

More than 1.7 million individuals receiving food assistance

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:

In Turkey, WFP in partnership with the Turkish Red Crescent provided support to 156,345 individuals in eleven camps, while off-camp, WFP and Food Security partners reached 140,622 individuals. The Food Security Working Group also agreed to implement ActivityInfo to overcome gaps and overlaps in the Food Security Response. In addition to the scale-up of the largest off-camp programme, which targets 100,000 individuals in March, another FS partner aims to reach 9,120 individuals in Adana and to increase its caseloads in Şanlıurfa, in the coming months.

In Lebanon, 684,615 persons were reached with food assistance through various modalities. The beneficiaries assisted include 590,520 displaced Syrians, reached through e-cards (99 per cent) and vouchers. During this month's coordination meeting, it was agreed to establish two new sub-working groups within the Food Security sector: micro-gardening and community kitchens.

In Jordan, almost 539,000 individuals received food assistance in February. A successful pilot also began this month, and the iris-scan payment system is now being used in King Abdullah Park refugee camp.

In Iraq, over 46,600 Syrian refugees received much-needed assistance throughout February 2016. In the nine refugee camps in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KR-I), most eligible refugees received food vouchers. Pilot distributions of unrestricted cash through the use of electronic SCOPE cards also started this month. The pilot distributions began in Dohuk Governorate, reaching approximately 800 Syrian refugees.

In Egypt, this month's distributions took place from 24 February to 2 March in six governorates, targeting 62,679 beneficiaries.

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

The majority of Syrian refugees in the five countries in the region rely on critical humanitarian food assistance as their primary source of food. Even with the support provided, evidence from assessments and monitoring reveals a startling deterioration in refugees' food security throughout 2015.

In Jordan, 14 per cent of refugees were food secure compared to 53 per cent in 2015. In Lebanon, moderate food insecurity has doubled since last year, affecting one quarter of refugee households, while the percentage of food secure households has decreased sharply from 25 per cent to 11 per cent.

In Turkey, evidence from a vulnerability assessment found that 16 per cent of refugees not living in Government camps had school-aged children involved in income generation to complement food needs. While the most commonly reported livelihood coping strategy was buying food on credit (40 per cent), other strategies included spend savings (20 per cent) and reducing non-essential non-food expenditures such as health and education (28 per cent). In Egypt, monitoring indicated that 37 per cent of respondents in mid-2015 had already exhausted all their savings.



A Syrian family supported by WFP and Turkish Red Crescent's e-food card programme having a meal in Harran camp, Turkey.

Sector Response Summary:



3,078,500 Refugees & Local Community Members targeted for assistance by end of 2016
1,745,800 assisted in 2016



Syrian Refugees in the Region:



4,687,000 Syrian Refugees expected by end-2016
4,745,400 currently registered



3RP Overall Funding Status:



USD 4.55 billion required in 2016
USD 220 million received in 2016



WFP RESTORES FULL RATIONS TO SYRIAN REFUGEES THANKS TO UNPRECEDENTED DONOR SUPPORT

WFP announced that new funding, pledged during the "Supporting Syria and the Region Conference" in London in February will allow WFP to fully reinstate its food assistance to Syrians in the region.

The funds pledged will support a comprehensive restoration of food assistance for refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Egypt from March until the end of the year.

The unprecedented response – a record pledge of approximately USD 675 million to WFP Syria-related operations – will help provide life-saving aid to the most vulnerable people in the region. Of the amount pledged, Germany made a landmark contribution of USD 623 million from the German Federal Foreign Office and the Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development.

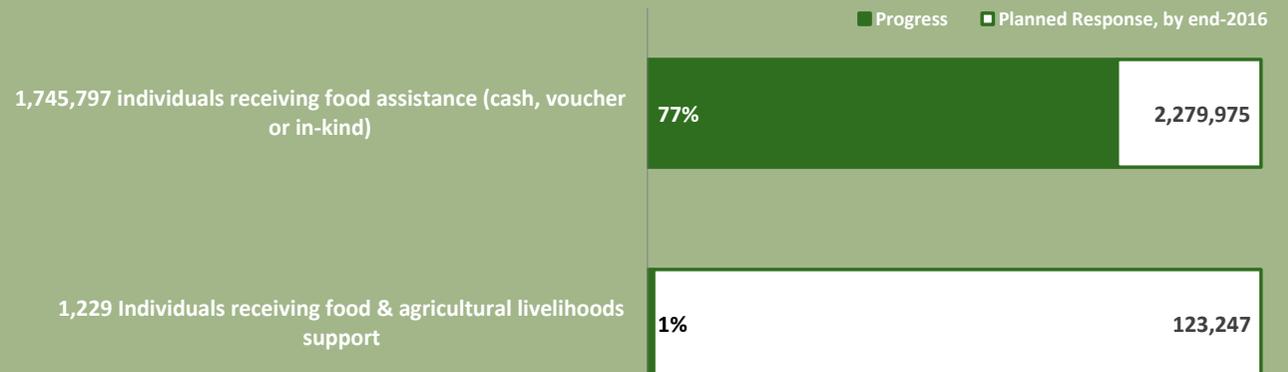
WFP Lebanon will be reinstating the full ration value for Syrians refugees at USD 27.

In Jordan, the restricted cash-based transfer (rCBT) value for extremely vulnerable refugees in communities will be increased to the planned USD 28 per person starting in March.

In Egypt, the reduced food voucher value continues to be USD 17 per person per month instead of the planned USD 24.2, but the food voucher will increase to USD 24.2 in March.

In addition, the amount pledged will allow for increased school meals and other in-kind activities that will help restore hope for a better future for the millions of people affected by the crisis.

REGIONAL RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2016



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