Operational Context

Jordan is an upper middle-income country, with a population of 10 million, of which 2.9 million are non-citizens, including refugees. Jordan is also a resource-poor, food-deficit country with limited agricultural land, no energy resources and a scarce water supply.

Nationwide, 0.5 percent of Jordanian households are considered food insecure and an additional 5.7 percent are vulnerable to food insecurity. Over 15.7 percent of the population lives below the poverty line and a third is considered transient poor. Analysis from the International Labour Organisation (ILO) further shows that poverty over the life cycle is concentrated among children in Jordan, particularly among those between the ages of 5 and 12, the proportion reaching 20 percent for this age group. WFP’s 2018 Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability Assessment shows a worsening food security situation among Syrian refugees in Jordan.

According to the Department of Statistics, unemployment soared to 19 percent during the first quarter of 2019 - an increase by 0.6 percent compared to the first quarter of 2018. The unemployment rate among men stood at 16.4 percent compared to 28.9 percent among women.

WFP has been present in Jordan since 1964.

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Photo: A Syrian refugee who participated in the cooking competition in Zaatar refugee camp to raise awareness about food waste and nutrition. © WFP/Mohammad Batah

In Numbers

646,371 people assisted in June 2019
485,794 Syrian refugees assisted through cash-based transfers
158,892 Jordanians receiving in-kind assistance (dates)
USD 90.3 m six months (July - December 2019) net funding requirements

Operational Updates

• WFP, in close coordination with the Government of Jordan and the United Nation High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), started the preparatory work to support refugees of other nationalities, as well as Syrian refugees registered through UNHCR-led status rectification exercise, who will be receiving WFP cash assistance starting from July.

• Following internal and external stakeholders consultation, WFP finalized the draft Country Strategic Plan (CSP) 2020-2022. The final CSP document will be presented for approval at the November Executive Board, effective as of January 2020.

• In preparation for the CSP, WFP conducted a feasibility assessment with the support of WFP’s headquarters to help determine the potential impact of a new delivery modality in camps with the aim of providing refugees with unrestricted cash assistance through a platform that would enable inter-agency collaboration. Discussions were held with refugees, contracted shops, informal markets, partners and UN agencies to understand the situation, needs and requirements.

• WFP, in partnership with the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Agriculture, National Alliance against Hunger and Malnutrition and Royal Health Awareness Society, launched the school gardens initiative. The initiative will be part of the integrated approach to maximize the effect of WFP’s support at the community level through rehabilitation of schools and provision of school meals. Students, teachers, parents and communities will be engaged in the establishment, management and sustainability of the gardens.
WFP Country Strategy

Country Strategic Plan (2018-2019)

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Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Food-insecure Syrian refugees, including school-aged children have access to safe, adequate and nutritious food.

Focus area: Crisis Response

Activities:
- Provide unconditional resource transfers to Syrian refugees.
- Provide school meals and nutrition related communication and behavioural change activities to refugee children.

Strategic Result 2: Smallholders have improved food security and nutrition through improved productivity and incomes.

Strategic Outcome 2: Vulnerable Jordanians, including school-aged children are enabled to meet their basic food and nutrition needs.

Focus area: Resilience Building

Activities:
- Provide unconditional resource transfers to vulnerable Jordanians.
- Provide school meals and nutrition related communication and behavioural change activities to children in host communities.

Strategic Result 3: Vulnerable women and men in targeted refugee and Jordanian communities sustainably improve their skills, capacities, and livelihood opportunities.

Strategic Outcome 3: Vulnerable women and men in targeted refugee and Jordanian communities sustainably improve their skills, capacities, and livelihood opportunities.

Focus area: Resilience Building

Activities:
- Provide asset creation and livelihood support activities including through individual capacity strengthening to vulnerable Syrians and Jordanians.

Partnerships and Communications

- Among the top donor representatives who visited refugee camps in Jordan, her Excellency Ms. Karen Sasahara, the Chargé d’Affaires at the United States (U.S.) embassy in Jordan, and its delegation, visited Zaatari camp on 16 June, where they met with Syrian refugees benefiting from WFP’s assistance. The German delegation headed by the Minister of Interior of the State of Bavaria, Mr. Joachim Herrmann, visited Azraq camp on 17 June and was briefed on WFP activities in support of 37,000 Syrians in the camp. The Governments of Germany and the U.S. remain among WFP’s top donors in support of humanitarian and resilience activities.

- WFP’s second quarterly donors’ briefing was held in June. During the meeting, WFP updated its main partners on its support to Jordanians and Syrians and informed them about its upcoming plans to support refugees of other nationalities. WFP also briefed its donors on the new Jordan CSP for 2020-2022.

- WFP hosted a Communication, Advocacy and Marketing (CAM) mission headed by Ms. Corrine Woods, the head of CAM department at WFP’s headquarter. Two of WFP’s high-level marketing partners and members of the WFP Global Impact Council accompanied Ms. Woods to see WFP’s work on the ground. In 2018, members of SAWA, the global cinema advertising association, donated over USD 25 million in cinema advertisement space to WFP. In 2019, WFP is launching a new cinema advertisement with the support of SAWA and the Cannes Lions Festival, which will air in over 30 countries around the world in September-October 2019.

World Refugee Day

“Mujadara” - the winning dish on the 2019 World Refugee Day

On World Refugee Day, WFP, with the support of its National Ambassador Against Hunger, Amal Dabbas and celebrity chef Nidal Brehe, organized a cooking competition in Zaatari refugee camp to raise awareness about food waste and nutrition. The event also hosted Salateen Al Tarab, a Syrian refugee band, who played music during the two-hour competition. The six Syrian refugee participants cooked local dishes, which were later judged by a panel based on nutritional value, presentation and taste. Um Ibrahim, who cooked Mujadara, a healthy and nutritious meal made of lentils, rice and onions, was the winner of the competition.

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