Regional Syrian Refugee Crisis Overview

In Numbers

Net Funding Requirements: (August 2020 - January 2021)

- Jordan: US$ 124.1 m
- Lebanon: US$ 83.4 m
- Egypt: US$ 26.8 m
- Turkey: US$ 13.8 m
- Iraq: US$ 10.7 m

US$ 258.8 million

Highlights

- 1.9 million Syrian refugees, non-Syrian refugees and host community assisted by WFP in July 2020.
- WFP is supporting Country Offices in the development of their Back to School/Learning campaigns, as well as collaborating with host governments on a safe start of the new academic year.

In Numbers

- 56,261* people assisted by WFP
- 944,156 people assisted by WFP
- 333,006 people assisted by WFP
- 5.55 m registered Syrian refugees in countries of asylum (UNHCR, July 2020)
- 242,360 spontaneous refugee returns to Syria since 2016, (UNHCR, May 2020)

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*Figures are under verification and subject to change. **Figures are estimates as assistance is ongoing at time of publication.

Map updated as of August 2020
Situation Updates

The economic downturn prompted by the COVID-19 pandemic has pushed hundreds of thousands of Syrian refugees in the Middle East into an ever more desperate situation and has increased their humanitarian needs.

The COVID-19 crisis has resulted in a high number of permanent and temporary job lay-offs, particularly among informal workers. According to ILO, in Lebanon 60 percent of the Syrian refugees were permanently laid-off and 31 percent were temporarily laid-off, whereas in Jordan, one-third of the Syrian workers had lost their jobs permanently due to the crisis.

WFP Response

While schools remain closed across the region, supporting children's nutrition needs remain a key priority. In order to do that, WFP has been engaging with host governments across the region to provide alternative assistance mechanisms such as take-home rations (THR) or cash transfers.

Unconditional Resource Transfers

**Egypt:** WFP extended the redemption period of GFA for about 108,000 refugees as well as that of nutrition support (unconditional cash assistance) to about 6,000 pregnant and lactating refugee women and their infants under 2 years of age in July. The assisted refugees come from 9 different nationalities.

**Jordan:** During July, 479,617 refugees living in camps and communities continued to redeem WFP’s cash assistance both at ATMs and at contracted food retailers across the 12 governorates.

**Lebanon:** WFP assisted 783,102 Syrian refugees, 21,119 refugees of other nationalities and 139,935 vulnerable Lebanese beneficiaries through cash-based transfer modalities.

**Iraq:** WFP delivered cash-based assistance to 265,141 IDPs and 67,865 refugees in nine governorates. This included an additional 35,400 refugees and IDPs added as part of WFP's scale-up to meet increased humanitarian needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Turkey:** WFP continues to support refugees in six camps, through a monthly e-voucher payment of TRY 100 (USD 15) per person, reaching 54,792 in the July transfer. As of 31 July, no COVID-19 cases have been confirmed in the camps.

Asset Creation and Livelihoods

**Turkey:** 103 students began their on-the-job training under the cash-for-training component of the Mutfakta Umut Var (MUV)/Kitchen of Hope project. The second cohort of 206 participants (104 Syrians and 102 Turkish) began their vocational training with lessons taking place in person, with safety measures adopted to minimize COVID-19 infection risk. After completing the first month of the training (with at least 80 percent attendance) participants will receive a monthly cash transfer of TRY 750 (USD 110).

**Lebanon:** Food Assistance for Assets (FFA) activities continue to scale up with COVID-19 health and safety measures in place (e.g. implementation of low congestion activities, increased hand washing and hygiene practices, and use of personal protection equipment).

School Feeding

**Lebanon:** Lebanon reached over 60,000 Lebanese and Syrian refugee students who are part of WFP’s regular school feeding programme with take-home rations (THRs).

**Jordan:** Jordan worked with UNICEF, UNESCO and other partners from the education sector on a “Safe back to school” campaign including support on outreach, national media campaign, and feeding activities planned in August and September.

Soup Kitchens in Turkey

Aisha, from Syria, and Salih, who is Turkish, are doing on-the-job training at a soup kitchen in Sanliurfa — Turkey. Aisha is happy about working in a place where the head chef praises her work. “I love that I am getting to mingle with Turkish people here. Everyone is so helpful,” she says. Seven years ago, Aisha left Aleppo and moved to Turkey. “I have to work to supplement our income because I'm a mother of four,” says the 36-year-old. She adds: “Everyone who tastes my food finds it delicious.”

Salih is a 28-year-old Turkish national keen to learn more about cooking. For him, “The best thing about the training is that I gained new skills. This is something I didn’t have before”.

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