



KEY ACHIEVEMENT OF THE MONTH

More than **708,000** refugees and vulnerable Lebanese received food assistance.

HIGHLIGHTS:

In March 2014, WFP and its partners reached approximately 682,127 beneficiaries through either e-cards (for registered refugees) or food parcels (for newly arrived refugees). As a result, WFP injected over US\$19 million into the Lebanese economy in March alone. In parallel, other Food Security Sector partners reached 26,235 registered and newly arrived beneficiaries through other food vouchers and food parcels. Food sector partners continued with their monitoring efforts, with WFP and its cooperating partners particularly focusing on shop monitoring and adding more shops in refugee locations. In view of the escalating violence within Syria and spilling over in border areas, all the missions planned to Aarsal (northern Bekaa Valley) – inclusive of monitoring activities, assessments and training - were temporarily cancelled in mid-March following several security incidents in the area.

FAO Lebanon's DFID-funded livestock vaccination programme, that included joint training workshops on improving the trans-boundary diseases (TADs) surveillance system in Lebanon, also continued in March.



A Syrian refugee upon receiving a WFP electronic card in Aarsal, Bekaa - Credits: WFP

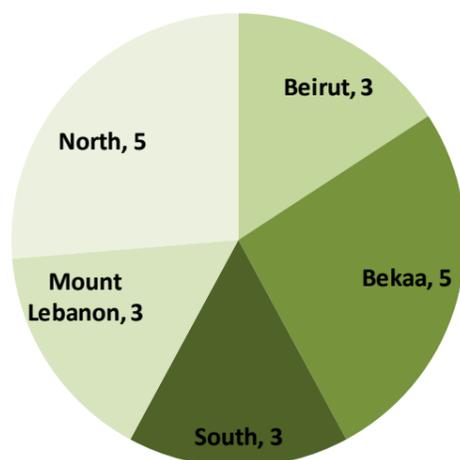
NEEDS ANALYSIS:

The Food Security Sector will continue providing food assistance with the overall objective of ensuring that macro and micro-nutrients food requirements of targeted vulnerable refugees and poor, affected Lebanese are met.

Increasing levels of insecurity in some areas is placing pressure on food assistance provision and will require constant coordinated contingency planning throughout April.

In April, over 826,000 Syrian refugees should receive food assistance, primarily through e-cards, while newly arrived refugees will receive a once-off food parcel. Discussions and resource mobilization for increasing the support to vulnerable Lebanese will continue in April, with a joint pitch by WFP, the World Bank and Ministry of Social Affairs to donors planned for April. A mid-term review of the Food sector's RRP6 appeal will also start in April.

Number of Food Security Partners by Area of Operation



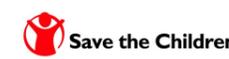
PROGRESS AGAINST 2014 TARGETS

End-2014



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