



WFP Lebanon Country Brief

WFP Assistance

| Food assistance to vulnerable Syrian populations in Lebanon PRRO 200987 (Jan. 2017 – Dec. 2018) | Total Requirement (6 months in USD) | 3 Month Net Funding Requirements* (in USD) |
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| | 165 m | 72 m |

*Jun-Aug. The operation is covered until end of May, 2017

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WFP's Regional Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO) 200987 begun on 1 January 2017 and replaced the Regional Emergency Operation (EMOP) 200433. Through this operation, WFP will continue to provide life-saving food assistance for those most in need while also building the self-reliance of vulnerable refugee and host communities.

WFP has worked closely with UNICEF, UNHCR and the Lebanon Cash Consortium (LCC) by harmonizing assistance to beneficiaries through the use of one common card, one national vulnerability assessment, one targeting system, one financial services provider, one Information Management Portal, and one call centre.

WFP's primary form of assistance for vulnerable Syrians in Lebanon is provided through an electronic food voucher (e-card) system. E-cards can be used to purchase food from any of 493 shops, boosting the local economy and providing Syrians with access to fresh produce, dairy products, poultry and meats.

In collaboration with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), WFP also supports 15,000 Palestinian refugees formerly based in Syria through their cash based assistance programme.

WFP prioritises food assistance to ensure it is reaching those who are most in need. The latest vulnerability assessment of Syrian refugees in Lebanon indicated that 93 percent of Syrian refugees are food insecure.

Highlights

- The [2017-2020 Lebanon Crisis Reponses Plan \(LCRP\)](#) was presented on 19 January 2017. The joint plan between the Government of Lebanon and the UN provides a sectoral approach to continue help stabilize the country and assist those that are most vulnerable. WFP has appealed for USD 281.2 million out of a total of USD 507.2 million required for activities in the food security sector.
- In January, WFP assisted 763,912 people: 692,434 Syrian refugees; 15,950 Palestinian refugees from Syria; 2,775 people under rapid income generation and food for assets activities; 52,753 vulnerable Lebanese.

WFP is providing technical assistance to the Ministry of Social Affairs to implement its National Poverty Targeting Programme (NPTP). By March 2017, WFP will be providing food assistance to 53,000 vulnerable Lebanese.



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Caption: Nadia, 9, and Yazan, 5: Nadia's most favourite class is Science while Yazan loves to draw in the art class. They both enjoy eating an apple after lunch.

In Numbers

763,912 people assisted in January

USD 782 m directly injected into the Lebanese economy by WFP since 2012 through cash based interventions

People Assisted
January 2017

52%



48%



Operational Updates

- WFP and UNHCR are working jointly on the refinement of the beneficiary targeting and referral process in order to develop a harmonized approach for identifying economically vulnerable households. This will ensure that beneficiaries in Lebanon are receiving coherent and effective delivery of assistance.
- A comprehensive shop selection process was completed, resulting in WFP expanding its network of local shops where the e-card is redeemable from 493 shops including three chains. Both Syrian refugees and vulnerable Lebanese eligible for food assistance have been informed of the expanded network. All new shops are listed on www.refugees-lebanon.org
- In 2016, WFP launched a number of livelihoods projects together with its cooperating partners. During the month of January 2017, 2,775 people were reached through a range of projects including: the provision of agricultural improvement packages to refugees; the training Lebanese and Syrian refugee households led by women on financial resource management; the provision of agricultural packages to small-holder farmers; rehabilitation of agricultural infrastructure through labour-intensive cash-for-work activities for Lebanese and Syrians refugees. WFP will continue to scale-up activities in 2017.

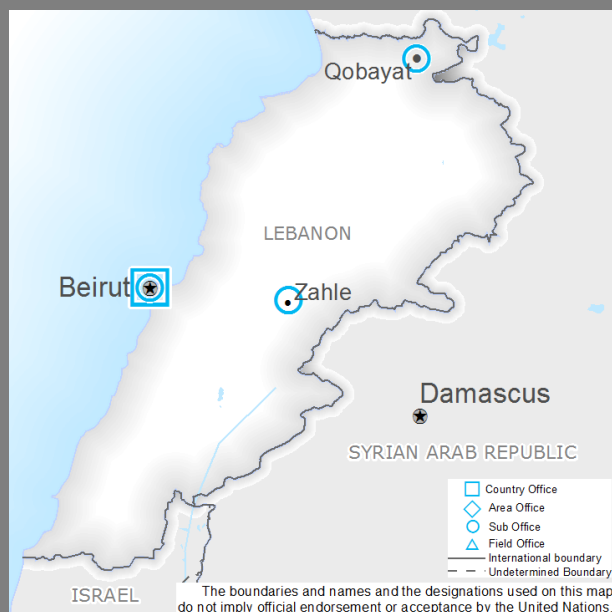
Gender

- WFP Lebanon explored areas for partnership and collaboration with the Lebanese American University's Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World, in areas where the CO does not have particular gender expertise. Collaborative activities identified will help CO to conduct activities within the 2017 CO Gender Action Plan.

Partnerships

- WFP co-leads the Socio-economic Development pillar of the UN Strategic Framework in Lebanon (2017-2020) to better plan and coordinate resilience activities with other UN agencies.

Country Background & Strategy



Lebanon is classified as an upper middle income country. It continues to show development in each of the Human Development Index (HDI) indicators. The current HDI value is 0.769 – in the high human development category – positioning the country at 67 out of 188 countries and territories.

With some 4.5 million people living in a land area of just 10,000 km square on the eastern Mediterranean coast, Lebanon is small and densely populated.

As of January, 1 million Syrian refugees have been registered in Lebanon by UNHCR. This represents 20 percent of total population in Lebanon. The massive influx of refugees has placed significant strain on existing resources and host communities.

WFP and UNICEF are continuing to support a UNDP-led rapid poverty assessment of the Lebanese population. The assessment will contribute towards the creation of a food security baseline of the Lebanese.

WFP has been present in Lebanon since 2012.

Population: **4.4 million**

2015 Human Development Index:
67 out of 188

Income Level: **Upper middle**

Donors in 2016

Australia, Belgium, Estonia, France, Germany, Japan, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Sweden and the United States of America