



REFUGEE POPULATION IN JORDAN



SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

E-cards in camps: On 18 September, WFP successfully loaded the pilot e-cards in both Azraq and Zaatari camps and had no issues with redemption at partner supermarkets. WFP plans to roll out e-cards in camps in mid-October. In Azraq camp, two additional cashiers were added at Sameh Mall supermarket to help ease the congestion as nearly 2,000 beneficiaries were passing through the shop on a daily basis.

E-cards in communities: After completing the initial rollout of e-vouchers in the community settings in the month of August, meaning that every registered Syrian refugee household has had the opportunity to attend an e-voucher distribution to collect their e-cards, WFP held catch-up days in September for those households that were not able to attend previously held distributions. With a full transition to e-vouchers, paper vouchers will be phased out.

School feeding: In September, WFP, through partner Save the Children International, reached 16,482 students in Zaatar (of both formal and informal schools) with date bars on a daily basis, the highest number of students ever reached in the camp. In Azraq camp, 1,329 students were reached on a daily basis through partner ACTED.

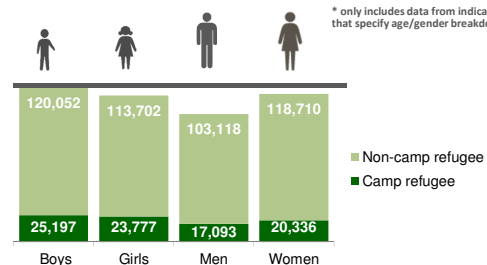
Self-targeting update: After rolling out the self-targeting campaign coupled with recent news of the UN funding crisis, several Syrian refugees called the WFP hotline to discontinue their assistance, noting that they are not in need and would prefer the assistance go to someone more vulnerable.

Treatment of MAM: After the stock of SuperCereal Plus was exhausted, and following discussions in the NWG and with UNHCR HQ, the use of the Plumpy'Nut commodity to treat cases of Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) in children under the age of five and pregnant and nursing mothers was approved. Plumpy'Nut should be used as a supplement in addition to normal food.



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POPULATION ASSISTED* BY FOOD SECURITY SECTOR



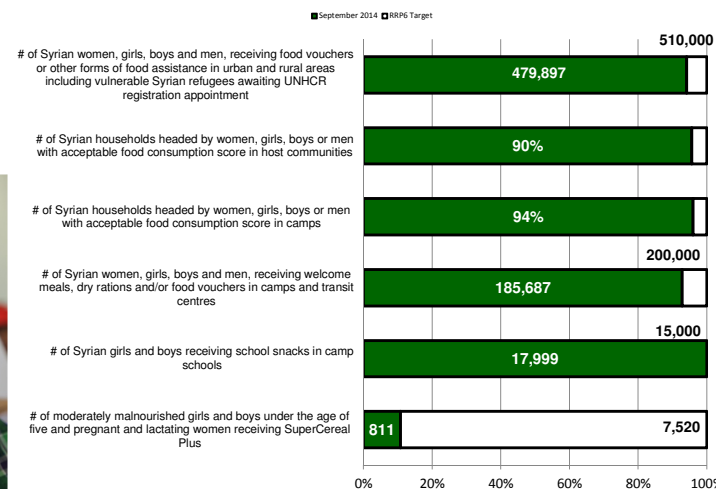
NEEDS ANALYSIS

Food expenditure constitutes more than one-third of all expenditure for both Syrian refugees and Jordanians. The income versus expenditure gap, caused by limited livelihood opportunities, rising rent, food and service prices, induces increased use of negative coping strategies as the Syrian crisis becomes more protracted, increasing the financial pressure on vulnerable refugees and Jordanians alike.

Syrian refugees are highly reliant on food assistance as their main food source, and thus food assistance remains a high priority to prevent the deterioration of refugees' food security status, particularly in camp settings where there are very few income opportunities. The WFP/REACH Comprehensive Food Security Monitoring Exercise (CFSME), launched in July 2014, showed that WFP food vouchers are the main source of income and food for 74% of Syrian refugee households in Jordan. Increased food, rent and service prices, combined with the refugee competition for informal unskilled labour has aggravated the food security and livelihood conditions of poor Jordanians living in host communities.

Assessments and monitoring have shown that beneficiaries prefer to go to shops on a regular basis (multiple times per week), given that many households have limited food storage capacity. In addition, beneficiaries have expressed dissatisfaction in having to attend monthly distributions due to expensive transportation costs, compounded by difficult weather conditions in the winter months. E-cards bring several important benefits to the beneficiaries, including the possibility of spending their monthly entitlements in multiple visits to the shops. This offers beneficiaries much more flexibility in their food purchases, as well as a greater sense of normalcy. As they resemble debit cards, e-cards also provide a more discreet assistance modality.

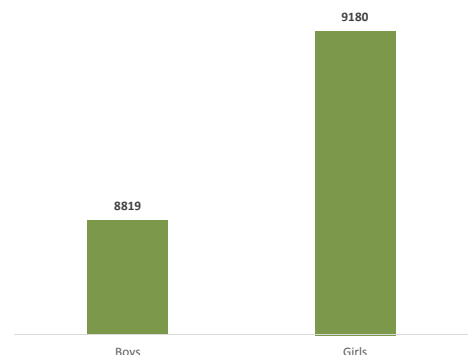
PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS*



*The figure to the right reflects yearly targets; however, progress is reported on a monthly basis, rather than a sum of monthly figures, to avoid duplication and over-reporting.

Spotlight on School Feeding

Total number of students reached in Zaatar and Azraq camps in September



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