

UN Women Cash for Work Programming Monitoring

Za'atari Refugee Camp, 2015

Methodology and Aim

- **Aim:** Ascertain the effectiveness of UN Women's Cash for Work Programme
- **Methodology:** Based on programme monitoring undertaken in 2015.
- Tools - Focus group discussions, questionnaire responses and one on one interviews from a representative sample of programme beneficiaries.



Background to Programme

- **Based in camp settings**, initiated in January 2013, targets the most vulnerable women (and 20% men) living in Za'atari camp – soon to expand to Azraq camp, through roughly **200 opportunities per day**.
- Opportunities focus on **linking women's labour to the camp economy** – comprehensive maternal kits, school uniforms, healthy school meals.
- **Cash for work linked to comprehensive services to support 'empowerment'** – day care, remedial education, awareness, civic engagement and protection referral services.



Main Findings: General

- Currently there are roughly **6400 cash for work opportunities** available per day in camp settings (Za'atari and Azraq), of which **women receive 22%**.
- The majority of women interviewed - **75% - states a preference for working outside the home.**
- 53% of participants stated that they had engaged in paid work prior to arriving in Za'atari, with **47% being engaged and paid for their labour for the first time.**



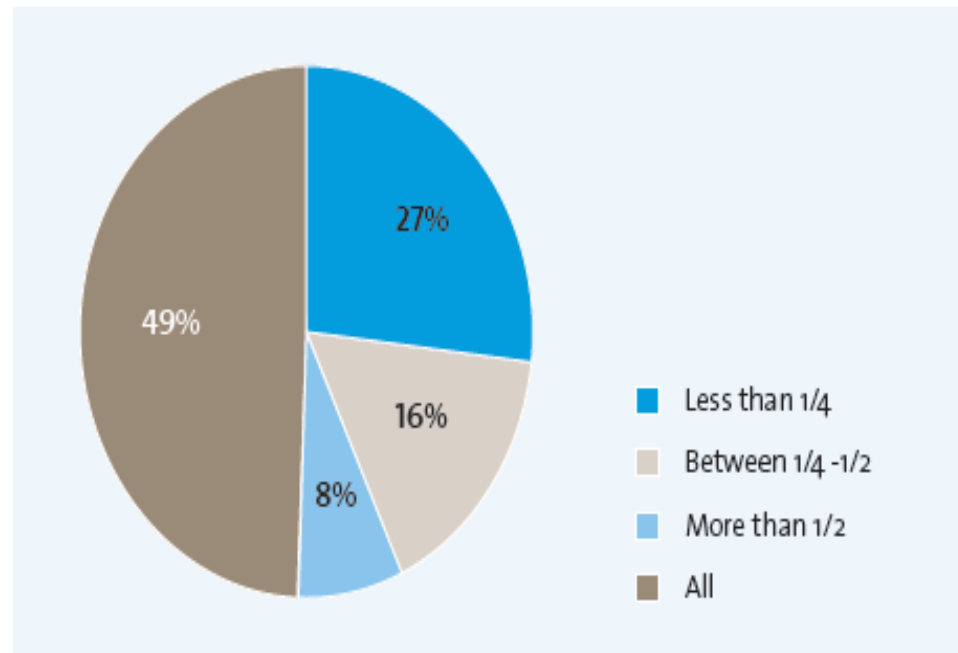
Main Findings: Spending Habits

- **70% of the spending is on nutritional diversity** - fresh fruit and vegetables,
- **Inability to save** any of the money made through the programme.
- **Average increase in income from 10JD per month to 145JD-180JD per month.**

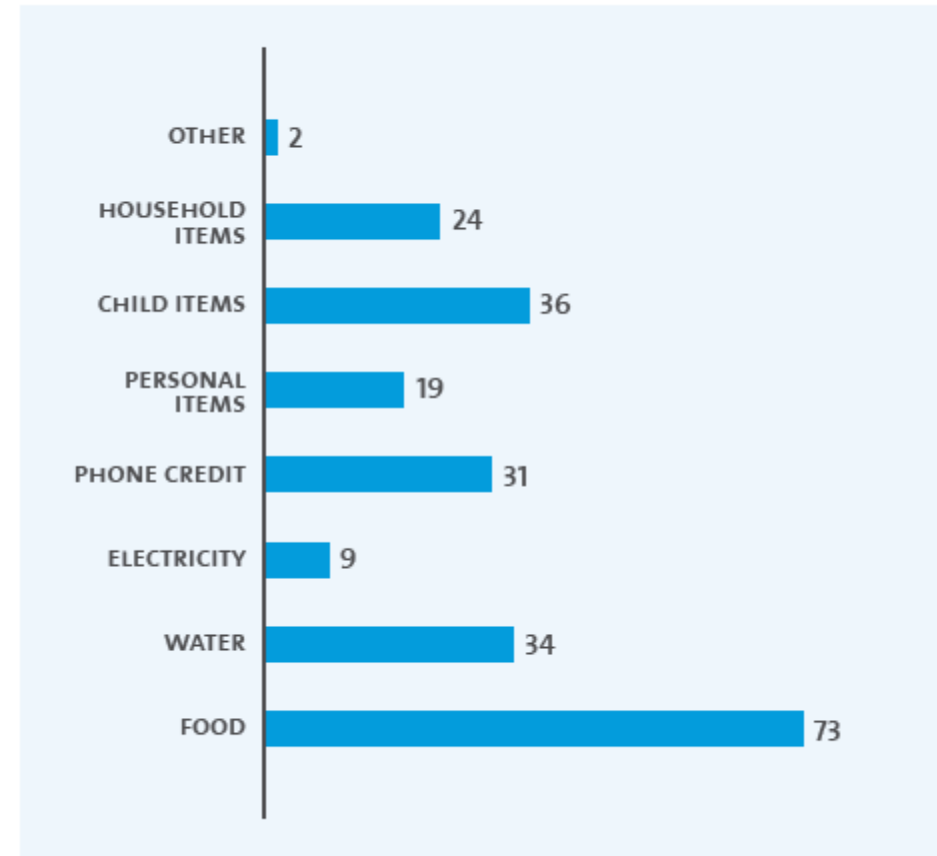
| Average Monthly Expenses | |
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| Zaatari Refugee Camp | |
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| CUSTOMER RECEIPT COPY | |
| CUSTOMER NUMBER: 120 | |
| Water & Ice | 30.00 |
| Fresh Veg/Meat | 70.00 |
| Cleaning Supplies | 20.00 |
| Additional Gas Canister | 08.00 |
| Phone Credit | 07.50 |
| Medicine | Varies |
| Clothing | Varies |
| Shoes | Varies |
| For smokers - Cigarettes | 30.00 |
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| SUBTOTAL | 165.50 |
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Spending and Saving

Percentage of household expenses covered



Spending priorities



Main Findings: Protection and Empowerment

- **Isolation and boredom** are highlighted as key challenges facing women and girls in Za'atari camp, with access to economic empowerment and public space as instrumental in breaking this isolation.
- 91% of women interviewed stated this holistic support helps them **recover self-esteem and their independent sense of identity**.
- Reported **20% decrease in domestic violence** amongst the beneficiary population, with the opportunity to leave the home stated as the primary reason for this reduction.



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