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WFP Lebanon Country Brief January 2019

In Numbers

710,990 people assisted
in January 2019



US\$ 23 m cash-based transfers made

US\$ 44.6 m six months (February - July 2019) net funding requirements

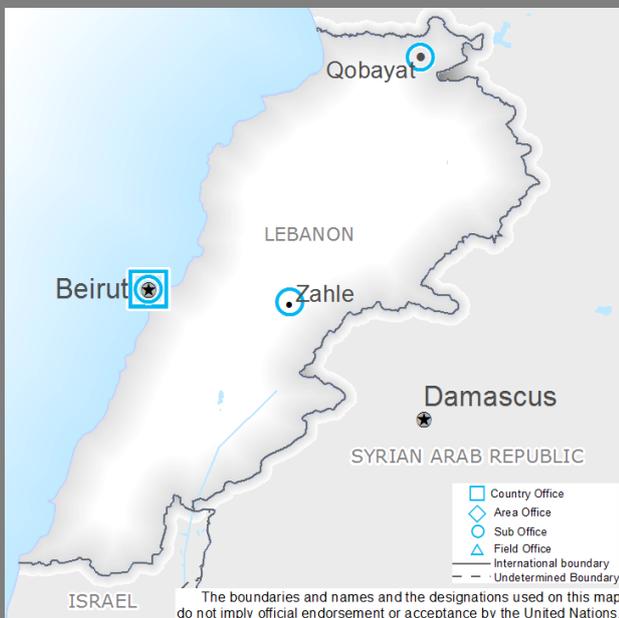
Operational Context

Lebanon is classified as an upper middle-income country. The current Human Development Index (HDI) value is 0.763 – in the high human development category – positioning the country at 80 out of 188 countries and territories.

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

As of December 2018, 948,849 Syrian refugees have been registered in Lebanon by UNHCR. The massive influx of refugees has placed a significant strain on existing resources and host communities.

WFP has been present in Lebanon since 2012.



Operational Updates

- In the framework of building the Lebanese Government’s institutional capacity, WFP is engaging with the Food Safety Committee to provide technical assistance on the digitization of food inspection monitoring mechanisms.
- The implementation of market rehabilitation, forestry and training projects is underway for both Food Assistance for Assets (FFA) and Food Assistance for Training (FFT). FFA activities include rehabilitation of markets, forestry-related activities, such as reforestation, creation of trails, trainings on forest management, and forest fire prevention. FFT activities include trainings on food preservation, digital skills, and entrepreneurship skills. These activities aim at improving the access to food while enhancing skills, capacities, and livelihood opportunities of vulnerable women and men in targeted refugee and Lebanese communities. During the month of January, approximately 3,506 Syrian and vulnerable Lebanese participated in FFA and FFT activities, while around 17,530 individuals benefited from these various projects, as indirect beneficiaries.
- To further enhance WFP’s contracted shop network and as part of the WFP Retail Engagement Strategy 2019-2020, a Loyalty Franchising Program pilot was launched in January with two shops in the Beqaa area (reaching approximately 300 beneficiaries). The aim of this pilot is to increase WFP beneficiaries’ purchasing power by providing them with an additional 2.5 percent of free purchases.

Population: **6.0 million**

2018 Human Development Index:
80 out of 188

Income Level: **Upper middle**

Gross National Income per capita: **US\$ 13,312**

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Photo Caption: Fatima and her family during one of the harsh winter storms. WFP/Edward Johnson

- Following deteriorating weather conditions in Lebanon during the month of January, partners have worked closely to respond to the effects of the storms and enhance preparedness measures to mitigate further adverse effects of future extreme weather. Situation reports were produced through inter-agency coordination and shared with partners, donors and other relevant stakeholders.

Beneficiary story

Fragile lives in fragile shelters

Fatima came from Homs to Lebanon expecting to find temporary respite from the horrors of war. This month, storm and floods flooded her house with icy water. She was forced her to move again, but this time, only a few doors down the alley way—the main thoroughfare in this informal tented settlement. Read more about Fatima’s story [here](#).

Donors

Australia, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, European Commission, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Mexico, Norway, Republic of Korea, Private Donors, Switzerland, United Kingdom and the United States of America

Lebanon Country Strategic Plan (2018-2020)

Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)
885.1 m	522.3 m
2019 Requirements (in USD)	Six-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) (February – July 2019)
312.5 m	44.6 m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 1: Food-insecure refugees – including school-age children – and crisis-affected host populations have access to life-saving, nutritious and affordable food throughout the year

Focus area: Crisis response

Activities:

- Unconditional resource transfers to support access to food (CBTs)
 - School meal activities (cash and in-kind)

Strategic Result 3: Smallholders have improved food security and nutrition through improved productivity and incomes

Strategic Outcome 2: Vulnerable women and men in targeted refugee and Lebanese communities sustainably improve their skills, capacities and livelihood opportunities by 2020

Focus area: Resilience-building

Activities:

- Individual capacity strengthening activities (CBTs)
 - Asset creation and livelihood support activities (CBTs)

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 3: Vulnerable populations in Lebanon are enabled to meet their basic food needs all year long

Focus area: Root causes

Activities:

- Unconditional resource transfers to support access to food (CBT)

Strategic Result 8: Sharing of knowledge, expertise and technology, strengthen global partnership support to country efforts to achieve the SDGs

Strategic Outcome 4: National institutions and national and international humanitarian actors are supported in their efforts to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of their assistance

Focus area: Crisis response

Activities:

- Institutional capacity strengthening activities

Monitoring

- Results of the 2018 Vulnerability Assessment of Syrian Refugees in Lebanon (VASyR) indicate that 69 percent of households remain below the poverty line; 9 out of 10 households have debts, and one third of households are moderately to severely food insecure.
- The third round of price comparison report for Nielsen was finalised, showing that prices in WFP-contracted shops are 5.83 percent lower than the average market price.