

Food Security MEB Calculation Guidance Note 2016

Currently, the fixed amount for the food share (20 JOD per person) of the SMEB is in line with the average value of the food basket, which is comprised of 11 commodities. The food basket is based on the nutritional value that key commodities provide for a daily diet of 2100 kcal (11.6 grams of protein and 19.2 grams of fat). The prices of these commodity are monitored on a monthly basis to inform the value of the voucher.

Monthly Food Basket 2015						
	Products	Quantities per capita	Period	JOD	USD	Products
Food Basket	Rice	4500	per month	4.90	6.92	Minimum Food Expenditure Basket per HH with WFP ration to meet nutrient needs + 2100KCAL/month
	Bulgur Wheat	6000		5.54	7.82	
	Pasta	1500		1.67	2.36	
	Lentils	1200		1.38	1.95	
	Vegetable oil	990		1.49	2.10	
	Sugar	990		0.68	0.96	
	Salt iodized	150		0.02	0.03	
	Poultry	900		2.05	2.90	
	Egg (hen, fresh)	570		1.01	1.43	
	Cheese	240		1.35	1.91	
	Leaves, Medium Green	600		0.40	0.56	
Total Food expenditure/HH				20.49	28.94	

Data monitoring has shown that refugee expenditure on food items is sometimes higher (upwards of 27 JD per capita per month). It is important to note that the voucher is intended to provide only the essential 11 commodities in the food basket, not the family's total food expenditure.

WFP is currently providing tiered levels of assistance to urban refugees. 10JD for families which are less vulnerable and 20JD for families which are more vulnerable based on the premise that less vulnerable families have greater financial means to meet their food needs.