	GFD	2,600 families**	666 families

*Target beneficiaries subject to UNHCR registration: all beneficiaries registered have been reached so far.

**1,300 Family Food Packages provided by WFP and 1,300 by DRC.

- WFP is targeting 15,000 refugees in the Bekaa Valley through value-based food vouchers distributed in a phased approach starting in June, following the progress of UNHCR registration of refugees. UNHCR has undertaken food distribution for May in this region. In addition, WFP is providing family food packages to 1,300 refugee households in the north of the country during June and July. Assistance will then continue under the Regional EMOP from August using vouchers.
- DRC is distributing the 2,600 family food packages provided by WFP and HRC for beneficiaries in the North for the June cycle. The distribution in Wadi Khaled has been completed covering 666 families. Assistance in this region will be provided through value-based vouchers starting from August.
- The June Cycle distribution of WFP family food packages started in Tripoli on 22 June with the participation of the Prime Minister's Young Volunteers organised by a local religious representative of the refugees and should reach 1000 households in total. During this pilot distribution, 150 households were reached with WFP family food packages and UNHCR hygiene kits. The delivery will proceed on 23, 25 and 26 June for around 300 households per day. UNHCR will evaluate all uncertain cases, such as refugees registered with the community but not yet with UNHCR.
- WFP met with DRC to finalize the work plan for implementation of the voucher programme in the North. WFP and DRC are finalizing coordination details; subject to agreement by both parties, a Field Level Agreement will be signed next week.
- WFP value-based food vouchers were distributed on 15 and 16 June in Aarsal (Bekaa Valley) reaching 338 families (1,543 individuals). An additional distribution for about 40 newly registered households is planned for 22 June.

- WFP voucher distribution for July in the Bekaa Valley will start only in areas where registration has been completed. WFP is discussing with UNHCR and partners on the way forward for those refugees still unregistered.
- Registered families will receive one voucher per family member valued at US\$31.
- UNICEF, Action Contre la Faim (ACF), and WFP are now finalising the Field Level Agreement for the rapid nutrition assessment of the Syrian refugee population. ACF's nutritionist will arrive next week and as soon as the latest technical details are defined, the survey will start.
- Shop assessments continue in central and west Bekaa while assessments in north Bekaa are completed informing the final selection.

COORDINATION/ EXTERNAL RELATIONS

- UNHCR, DRC and WFP met in Beirut on 22 June to agree on the final planning figure for the updated RRP. The agencies have agreed that while the main modality for assisting the refugee population in Lebanon will be vouchers, food parcels will be distributed whenever or wherever the voucher system is not yet fully operational. This approach will be articulated in the revised RRP that will be launched on 28 June in Geneva.

Turkey

- From 24 May to 22 June, there has been an increase of 33% in the total number of Syrians currently receiving temporary protection from the Government of Turkey: there are 32,380 refugees registered with the Government as of 22 June.
- The current population of the Ceylanpınar Camp in Şanlıurfa is 8,741, almost double the number last reporting period. Most new arrivals stay in Ceylanpınar as the camps in Kilis and Gaziantep have reached capacity.

Iraq

SITUATION UPDATE

- As of 21 June, UNHCR has registered 5,258 Syrian refugees while 460 Syrians await registration.
- UNHCR reports that an estimated 20-25 families and 100-120 singles continue to enter the Kurdistan Region on a weekly basis.

WFP RESPONSE

- WFP is targeting about 5,000 Syrian refugees in late July to early August with provision of direct food assistance; priority will be given to camp refugees in Domiz, Dohuk Governorate. After two months, WFP will phase into voucher assistance.
- WFP's planning figure for Iraq has increased from 10,000 to 15,000 beneficiaries in December in line with the revision of the Regional Response Plan (RRP). The financial implications of this rise will be reflected in a budget revision of the regional EMOP.

COORDINATION

- Islamic Relief Worldwide and ACTED NGO will be submitting proposals for the distribution of WFP commodities to the refugees in Domiz. WFP is meeting Kandil NGO to assess their capacity in assisting WFP if the caseload increases substantially.
- WFP Iraq has provided inputs for the RRP; the financial requirement has been updated to US\$1.9 million.
- WFP will start distribution of direct food assistance by the end of July; BMD has agreed to provide food assistance to the refugees in the Domiz refugee camp until then.

- DDM continues the provision of three hot meals per day to single males and dry food rations to families.
- Preparation of the WFP and UNHCR-led joint needs assessment of the Syrian refugees in Erbil, Dohuk, Suleimaniyah and the camp in Domiz is ongoing with field work starting on 1 July. This assessment is being conducted by UN agencies, NGOs and the Bureau of Migration and Displacement (BMD).
- WFP and BMD started the Cash & Voucher (C&V) feasibility assessment on 19 June in preparation for the implementation of the value-based food voucher component of the Regional EMOP.

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Activities and coordination at Sub-Regional level

COORDINATION

- The UNHCR-led, updated RRP will be launched in Geneva on 28 June with country specific and regional revisions.
- WFP has developed a contingency plan (which is updated continuously) to ensure readiness in the event of a rapid escalation of humanitarian needs in the region and is in the process of finalising a CONOPS with the support of the RB.

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