

# EGYPT COUNTRY: RRP6 MONTHLY UPDATE - SEPTEMBER

# FOOD SECURITY

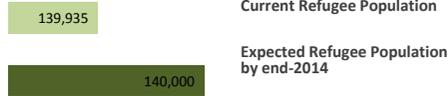


**US\$36.3 million have been injected into the local economy through food vouchers from January to September 2014**

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- In an effort to realign food voucher distribution with the start of each month, distribution commenced on 10 September, seven days earlier than August cycle and ended on 17 September.
- Due to a small number of registered beneficiaries in Tanta, distribution will take place in Mansoura from September 2014. Refugees will still be able to redeem vouchers in both Tanta and Mansoura.
- Activities for October cycle will be carried out as planned without reduction of voucher value or beneficiary caseload, thanks to an announced imminent contribution that will ease the alarming shortfall in funding that was anticipated in September for the EMOP in the region.
- Meetings with Syrian community leaders took place in order to inform them about the funding shortfalls. Further meetings will be scheduled with Syrian communities and partner retailers to announce the latest updates that all activities will be carried out as planned in October and that there will be no pipeline break.
- A communication campaign was launched on the 29 of September announcing the funding crisis to WFP beneficiaries and explaining the scaling down in assistance resulting from it.
- WFP EMOP Egypt is conducting an anti-fraud verification process to be held in Greater Cairo for Carrefour card holders. This verification process is expected to provide a more accurate list of eligible beneficiaries that are physically present in the country and whose e-cards are remotely uploaded every cycle.

## REFUGEE POPULATION IN EGYPT



## SECTOR FUNDING STATUS January - December

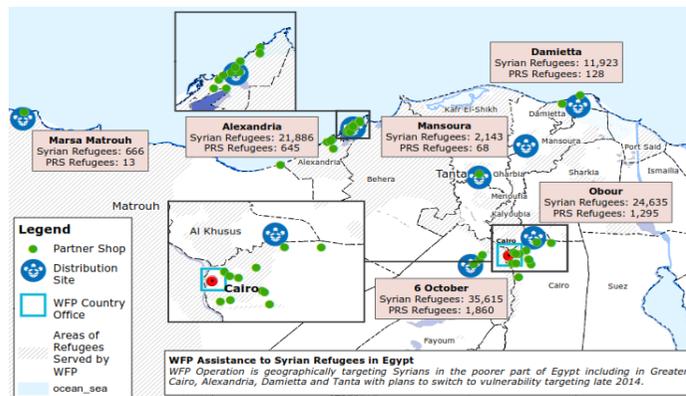
\* Funds received until September 2014

## NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Real GDP growth is picking up with the increasing confidence in the Economy and improved security; with annual growth rates recording 3.5% for q4 2013-14, compared to 2.5% in Q3 and averaging 2.1% for the full FY 2013-14. The government is moving forward with fiscal reforms to trim down the deficit; and the Minister of Finance recently mentioned that VAT reforms will be launched in the near future, which will improve the confidence in the Egyptian market and the market/credit ratings that guide foreign investments; however, domestic inflation rates will rise.

As declared by the Minister of Supply and Internal Trade, wheat stocks for the "Balady" bread supply chain cover total needs until end of February 2015.

WFP Egypt has launched a donor appeal to sustain its Syrian emergency response. Related meetings have been held between WFP EGY Country Director with representatives from some key Embassies in Cairo. WFP and UNHCR, in partnership with Save the Children, are conducting a joint assessment to identify vulnerable refugees in Egypt. During first three weeks, over 2,266 households/11,200 persons were assessed in Cairo through home visits. Data collection in Damietta and Alexandria are set to start the second week of November. In a shift from geographical targeting and based on expected vulnerability profiling results, WFP plans to target all refugees based on their assessed vulnerability and needs.



## PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS:

