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## REGIONAL EMERGENCY OPERATION 200433 Food assistance to Syrian populations in Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey

**Requirement: US\$62,691,406 Resourced: US\$34,010,127 Shortfall: US\$28,681,279**

**BACKGROUND:** The events in the Syrian Arab Republic have led thousands of Syrians to flee to the neighbouring countries of Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey and Iraq, 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 Syria Regional Response Plan (RRP).

**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:

**In Jordan:** Provided assistance to an initial 35,000 refugees increasing to up to 250,000 by December through vouchers and in-kind food rations to refugees in camps, transit centres and living with local communities.

**In Lebanon:** Provides food assistance for six months to an initial caseload of 30,000, increasing to 120,000 Syrian refugees located in the North and the Bekaa Valley. Delivery of assistance is predominantly through a value-based food voucher programme with in-kind household food parcels provided to families not yet registered for vouchers or living in remote locations.

**In Iraq:** Provides food assistance to 15,000 Syrians increasing to 60,000 by December through the delivery of family food packages before phasing into a voucher system.

**In Turkey:** The Government of Turkey is generously providing Syrians with a high standard of support. At the Government of Turkey's request, WFP is complementing the Government's assistance through a voucher scheme targeting 30,000 refugees by December.



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## ACHIEVEMENTS

In Jordan and Lebanon, the Regional EMOP continues the assistance started under the Immediate Response Emergency Operations which closed in July 2012 and were fully funded by Japan with a contribution of US\$2.7 million. In October, WFP assisted about 155,000 Syrians who have sought refuge in Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey and Iraq, over 70% received food vouchers.

**JORDAN:** In October, WFP assisted more than 68,000 Syrian refugees in Jordan, while it reached over 48,000 in September. In mid-October, WFP phased out of hot meal assistance and started distribution of dry rations in Al Za'atri camp reaching about 20,000 beneficiaries in the camp this first month; bread is distributed daily and dry ration distribution occurs every two weeks. The first November cycle dry ration distribution in Al Za'atri camp concluded on 10 November and the second one is planned to start on 16 November. WFP also provides welcome meals daily to new arrivals in this camp. Preparations are underway to start the November cycle voucher distributions to beneficiaries in local communities and in Cyber City transit centre. Under the September-October cycle of voucher distributions, WFP reached over 37,000 beneficiaries.

**LEBANON:** In coordination with UNHCR, WFP assisted more than 66,000 beneficiaries in October (63,500 with vouchers and 2,600 with food parcels). WFP and partners are doing mid-month distributions to beneficiaries registered with UNHCR after the start of the cycle month with a voucher for half the usual monthly value. WFP also assists households that are located in hard to reach areas with food parcels and keeps some parcels in stock to respond to further emergency cases if needed; some of this caseload received voucher assistance in lieu of food parcels in October as per their expressed

preference. In September, WFP assisted about 61,000 Syrian Refugees in Lebanon; 54,500 with vouchers and 6,440 with food parcels. WFP is targeting a total of 85,000 Syrian refugees in Lebanon in November; 45,000 in the North and 40,000 in the Bekaa Valley. November distributions are underway.

**IRAQ:** The November distribution is ongoing in Domiz camp and has reached about 9,500 beneficiaries so far. In October and September, WFP and Islamic Relief Iraq working in partnership with Barzani Foundation reached more than 10,200 beneficiaries each month with dry food rations. The food parcels consist of wheat flour, lentils, oil, sugar, rice and salt. Simultaneously, WFP is in the process of establishing a voucher system to provide assistance through value-based food vouchers starting in December. WFP is awaiting the arrival of 162mt from Jordan to cover the urgent needs of 10,000 Syrians in Al Qaim camp by the end of November.

**TURKEY:** The Government of Turkey has been supporting Syrian refugees generously, providing a very high standard of assistance. WFP started the first voucher cycle in Kilis camp in mid-October, reaching initially more than 12,200 people, and will expand this assistance to Syrian guests in Hatay province, covering an initial caseload of 25,000 people in total. Plans are under way to expand the programme to other areas in Turkey.

**RESOURCE UPDATE:** The fourth revision of the budget has been approved and incorporates increased refugee numbers in the neighbouring countries of Jordan, Lebanon and Iraq in line with the revised interagency appeal that was launched in Geneva in late September.

**Japan, UN CERF, UN SRAC, Switzerland, Sweden, USA, the UK, Canada, SRAC (USA), SRAC (SWE), Saudi Arabia and ECHO have contributed over US\$34 million towards the EMOP .**



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