

# CARE International - Jordan

Emergency Cash Assistance  
Impact Assessment



# Overall Objectives

- To assess the extent to which CARE's Emergency Cash Assistance was successful in positively influencing the beneficiaries' lives and to which priorities cash assistance is used.
- To assess the amount of ECA distributed to beneficiaries and identify the suitable amount that would guarantee meeting their urgent needs.
- To come up with lessons learned for the targeted beneficiaries, the amount of distributed ECA, as well as the methods of distribution that could enhance CARE's ECA service.

# Methodology and Sample

- Both quantitative and qualitative methodologies were used through conducting phone interviews as well as focus group discussions administered to Syrian and Iraqi refugees living in the urban areas of Amman, Irbid, and Mafraq.
- A random sample of beneficiaries was extracted from CARE's Database System (CDS). An average of 13 people were contacted to attend each of the Focus Group Discussions (FGDs), and phone questionnaire samples were based on the agreed-upon rule under the Monitoring and Evaluation Unit (M&E) depending on the number of total beneficiaries reached by CARE throughout the year in each of the urban areas.
- A sample of 20% of beneficiaries was randomly chosen for a total target reached of less than 200 in the set area; a sample of 10% was randomly chosen for a total target reached between 200 and 750; and a sample of 5% was chosen for a total target reached greater than 750

# Sample - Demographics

Nationality	Sex	Phone Surveys	Focus Group Discussions	Total
Iraqi	<i>Female</i>	74	23	<u>172</u>
	<i>Male</i>	54	21	
Syrian	<i>Female</i>	180	56	<u>426</u>
	<i>Male</i>	138	52	
<b>Total</b>		<u>446</u>	<u>152</u>	<u>598</u>

# Main Results

- 97.5% of participants reported that the ECA was not sufficient to meet all of their urgent basic needs. However, 53.5% of them claimed that the ECA had met a basic urgent need.
- The participant sample had spent their cash assistance on the following top priorities respectively: **rent, healthcare, and food**.

# A Ray of Hope

- To begin with, the average amount of rent (top priority) paid by refugees in Amman per month is **JOD 149**, the amount in Irbid is **JOD 136**, and the amount in Mafraq is **JOD 126**. Moreover, the average amount of healthcare expenses (priority #2) for the Syrian refugees is **JOD 85** per month while the average amount for the Iraqi refugees is **JOD 100** per month. As for the needed average amount for food (priority #3) for the Iraqi refugees is **JOD 61** per month and the Syrian refugees is **JOD 51** per month.
- Lastly, the Syrian refugees claimed in the focus group discussions and phone interviews that the amount they need to receive as cash assistance is **JOD 235** to cover their expenditures basket;  
while the Iraqis reported the need of receiving an amount of **JOD 310** to cover their urgent needs.

**Thus, the suggested amount of ECA to be distributed is equal to JOD 275.**

THANK YOU 😊