



KEY ACHIEVEMENT OF THE MONTH

Food assistance was provided to more than

600,000 Syrian refugees in January.

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS:

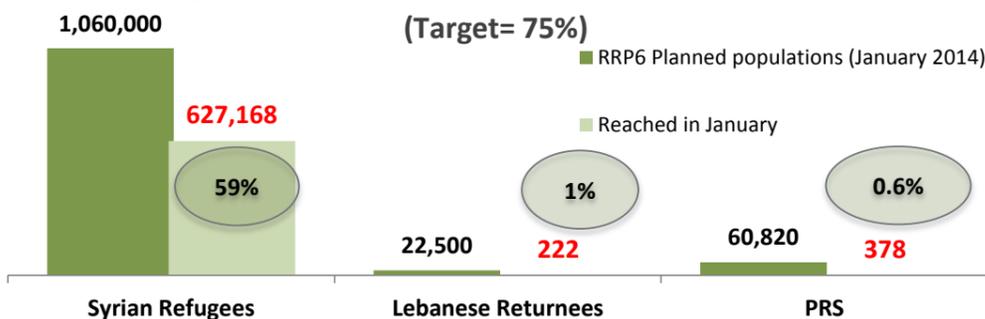
In January 2014, food partners continued to upscale food assistance operations to meet the needs of vulnerable refugees and other affected populations through the provision of food parcels, electronic cards (e-cards), vouchers and cash transfers. Through the e-card programme, WFP provided assistance to 552,466 registered refugees.

To ensure those most in need are receiving assistance, WFP and partners are working on fine-tuning the targeting. More than 29,000 households were visited to verify how they are coping with meeting their needs and 23% of the visited households have so far been re-included for food assistance. In January, the first round of e-card distributions for re-included households took place in South Lebanon. In parallel, Food Security Sector partners have increased their monitoring efforts.

Due to escalating violence within Syria, various humanitarian actors have also been engaged in contingency planning discussions and coordination efforts to respond to any possible influx in the near future.

As part of its DFID-funded livestock vaccination programme, FAO held a three-day training to improve the trans-boundary diseases (TADs) surveillance system in Lebanon considering the increasing threat coming from Syria where veterinary services have been severely disrupted. The aim of the programme is to reduce the number of dying/malnourished animals in order to preserve the livelihoods of the most vulnerable Lebanese and refugees.

REACHED AGAINST PLANNED BENEFICIARIES

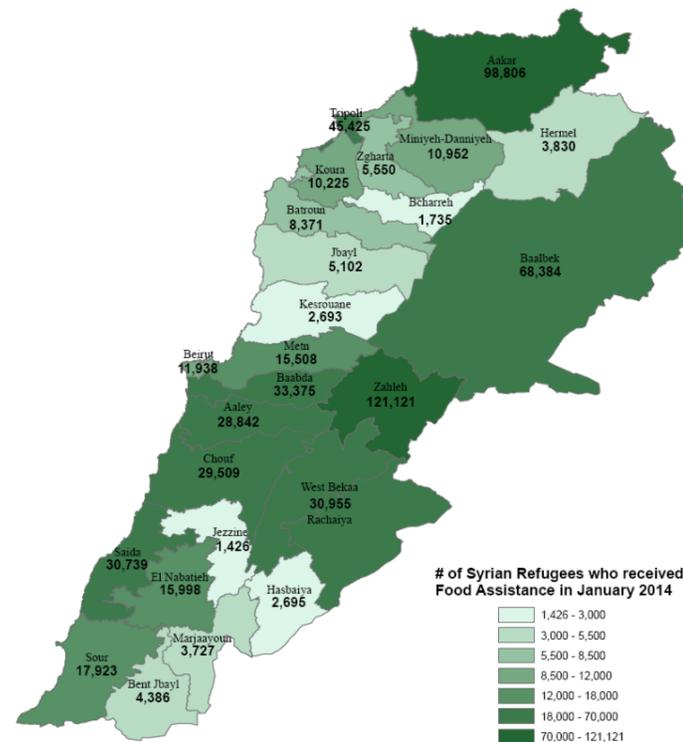


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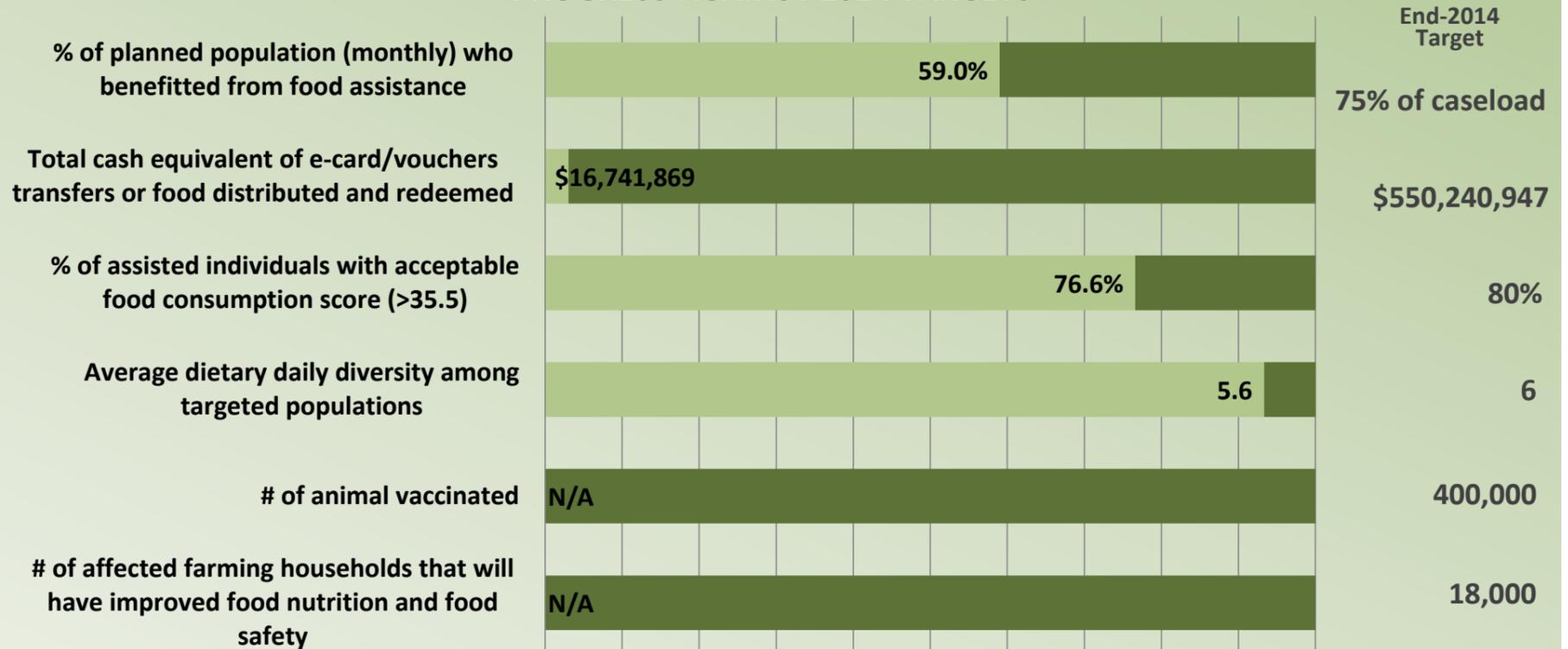
The Food Security Sector will continue providing food assistance with the overall objective of ensuring that food security and livelihood opportunities are provided to vulnerable targeted groups.

Increasing levels of insecurity in some areas are placing pressure on food assistance provision and will require coordinated contingency planning efforts in the upcoming period. In February, WFP plans to provide over 600,000 Syrian refugees with food assistance, primarily through e-cards, while newly arrived refugees will receive a one-off food parcel.

As reflected in the January figures, Lebanese returnees and vulnerable Lebanese still receive limited support. In 2014, WFP is also planning to support Palestine refugees from Syria as well as vulnerable Lebanese with food assistance in collaboration with UNWRA and the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA) respectively.

Under the umbrella of the national poverty targeting programme (NPTP), WFP, MoSA and the World Bank have also placed significant emphasis on enhancing capacity to government institutions to support hosting communities. The aim of the WFP project is to reduce inter-communal tension and help national capacity-building by supplementing the social safety-net package with food assistance.

PROGRESS AGAINST 2014 TARGETS



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