

# REGIONAL OVERVIEW: RRP5 Update - October 2013

## FOOD SECURITY



### TARGETS



2,000,000

Syrian refugees in Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Egypt (registered and/or awaiting registration)



197,500

Host Families in Lebanon



156,700

Lebanese returnees



120

staff of public/private service providers as well as beneficiary farmers



716.6 million

USD required

### NEEDS

The most vulnerable of the Syrian refugees, both in camps and outside of camps, often struggle to find sufficient resources to cover the needs of their families. Efforts are made, especially with the support of WFP, to provide food assistance or the equivalent purchasing power to secure food for vulnerable people of concern. This is all the more important for those vulnerable refugees who have suffered multiple displacements and may be accommodated in the poorest of conditions. New arrivals and those who have not yet registered may be in need of emergency assistance, pending eligibility for enrollment in food assistance programmes.

Under WFP's auspices, and with other RRP5 partners, vouchers and e-card methodology to distribute assistance is increasingly identified as a more efficient means of food assistance and moreover supports local economies. School-age children also benefit through increased enrollment and retention in formal education when provided with healthy school snacks. The above-described needs require vigilance, information mapping, surveillance and vulnerability assessments done at the macro and household levels to ensure fair and equitable targeting, and to ensure that those who are most in need benefit from food assistance.

### KEY OCTOBER DEVELOPMENTS

Targeted food assistance commenced across **Lebanon** using e-cards. FAO launched vaccination campaigns against trans-boundary animal diseases targeting 58,000 cattle, 277,000 sheep and 424,000 goats throughout Lebanon.

In **Jordan**, needs assessments were carried out in prepraition for 2014 response planning. Voucher distribution in Za'atari Camp has doubled, and 15 local Community Based Organization (CBO) shops are now operational with voucher programmes in the camp. In urban areas, the total number of voucher partner shops increased to 61. A pilot school feeding programme in the EJC launched.

The Government of **Turkey** sets and implements food policies for Syrian refugees. Some 116,650 Syrians are now supported with e-food cards in 14 camps. During October 2013, WFP provided assistance worth US\$ 4.7 million through the e-voucher system, contributing also indirectly to the local economy. Through the funding of the e-voucher assistance, an estimated 10.3 million meals were prepared during October.

In **Iraq**, distribution of food vouchers, individual food rations, and monthly family food rations continues. The distribution of micro-nutrient fortified snacks to students in schools in the Kurdistan Region began. Pilot distribution of Plumpy Doz (supplementary food used as prevention against malnutrition) to boys and girls between six and 23 months started through the public health clinic. Some retailers participating in food voucher programme increased the number of free shuttles between the camp and retail shops. A WFP Hotline has been activated to support to the food voucher programme.

In **Egypt**, October distributions reached 95 per cent of the targeted beneficiaries including some Palestinian refugees from Syria. OneCard assistance platforms are being considered to offer greater flexibility, independence and dignity for beneficiaries. WFP is piloting electronic data collection for monitoring and evaluation (M&E) using tablets aiming at reducing paper usage and increase programme efficiency. The M&E system has been created in Arabic to enable full

### ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE



**1,692,000** food vouchers distributed to refugees



**116,650** refugees in 14 camps across Turkey received e-cards for food



**480,000** food parcels or food rations were distributed



More than **24,210** children have received high-energy biscuits or snacks



**5,450** host community members received agricultural support

Featured map, Jordan Voucher Programme as of Oct 2013 (WFP)

