

EGYPT: RRP5 Update - September 2013

FOOD SECURITY



TARGETS

As specified in the RRP5

60,000



Syrian refugees in September

1,000

Palestinian refugees from Syria in September



14.9 M

USD budget required

NEEDS

Based on the joint WFP/UNHCR/UNICEF joint needs assessment in November 2012 and February 2013, WFP will provide food assistance through vouchers in poorer neighbourhoods of Cairo, Alexandria and Damietta. While this geographic targeting method has some shortcomings (it has led some refugees to change their addresses, and potential to leave out vulnerable refugees who reside in middle-class to upper-class neighbourhoods), in the absence of sufficient socio-economic data of Syrians in Egypt, WFP and UNHCR have agreed to apply this approach. WFP with partners will potentially move to a more systematic targeting through household-level vulnerability assessment. Over the past few months, Egypt has been experiencing significant inflation accompanied by rising food prices. According to the Egyptian Food Observatory, a quarterly price monitoring publication, food prices increased by 6% by the end of 2012, and in early 2013 food price further increased by 2.7%. Accordingly, WFP increased the monthly food voucher value since April 2013 from 26.3 USD to 30USD/person/month to cushion the already felt effects of the inflation on purchasing power since the start of

ACTION/OUTPUTS (as per RRP5)

- Food-insecure refugees received monthly food assistance through vouchers
- Assistance targets food-insecure Syrians who are residing in poorer neighbourhoods
- Access to nutritious and sufficient food to provide minimum caloric intake of 2,100 kcal per refugee per day

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE



More than **53,800** refugees (unique cases) provided with monthly food vouchers



Close to **234,000** food vouchers distributed

OBJECTIVES

- 1 Save lives and maintain food security

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- In September WFP distributed food vouchers worth over US\$1.5 million assisting 53,160 Syrian refugees and 702 Palestinian refugees from Syria in greater Cairo, Damietta and Alexandria.
- Food voucher distributions for October will target 60,000 Syrian refugees and 1,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria.
- A request for proposal is being prepared for a OneCard system to provide a more efficient electronic solution for food assistance that can also serve as a common assistance platform with other UN agencies.

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