

# Jordan: RRP5 Update - December 2013

# Food Security Sector



## RRP5 TARGET

(assumes 1 million refugees by end 2013)



**895,000**

individuals receive food assistance in camp & urban areas through in-kind food, vouchers, & cash assistance for food



## GAM

(Global Acute Malnutrition)

5.8% in camps

5.1% in communities

## Current Planning Figures



**578,717**

Total Persons of Concern as of 29 December 2013



**257 M**

USD required budget

## NEEDS

Syrian refugees fleeing from poor Governorates in Syria (Daraa, Al Suwayda, Al Hasakeh, Aleppo) are extensively settling in the poverty-hit and highly populated rural areas in northern Jordan. This in turn impacts food security and livelihoods as agriculture is the primary source of income for 60% of those living in small towns and villages. According to the WFP/UNICEF Nutrition Survey, 23% of community-based refugees were found to have a 'poor' or 'borderline' Food Consumption Score compared to 18.5 per cent in the camp community. 4% of Syrian children under the age of five need treatment for moderate acute malnutrition, recommending the provision of specialized nutritious food to malnourished young children and pregnant and nursing mothers. Assistance to refugees living outside camps will be increasingly targeted to identify and reach the most vulnerable based on conclusions drawn from the Participatory Assessment and the Joint Assessment Mission.

## OBJECTIVES (as per RRP5)

Save lives and protect livelihoods in emergencies, through:

- 1) Enhancing food and nutrition security; 2) maintaining appropriate, consistent food support to Syrian refugees in urban/rural areas, camps and transit centres; 3) initiating food assistance, livelihood support, self-reliance and food production programmes to most vulnerable Jordanians affected by the Syrian Crisis; 4) integrating cross-cutting themes such as gender, environment and social protection in food security and livelihood interventions; 5) enhancing enrolment and attendance of Syrian school children in camp schools; 6) preventing deterioration of the nutritional status of young children and women by introducing targeted nutrition programme to malnourished children under the age of five and pregnant and lactating women in camps and local communities.

## ACTION/OUTPUTS

- Distribution of in-kind food (welcome meals, general food rations, date bars in schools) and value-based vouchers
- Planned distribution of SuperCereal Plus for moderately malnourished children
- Income generating activities for Jordanian households in poverty pockets
- Enhancing income generation and nutritious food production, including increased egg production and small scale food processing
- Improved animal health services (i.e. surveillance, vaccination campaigns, quarantine facilities)
- Improved food quality control services along the Jordanian/Syrian border
- Vulnerability mapping and profiling
- Monitoring of all programme activities including distribution process, household satisfaction, impact of assistance and voucher redemption in shops as well as market prices
- Assessments

## KEY DECEMBER DEVELOPMENTS, MONITORING & PLANNING

- The WFP Comprehensive Food Security Monitoring Exercise (CFSME) has been completed in Jordanian communities and will continue in Al Za'atari camp through the first week of January after which the data processing and analysis will begin. The findings of the CFSME will inform the vulnerability development of targeting criteria, an initiative currently underway and led by UNHCR, UNICEF and WFP.
- In Al Za'atari camp, the transition from dry food rations to food vouchers continues as the food basket is adjusted for the January cycle and the voucher value has increased to JOD8 (US\$11.31).
- Following the successful voucher pilot, a roll-out of the e-voucher programme is scheduled for 10,535 registered Syrian refugee families in Jerash and Ajloun governorates in January 2014.
- 15 Community Based Organisations are currently operating in the camp. Safeway supermarket and Tazweed in Za'atari camp will be ready to begin accepting vouchers in early January.
- WFP's nutrition programme is in the final stages of clearances and distribution will begin in early January.

## MONTHLY ACHIEVEMENTS



**430,164** individuals received food assistance through food vouchers in Jordanian communities.



**92,072** individuals in camp received food assistance through in-kind general food distribution and partial vouchers in Za'atari camp.



**11,912** school children received date bars in camp schools

## December food and voucher assistance to registered Syrians refugees in Jordan

