

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

Situation Report # 35

Reporting Period: 2 January - 8 January 2013



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## HIGHLIGHTS

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN SYRIA AND THE REGION <sup>1</sup>				
Country	Modality of Assistance	November	December	January (ongoing)
Jordan	Vouchers	46,594	57,454 <sup>2</sup>	n/a
	GFD	27,927	32,625	n/a
Lebanon	Vouchers	77,532	100,103	4,891
	GFD	2,925	3,610	n/a
Iraq	Vouchers	1,001	21,076	n/a
	GFD	4,395	11,557	n/a
Turkey	Vouchers	21,770	22,139	22,139
General Food Distribution Total in Region		35,247	47,792	n/a
Voucher Total in Region		146,897	200,772	27,030
<b>Total beneficiaries reached in Region</b>		<b>182,144</b>	<b>248,564</b>	<b>27,030</b>

*General Food Distributions (GFD) includes dry rations, food parcels, hot meals and welcome meals. Vouchers include paper and electronic modalities. N/A: distributions have not yet started (1) As of 8 January 2013 (2) Final December figure following data reconciliation.*

RESOURCING UPDATE				
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Jordan	80,0	29,2	50,8	64%
Lebanon	63,6	23,2	40,4	63%
Iraq	20,2	4,9	15,3	76%
Turkey	31,7	9,6	22,1	70%
Egypt	3,7	.5	3,2	88%
<b>EMOP total</b>	<b>199,0</b>	<b>67,4</b>	<b>131,6</b>	<b>66%<sup>3</sup></b>

(1) As of 7 January 2013; (2) As of 8 January 2013; (3) As of 8 January 2013 (Rounded figures)

## Jordan

### SITUATION UPDATE

#### Syrians in Jordan

UNHCR Registered: 128,628  
Awaiting Registration: 47,941  
**Total: 176,569**  
(Government figure: 290,000)

**Al Za'atri:** Heavy storms with torrential rain, sleet and snow severely impacted beneficiaries in Al Za'atri camp. Many tents were flooded or blown over by high winds displacing families and causing panic in the camps.

On 8 January problems arose in the verification tent at the camp when a beneficiary attempted to use two ration cards. Upset beneficiaries entered the WFP food distribution site resulting in five Save the Children staff and two volunteers being injured and requiring hospital treatment. Four WFP staff were also present during the incident, but were not injured.

Despite the difficult weather conditions, challenges with the beneficiary registration database and the security incident, the first January general food

distribution (GFD) cycle still began on 5 January as planned due to the hard work of staff in the camp and, in particular, the work of WFP's implementing partner, Save the Children.



Al Za'atri camp following heavy rains. Abdalrheem Alarjan@WFP

### WFP RESPONSE

**Food Distribution:** Based on UNHCR's beneficiary list, WFP will target 45,251 beneficiaries with GFDs during the first January GFD cycle. Two-week rations for an additional 65,000 beneficiaries will be packaged by 15 January to cover the second January GFD cycle as well as to provide a contingency stock.

**Voucher Distribution:** Voucher distributions are on hold in most Governorates due to poor weather conditions making it difficult for beneficiaries to travel to distribution sites. Beneficiaries were notified about the temporary delay in distributions via sms. Distributions will resume on 12 January. WFP will

target over 69,000 beneficiaries for vouchers for the January cycle of distributions.

In February, voucher assistance could cover up to 145,000 beneficiaries. This covers those currently receiving vouchers plus the households pending registration.

**New Arrivals:** Over 6,200 welcome meals were provided to new arrivals during the reporting period with an additional 10 mt of bread per day distributed.

The daily influx of Syrians arriving to Jordan decreased slightly during the reporting period due to the difficult weather conditions.

## Lebanon

### SITUATION UPDATE

### Syrians in Lebanon

UNHCR Registered: 137,065  
Awaiting Registration: 54,980  
**Total: 192,045**

**New Arrivals:** The total of Syrians in Lebanon is now over 192,000.

## WFP RESPONSE

**Voucher Distribution:** The January cycle of voucher distributions commenced in the Bekka Valley with a small distribution of to 5,000 beneficiaries. Distributions in areas covered by the WFP North Sub Office will begin on 11 January due to poor weather. In areas covered under the South/Beruit Sub Office planning for the January cycle is being finalized.

**Lebanon Country Office:** WFP is strengthening its Lebanon country team in order to ensure WFP is able to fully support increased needs in Lebanon.

**Monitoring:** The monitoring of shops participating in the voucher programme has resulted in some shops receiving warning letters for non-compliance with WFP rules and the termination of contracts with two shops. Letters of appreciation are also being issued to shops with impressive performance.

## Turkey

### SITUATION UPDATE

#### Syrians in Turkey

Government Registered: 150,906  
Government estimate of Syrians present in country: 200,000

**WFP Assistance:** WFP continues to provide humanitarian assistance through vouchers to five camps, one in Kilis and four in Hatay. WFP has also developed a detailed expansion plan for the first three months of 2013 and will target 45,000 beneficiaries in January, 55,000 in February and 65,000 in March.

## WFP RESPONSE

**Voucher Distributions:** On 1 January, funds were provided to 22,139 beneficiaries through the electronic food card programme allowing beneficiaries to purchase food in selected shops. This is the first of two voucher distributions for January.

**Expansion programme:** WFP is working with UNHCR, the Turkish Red Crescent Society and the Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency of Turkey to ensure adequate cooking facilities are procured and installed to support the expansion of the voucher programme.

**Missions:** The WFP Executive Director will travel to Ankara from 13 to 15 January accompanied by the Regional Director, the Regional Emergency Coordinator and the Turkey Country Director to meet with Government officials and representatives of the Turkish Red Crescent Society. The delegation will also travel to Kilis refugee camp.

## Iraq

## SITUATION UPDATE

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<b>Syrians in Iraq</b>
UNHCR Registered: 69,282

**Assessments:** WFP is conducting post distribution monitoring in Al-Qaim camp following December distributions. The information gathered will inform better WFP programming in the camp.

## WFP RESPONSE

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**Domiz Refugee Camp:** WFP closed the December voucher distributions on 5 January to ensure families who did not receive their rations due to holiday closures received their vouchers. As of 5 January, 21,076 refugees had been assisted under the December distributions.

January voucher cycle distributions are due to start next week targeting 30,000 beneficiaries in the camp. Islamic Relief is contracting additional shops in Domiz camp and Dahuk to further ensure

competitive market prices for the voucher programme.

**Al-Qaim Refugee Camp:** Reported movement in and out of the camp by refugees is making it challenging to clearly define the target caseload for food assistance. In December, WFP assisted 7,500 refugees in the camp. WFP is working with UNHCR to ensure cooking facilities are available at the camp.

## Egypt

### SITUATION UPDATE

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<b>Syrians in Egypt</b>
UNHCR Registered: 13,192
Government estimate of Syrians present in country: 150,000

**Voucher Programme:** Under the voucher programme due to start in January, 10,000 refugees will receive WFP food vouchers with a value of US\$26 per person per month redeemable for cereals, fresh vegetables, canned meat, dairy products, oil and salt.

## WFP RESPONSE

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**Implementing Partner:** WFP met with UNHCR and the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs during which WFP requested the Government to approve the Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services as its implementing partner for the voucher programme. It is hoped timely approval will be given so distributions can begin the third or fourth week of January.

**Targeting:** WFP will apply geographical targeting in both Cairo and Alexandria using UNHCR's database. Assistance will be provided to those living in poorer areas of these two cities.