



## REFUGEE POPULATION IN JORDAN



## AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

**E-card distribution:** In August, WFP completed the rollout of e-vouchers in communities in Jordan; every registered Syrian refugee household had the opportunity to attend an e-voucher distribution to collect their e-card. WFP, through partners, reached 79% of the planned caseload with e-cards. Catch-up days for households that were not able to attend their schedule distribution date will be held in September in every governorate. However, it is expected that many have returned to Syria and thus will not come to pick up their e-cards. In August, WFP loaded e-voucher entitlements for 323,671 individuals — a total of USD 10.98 million.

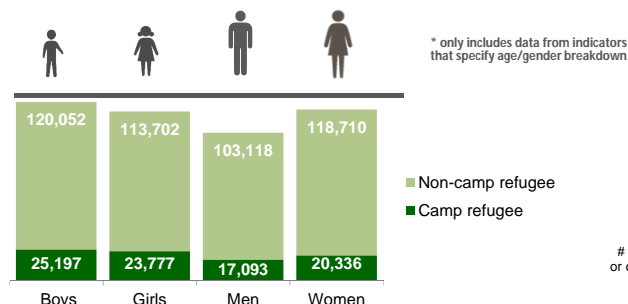
**Voucher distribution:** WFP and partners ACTED and SCI reached 5,303 and 76,832 beneficiaries in Azraq and Zaatari camps, respectively. In communities, WFP and partners Human Relief International and Islamic Relief reached 146,728 individuals with paper vouchers.

**Date distributions:** The National Alliance against Hunger and Malnutrition (NAJMAH) began the distribution of 98 mt of dates on behalf of WFP, reaching 7,480 households in host communities.

**'Self-targeting':** WFP and partners began a 'self-targeting' initiative in August, encouraging food-secure Syrian households in communities to voluntarily remove themselves from WFP's voucher programme. The initiative includes a messaging campaign (posters and leaflets) at UNHCR registration sites, WFP distributions and partner shops. In preparation for the transition from blanket to targeted assistance, the initiative is also meant to introduce the idea that humanitarian assistance is primarily intended for the most vulnerable families.



## POPULATION ASSISTED\* BY FOOD SECURITY SECTOR



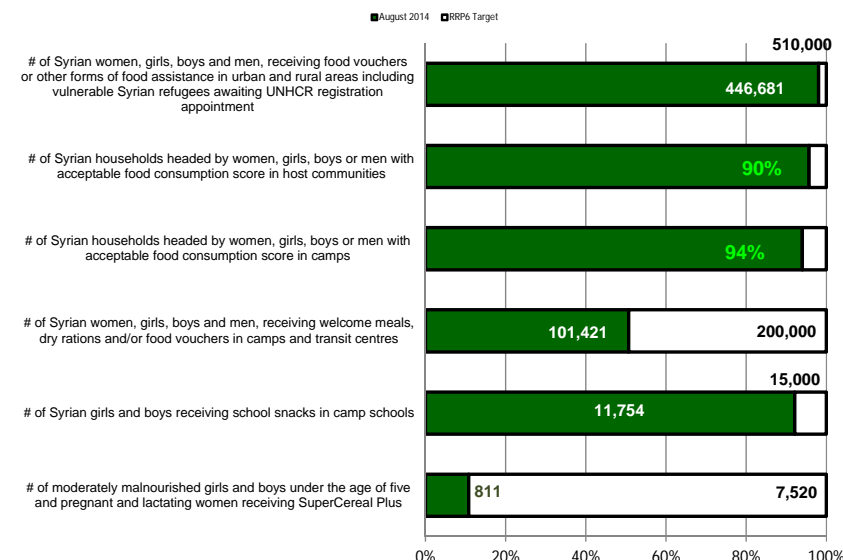
## NEEDS ANALYSIS

Food expenditure constitutes more than one-third of all expenditure for both Syrian refugees and Jordanians. The income versus expenditure gap, caused by limited livelihood opportunities, rising rent, food and service prices, induces increased use of negative coping strategies as the Syrian crisis becomes more protracted, increasing the financial pressure on vulnerable refugees and Jordanians alike.

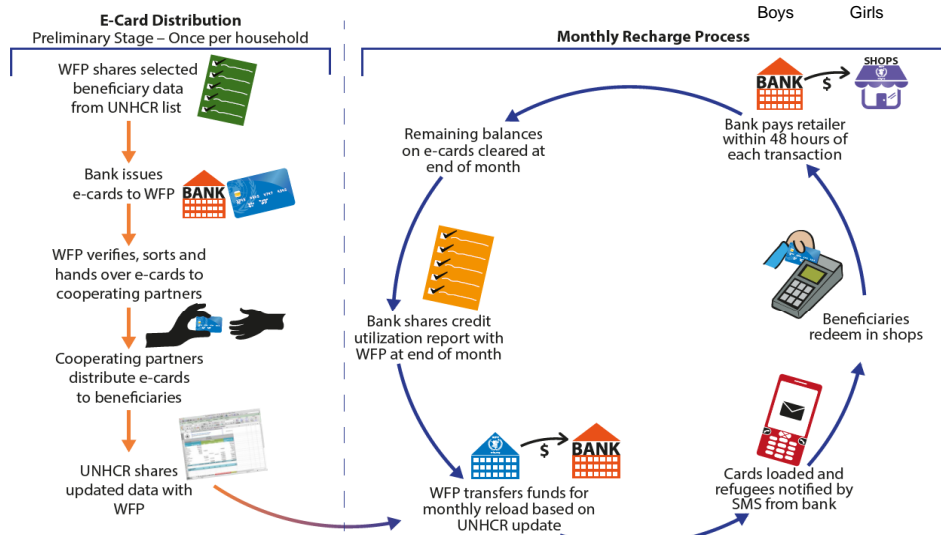
Syrian refugees are highly reliant on food assistance as their main food source, and thus food assistance remains a high priority to prevent the deterioration of refugees' food security status, particularly in camp settings where there are very few income opportunities. The WFP/REACH Comprehensive Food Security Monitoring Exercise (CFSME), launched in July 2014, showed that WFP food vouchers are the main source of income and food for 74% of Syrian refugee households in Jordan. Increased food, rent and service prices, combined with the refugee competition for informal unskilled labour has aggravated the food security and livelihood conditions of poor Jordanians living in host communities.

Assessments and monitoring have shown that beneficiaries prefer to go to shops on a regular basis (multiple times per week), given that many households have limited food storage capacity. In addition, beneficiaries have expressed dissatisfaction in having to attend monthly distributions due to expensive transportation costs, compounded by difficult weather conditions in the winter months. E-cards bring several important benefits to the beneficiaries, including the possibility of spending their monthly entitlements in multiple visits to the shops. This offers beneficiaries much more flexibility in their food purchases, as well as a greater sense of normalcy. As they resemble debit cards, e-cards also provide a more discreet assistance modality.

## PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS\*



\*The figure to the right reflects yearly targets; however, progress is reported on a monthly basis, rather than a sum of monthly figures, to avoid duplication and over-reporting.



beneficiaries can call the WFP call center with any comments/ questions regarding the entire process

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