

# WFP's Response in Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey, Iraq and Egypt

**Situation Report # 36**

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## HIGHLIGHTS

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN SYRIA AND THE REGION <sup>1</sup>				
Country	Modality of Assistance	November	December	January (ongoing)
Jordan	Vouchers	46,594	57,753 <sup>2</sup>	n/a
	GFD	27,927	32,625	n/a
Lebanon	Vouchers	77,532	100,103	41,993
	GFD	2,925	3,610	2,575
Iraq	Vouchers	1,001	21,076	n/a
	GFD	4,395	11,557	n/a
Turkey	Vouchers	21,770	22,139	22,139
General Food Distribution Total in Region		35,247	47,792	2,575
Voucher Total in Region		146,897	201,071	64,132
<b>Total beneficiaries reached in Region</b>		<b>182,144</b>	<b>248,863</b>	<b>66,707</b>
<i>General Food Distributions (GFD) includes dry rations, food parcels, hot meals and welcome meals. Vouchers include paper and electronic modalities. (1) As of 15 January 2013 (2) Final December figure following data reconciliation</i>				

RESOURCING UPDATE				
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Jordan	80,006,716	29,160,899	50,845,816	64%
Lebanon	63,493,095	23,215,880	40,277,215	63%
Iraq	20,183,286	4,938,700	15,244,585	76%
Turkey	31,703,172	9,632,684	22,070,488	70%
Egypt	3,662,152	452,289	3,209,863	88%
<b>EMOP total</b>	<b>199,048,420</b>	<b>67,400,452</b>	<b>131,647,968</b>	<b>66%<sup>3</sup></b>
<i>(1) As of 16 January 2013</i>				

## SITUATION UPDATE

Syrians in Jordan
UNHCR Registered: 134,015
Awaiting Registration: 51,229
<b>Total: 185,244</b>
(Government figure: 290,000)

**Al Za'atri:** Efforts to control the flooding coupled with a break from rain and snow helped stabilize conditions in the camp. Although some beneficiaries continue to occupy areas such as the school and donated caravans, many beneficiaries were able to return to their tents. Winterization is needed urgently as weather forecasts predict another wave of cold temperatures and precipitation. Many families lack tent heaters, winter clothing and winterization materials. In addition, many beneficiaries complained about shortages of gas in the

communal kitchens. Families without access to gas resort to cooking on homemade stoves constructed from cinder blocks and burning materials gathered in and around the camp.

The Jordanian Ministry of Health (MoH) officials are concerned about the unsanitary conditions of private shops in the camp, some of which are preparing food and selling raw meat. The MoH suggests a higher degree of health standards is enforced on the shops, while bearing in mind the shops function as one of the few income generating opportunities for refugees in the camp. Thus far, health clinics have not reported any increases in the frequency of cases such as diarrhea and hepatitis in the camp.

## WFP RESPONSE

**Food Distribution:** The second general food distribution in Al Za'atri camp is scheduled to begin on 16 January. The cycle had a delayed start due to a delay in the arrival of the UNHCR complimentary food items.

**Voucher Distribution:** Voucher distributions resumed in all governorates in Jordan following a brief pause due to poor weather conditions. WFP will target over 69,000 beneficiaries for vouchers for the January cycle of distributions.

**New Arrivals:** WFP provided bread to the entire population of Al Za'atri camp on daily basis. Following a reassessment of needs, the amount of bread distributed was increased from 10mt to 11.5mt per day highlighting the influx of beneficiaries. Welcome meals have been provided to 10,000 new arrivals thus far in January. The average influx of new arrivals during the reporting period was 700 refugees per day.

**WFP Assistance:** As WFP assistance is only provided to UNHCR registered beneficiaries, around 50,000 Syrians awaiting UNHCR registration in Jordan are excluded from WFP assistance; the waiting period between applying to register and receiving the registration appointment with UNHCR is currently six months.

Various agencies are already working on assisting this vulnerable group facilitated by WFP through the food sector coordination, and many agencies have indicated a willingness to participate in a more formal joint plan of action with WFP to assist this group.

**Assessment:** A WFP mission from WFP Headquarters arrived in Jordan to conduct an assessment of the market size and the capacity required for a transition to vouchers in Al Za'atri and Zarqa refugee camps. The mission will meet with community-based organizations and carry out supply chain assessments in the markets and surrounding towns.

## Lebanon

### SITUATION UPDATE

Syrians in Lebanon
UNHCR Registered: 145,689
Awaiting Registration: 64,709
<b>Total: 210,398</b>

**New Arrivals:** The total Syrians in Lebanon is now over 210,000.

### WFP RESPONSE

**WFP Assistance:** Food and voucher distributions under the January cycle have begun and are ongoing in the Bekka Valley and the North sub office. Distributions had been delayed due to poor weather conditions including significant snow fall in some areas. Voucher distributions for the South/Beirut sub office are scheduled to start on 18 January. Thus far, over 44,500

beneficiaries have received vouchers and food parcels in January.

**Monitoring:** The Bekka valley and South sub offices conducted 48 household monitoring visits thus far in January.

## Turkey

### SITUATION UPDATE

Syrians in Turkey
Government Registered: 154,705
Government estimate of Syrians present in country: 200,000

**Voucher Distributions:** The second voucher distribution for January was carried out on 15 January with funds being provided to 22,139 beneficiaries through the electronic food card programme. With these vouchers beneficiaries are able to purchase food items in selected shops.

### WFP RESPONSE

**Target Populations:** The food security situation remains unchanged; populations residing in Government managed camps are reliant on outside assistance to meet their basic food needs. This assistance is being provided by the Government of Turkey, the Turkish Red Crescent Society and WFP.

**Missions:** The WFP Executive Director began her three-day mission to Turkey during the reporting period accompanied by the Regional Director, the Regional Emergency Coordinator and the Turkey Country Director to meet with Government officials and

representatives of the Turkish Red Crescent Society. The delegation will also travel to Kilis refugee camp.

**New Arrivals:** There are an estimated 35,000 Syrians on the border of Turkey awaiting admission into the country. The Turkish Red Crescent Society and other NGOs are providing assistance this vulnerable group. Between 500 – 1,000 people are registered daily; however, the average waiting time to enter Turkey is around one month.

## Iraq

### SITUATION UPDATE

<b>Syrians in Iraq</b>
UNHCR Registered: 72,480

**WFP Assistance:** WFP is providing assistance to refugees in both Domiz and Al-Qaim camps with both food parcels and vouchers.

### WFP RESPONSE

**Domiz Refugee Camp:** January voucher cycle distributions will start shortly targeting 30,000 beneficiaries in the camp. Islamic Relief is contracting additional shops in Domiz camp and Dahuk to further ensure competitive market prices for the voucher programme.

**Missions:** The Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary of the Secretary General (DSRSG), Humanitarian Coordinator and Resident Coordinator for Iraq, Ms Jacqueline Badcock, accompanied by WFP, UNHCR and WHO, visited Domiz camp and witnessed the voucher distribution to Syrian refugees.

## Egypt

### SITUATION UPDATE

<b>Syrians in Egypt</b>
UNHCR Registered: 13,874
Government estimate of Syrians present in country: 150,000

conduct rapid assessments on 22 – 23 January in Alexandria and Damietta.

**New Arrivals:** UNHCR reported an increasing number of Syrian refugees are being registered outside the greater Cairo area, including in Alexandria and Damietta. UNHCR and WFP will

There are reports that many of the refugees are moving to the Upper Egypt region, a traditionally food-insecure and vulnerable part of Egypt, although the largest concentration of Syrian refugees remain primarily in the urban centers of Cairo and Alexandria.

### WFP RESPONSE

**Targeting:** WFP will initially provide target voucher assistance to 2,000 individuals in the poorer areas of greater Cairo in January (Al Obour and 6 October). As agreed with UNHCR, WFP then prioritize the refugees residing in Damietta in February.

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