

LEBANON: RRP5 Update - December 2013 FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURE



TARGETS

As specified in the RRP5



800,000

Syrian refugees (registered or awaiting registration)



91,800

Persons unwilling to register



197,500

Host Families Members



156,700

Lebanese returnees



80,000

Palestine refugees from Syria (PRS)



289 million

USD required (GoL Included)

NEEDS

FOOD ASSISTANCE: Security constraints continue to delay access to beneficiaries, especially in Tripoli, Wadi-Khaled and the North of the Bekaa Valley. Lebanese returnees are only receiving limited support and limited assistance for host communities is leading to increasing inter-community tensions. In December, partners working in the food security sector continued with targeted food assistance to families that cannot meet their needs. The verification process continued to ensure that assistance was being effectively implemented thus ensuring that the resources benefited those who need it most.

LIVESTOCK AND AGRICULTURE: Trans-boundary Animal Diseases (TAD) and large livestock losses, as well as the lack of food and phytosanitary control at the Lebanon-Syria border, continue to compromise the food and nutrition security. Disruptions in trade since the outbreak of the Syrian conflict, have led to a massive decrease in farm gate prices, while the costs of agricultural inputs and services continue to rise. Containment of trans-boundary animal and plant diseases and pests, and the establishment of food safety control measures on the border are urgently needed.

OBJECTIVE

To ensure that food security and livelihood opportunities are provided to vulnerable Syrian refugees, Palestine refugees from Syria (PRS), Lebanese returnees and Lebanese host community members

ACTIONS/OUTPUTS

- 1 Food assistance provided to all population groups
- 2 Spread of trans-boundary animal and plant diseases and pests contained, and food safety control established
- 3 Restore smallholder agricultural production

KEY DECEMBER DEVELOPMENTS

- E-Card roll-out completed in all regions by WFP.
- More than 25,000 households (92% of the total number to be verified) were visited by verification teams. 23% of the visited households have so far been re-included.
- Verification of identified New Arrivals remains a challenge for all actors. Some community frustration has emerged in and around informal settlements, where large amount of support is being given to a small number of households.

ACHIEVEMENTS of 2013



684,000 individuals assisted with food vouchers



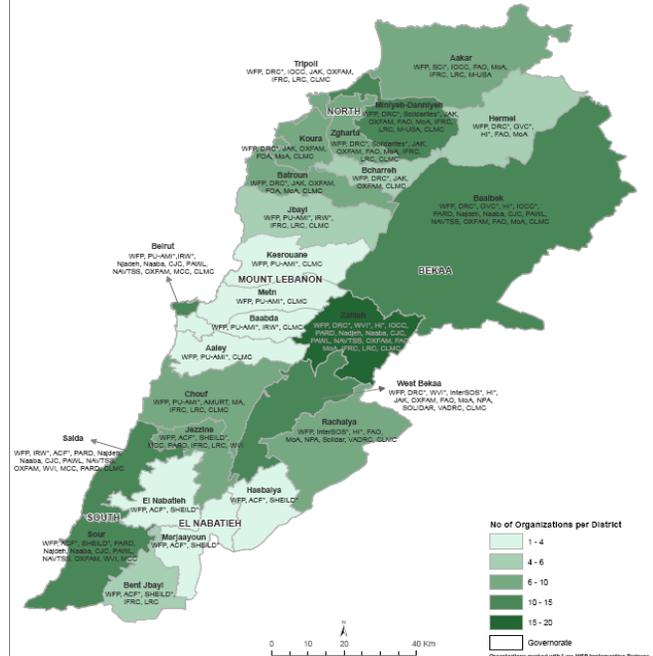
197,590 individuals assisted with food parcels



5,456 host community members received agricultural support

The number of beneficiaries is significantly reduced from previous reports thanks to a revision of beneficiary counting processes across the sector. In December 2013, members have been able to eliminate double counting and overlap and thus present a more accurate picture of impact of food assistance across the sector.

Food Security:
33 Organizations



Leading Agencies: WFP and Government of Lebanon (GoL) Ministry of Social Affairs, with strong participation from FAO: Naisou Chakatsva - naisou.chakatsva@wfp.org
Agencies reporting this month:

