

More than 1.8 million individuals are receiving food assistance

HIGHLIGHTS:

In Turkey, The Food Security Sector continues to provide support to Syrians both in camps and out of camps. The total number of individuals reached in camps this month is 151,395 while the number of individuals reached out of camps is 202,784. As of July, the Food Security Sector reached approximately 354,179 beneficiaries both in and out of camps in 2016.

In Lebanon, 827,729 persons were reached with food assistance. Beneficiaries assisted include 680,753 displaced Syrians, reached through e-cards (99%) and vouchers. In-kind food parcels and hot meals were provided to complement the food assistance to more than 77,682 refugees and host communities. Among those assisted, 690 households were served through community kitchens.

In Jordan, monthly food assistance and vouchers continue to be provided by partners to more than 522,000 beneficiaries. In addition, this month WFP's Executive Director Ertharin Cousin visited Amman to show solidarity to the Jordanian Government following the attack on the Jordanian border on 21 June.

In Iraq, a total of 55,017 Syrian refugees received assistance in July. This includes 4,447 refugees supported with in-kind assistance, as well as 50,570 people assisted through the SCOPE electronic system. The Ad-hoc in-kind distributions continued this month in response to reach 4,447 individuals in response to new arrivals in the camps and to fill gaps while registering beneficiaries in the SCOPE system.

In Egypt, July distribution took place from 18 to 21 July 2016, reaching 64,394 beneficiaries (61,766 Syrian refugees and 2,628 Palestinian refugees from Syria).

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

Despite the gains made through robust verification and targeting mechanisms, assessments show worsening food security statuses for refugees across the region. In Lebanon, the 2015 Vulnerability Assessment of Syrian Refugees (VaSYR) has shown a significant worsening in overall food security since 2014. The sector has responded through the ramping up of assistance and re-instating assistance for all members of households.

In Turkey, findings from a Pre-Assistance Baseline (PAB) Assessment show high levels of food insecurity and economic vulnerability in urban areas. The PAB found 11 percent of these interviewed refugee households had children involved in income generation to complement food needs. While the most commonly reported livelihood coping strategy was buying food on credit (49%), other strategies included spending savings (44%) and reducing non-essential non-food expenditures such as health and education (30%).

Beginning this year, Food Security Outcome Monitoring (FSOM) was implemented in Jordan, Iraq and Egypt, is currently ongoing in Lebanon, with expansion planned for Turkey. Findings from the first FSOM round that in Jordan, 30% of households surveyed have poor or borderline food consumption scores (FCS); in Iraq, 31% of households had poor or borderline FCS, whereas in Egypt, 26% of households had poor or borderline FCS.

Assessments by sector actors in Lebanon will also allow for better understanding of the impact of the crisis on the agricultural labour market.



A Syrian woman paying for her food with WFP's e-card, North Lebanon.

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Sector Response Summary:



3,078,500 Refugees & Local Community Members targeted for assistance by end of 2016
1,807,560 assisted in 2016



Syrian Refugees in the Region:



4,740,000 Syrian Refugees expected by end-2016
4,784,000 currently registered



3RP Overall Funding Status:



USD 4.54 billion required in 2016
USD 1.97 billion received in 2016



3RP PARTNERS RESPOND TO CRITICAL FOOD INSECURITY OF SYRIAN REFUGEES IN LEBANON

A staggering 89 per cent of all Syrian refugees currently in Lebanon require urgent food, nutrition and livelihoods assistance, according to a new series of country briefs prepared by the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and World Food Programme (WFP).

The report states that the main cause of food insecurity among Syrian refugees in Lebanon is lack of earning power. The restrictions on their access to the labour market has reduced their livelihood opportunities and made it even harder for them to cover their basic needs autonomously. The proportion of households with no income has increased since last year. Dependency on food vouchers and loans as the primary livelihood source has also grown. The gap between monthly expenditure and income was estimated at USD 300 which households have to cover mainly by taking on debt.

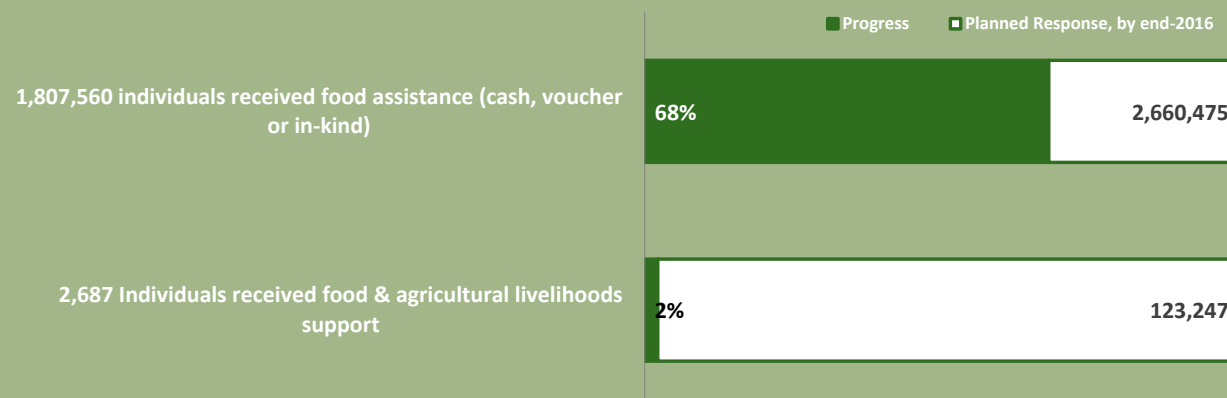
Coping strategies, already limited for refugee households because of the limited number of assets they can bring to their host country, have progressively become more severe and irreversible as the remaining assets and savings were exhausted.

In Lebanon, 3RP Partners support refugees through the electronic food card (e-card) programme which allows families to purchase their food from any of 450 local shops across Lebanon. The programme has also helped boost the local economy and create local jobs, with over USD 650 million injected into the Lebanese economy to date.

A recent contribution by Germany will allow 3RP Partners to continue providing food assistance to over 700,000 vulnerable Syrian refugees and more than 50,000 vulnerable Lebanese.

In addition, the Government of Lebanon's National Poverty Targeting Programme is using similar e-cards to provide food assistance for Lebanese families. This assistance will be funded by WFP from July until the end of the year.

REGIONAL RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY - JULY 2016



These dashboards reflect the achievements of the more than 200 partners, including governments, UN Agencies, and NGOs, involved in the 3RP response in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey. Progress and targets may change in line with data revisions. All data on this Dashboard is current as at 31 July 2016. The first indicator progress refers to the highest number of monthly beneficiaries reached this year, while the second indicator is cumulative since the beginning of the year.