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In Numbers

627,000 people assisted

in May 2022



US\$ 14.2 m estimated cash-based transfers made

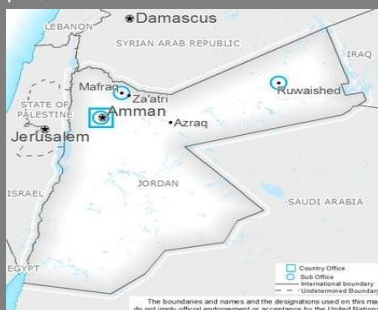
US\$ 104.5 m six months (June-November) net funding requirements

Operational Context

Jordan is an upper-middle-income country, with a population of 11 million, 74 percent of whom are below the age of 30. Jordan is also a resource-poor, food-deficit country with dwindling energy and water resources and limited agricultural land. It carries the social, economic and environmental burden of hosting around 675,000 Syrian and 87,000 refugees of other nationalities registered with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees as of April 2022.

The results of WFP's Food Security Outcome Monitoring (FSOM) of quarter one 2022 showed that almost 81 percent of refugees in communities and 90 percent of refugees in camps are either food insecure or vulnerable to food insecurity. Female-headed households, small households, and households with disabilities have disproportionately poor food consumption. According to the Department of Statistics, Jordan's unemployment rate was 23.3 percent during the fourth quarter of 2021; a decrease of 1.4 percentage points from the fourth quarter of 2020. Unemployment is 21.4 percent among men compared to 30.7 percent among women.

Through the Country Strategic Plan (2020-2022), WFP Jordan is rebalancing its portfolio more towards Jordan itself, in line with priorities linked to the 2030 Agenda. The focus is on strengthening capacities of national institutions, strategies and programmes, in addition to providing support for livelihoods to deliver transformative and equitable results for Jordanians and refugees bypassed by socio-economic opportunities. WFP has been present in Jordan since 1964. WFP is preparing its next five-year CSP (2023-2027) under the same commitment to supporting vulnerable people,



Population: 11.17 million

2019 Human Development Index: 102 out of 188

Income Level: middle income

Chronic malnutrition: 7.8% of children between 6-59 months

Operational Updates

- In May, WFP provided food assistance to around 464,300 vulnerable refugees residing in camps and host communities through cash-based transfers. Most refugees come from Syria, with a minority from Iraq, Yemen, Sudan, Somalia and other countries.
- WFP Jordan is preparing the roll out of mobile money to help refugees in communities starting July 2022. The pilot programme will be launched in five Governorates (Aqaba, Karak, Balqa, Tafileh and Zarqa). Information sessions will be followed by Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) concentrating on how women can use mobile money.
- In May, WFP continued its support for the National Aid Fund (NAF) by completing the validation of eligibility of 110,000 vulnerable Jordanian families enrolled into the NAF Programme for cash assistance. In May, NAF successfully validated around 44,000 households through virtual home visits arranged by WFP's contracted service provider out of more than 71,000 visits. 38,000 physical visits were conducted in March and April. Furthermore, financial literacy information sessions have also been delivered to around 200 households meaning that nearly 3,250 households have access to this service.
- In collaboration with the Ministry of Social Development (MoSD) and the NAF, WFP organized a two-day social protection exchange workshop with both Palestinian and Jordanian delegations on 18 and 19 May. This south-south cooperation represents an opportunity for both countries to share knowledge at Ministerial level on successful initiatives in the area of social protection given the similar local context of both countries.
- School feeding activities resumed in May. In Azraq and Za'atari camps, WFP distributed date bars to around 28,000 students while in communities, WFP distributed date bars to around 136,000 students. Additionally, WFP distributed 405,000 healthy meals to 27,000 students in Madaba and South Shoneh.

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Photo Caption: WFP is supporting the Ministry of Education with its national school feeding programme feeding over 400,000 children in public schools.
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WFP Country Strategy

Country Strategic Plan (2020-2022)

Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)
766.8 m	521 m
2022 Requirements (in USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) (June – November 2022)
261 m	104.5 m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Crisis affected populations in Jordan, including refugees, meet their food and nutrition needs throughout the year.

Focus area: *Crisis Response*

Activities:

- **Act 1:** Provide nutrition-sensitive food assistance to refugees and other crisis-affected populations.
- **Act 2:** Provide tools, systems and training to the Government to enhance its emergency preparedness and response capabilities.

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food.

Strategic Outcome 2: Vulnerable populations in Jordan, including children, are covered by adequate social protection schemes by 2022.

Focus area: *Resilience Building*

Activities:

- **Act 3:** Support the Government in reforming and expanding national social protection schemes.
- **Act 4:** Provide nutrition-sensitive school feeding to targeted children.

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food.

Strategic Outcome 3: Vulnerable populations in Jordan, with a focus on women and young people, are more self-reliant and have better livelihood opportunities by 2022.

Focus area: *Resilience Building*

Activities:

- **Act 5:** Provide livelihood support (training, income-generating opportunities, asset creation) to vulnerable people in rural and urban settings, with a focus on women and young people.

Strategic Result 4: Sharing of knowledge, expertise and technology strengthen global partnership support to country efforts to achieve the SDGs

Strategic Outcome 4: Partnerships in support of the Sustainable Development Goals in Jordan are strengthened through effective and innovative solutions from WFP and its partners by 2022.

Focus area: *Resilience Building*

Activities:

- **Act 6:** With other actors, develop a comprehensive food security and nutrition sector plan linked to other sectors and supported by a coordination structure.
- **Act 7:** Facilitate knowledge exchange between partners and the Government to promote piloting and scaling of innovative approaches to achieving the SDGs.
- **Act 8:** Provide on-demand cash-based transfer services to partners.

- WFP started the preparations for the next phase of the 'EU-MADAD' project by launching a new self-registration platform. Over 12,000 participants applied with the applications currently going through a selection process. Additionally, 36 new guards jobs were created for participants to monitor the already established forests from the first phase for two months.
- Funded by UNWomen and in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, 335 temporary jobs were created for two months to support the national seedling stations. In May, the participants prepared 91,000 seedlings to be planted in rangelands and forests in November.
- After the successful pilot project with the NGO Decapolis in 2021, WFP launched an expansion of the same project targeting 500 small-holder farmers. Decapolis is an innovative traceability platform aiming to support livelihoods of food producers and smallholder farmers.

Monitoring

WFP has finalized the first draft of the Food Security Outcome Monitoring (FSOM) research report for Q1/2022. The detailed review will lead to a longitudinal understanding of beneficiary and non-beneficiary food security and socioeconomic levels.

Challenges

While WFP Jordan received indications of some additional contributions from partners against its significant funding gap of USD 113 million to cover the requirement of 465,000 refugees for the period from June to December 2022. Additionally, WFP Jordan requires USD 7.2 million to provide daily school snacks to 433,000 vulnerable students until the end of the year.

Field missions

- WFP led the field visit to Azraq camp for the Ambassador of Germany and his team on 9 May. WFP highlighted its interventions on the ground and briefed the donor about the current food market prices.
- WFP organized a field trip to the Za'atari camp for H.R.H Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal of Saudi Arabia. The Prince showed interest for future cooperation with WFP on mobile money initiative.
- WFP organized a field trip to a WFP supermarket in the Za'atari camp for His Excellency Dr. Hakem Rawashdeh, Refugees Affairs Coordinator at the Jordanian Ministry of Interior.
- WFP participated in a field mission with UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF, UNRWA to King Abdullah Park with USAID the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration Jordan and regional.

Donors

Australia, Canada, EU MADAD, France, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Norway, ROK, Russia, KSA, UK, USA, Luxemburg, Belgium, UAE/MBRGI and private sector (Landmark, Cartier, Choithrams and Seven Circles, Talabat, Careem, Dubai Holding).