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# WFP Lebanon Country Brief November 2018

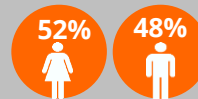
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## In Numbers

**US\$ 27.2 m** cash-based transfers made

**US\$ 66.8 m** six months (December 2018 – May 2019) net funding requirements

**692,501 people** assisted in November 2018



## 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 October 2018, 951,629 Syrian refugees have been registered in Lebanon by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (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. In January, 2018, WFP began implementing its new Country Strategic Plan (CSP) 2018-2020. The CSP is aligned with the Lebanon Crisis Response Plan (LCRP 2017-2020), which has been endorsed by the Government of Lebanon, the UN Strategic Framework (2017-2020), the Ministry of Agriculture's Strategy (2015-2019).



Population: **6.0 million**

2018 Human Development Index:  
**80 out of 188**

Income Level: **Upper middle**

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

## Operational Updates

- In November, WFP implemented the results of its annual retargeting exercise to ensure the most vulnerable Syrian refugees continue to be targeted for cash assistance. WFP will continue to target 695,000 of the most vulnerable Syrian refugees identified as living below the Survival Minimum Expenditure Basket (SMEB) of USD 87 per person per month. Among this target population, 295,000 refugees are now targeted with food e-cards (USD 27 per person per month, redeemable through a network of almost 500 WFP contracted shops); 220,000 refugees are now targeted with cash for food e-cards (USD 27 per person redeemable at either WFP contracted shops or any ATM throughout the country); and 180,000 refugees continue to be targeted with multi-purpose cash for essential needs e-cards (USD 27 per person for food and USD 175 per household for additional food and other essential needs, redeemable at any ATM throughout the country). Households newly included in WFP assistance and those excluded due to the exercise's vulnerability criteria were notified of these changes via SMS in September.
- The retargeting exercise also integrated a grievance redress mechanism (GRM), providing refugees with a formal feedback channel to lodge complaints to WFP and to streamline assessment of these grievance profiles for possible inclusion in to WFP assistance. Grievances received via WFP's and UNHCR's joint hotline by the end of November will be assessed by WFP and UNHCR throughout December and early 2019, based on socio-economic and protection vulnerabilities. A select set of refugees will be eligible for inclusion in the first quarter of 2019.
- The second-round of the 2018 forestry projects began, as a part of the 2018 livelihoods programme. In the first round of planting, WFP livelihoods participants planted 114,000 native cedars and pines across Lebanon. Forestry activities include cleaning trails, fire prevention, pruning, mulching, and other forest management activities, as well as enhancing ecotourism sites.

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Photo Caption: Lunch time with a Syrian refugee household receiving WFP food e-cards. WFP/Mazen Hodeib

## Country Strategic Plan (2018-2020)

2018 Total Requirement (in USD)	2018 Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six-Month (December 2018-May 2019) Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
<b>424.9 m</b>	<b>423.1 m</b>	<b>66.8 m</b>

### 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

Throughout 2018, WFP has been implementing over 250 livelihoods projects across the country, targeting 60,000 vulnerable Lebanese and Syrian refugee beneficiaries through cash assistance.

## Monitoring

- On top of its regular monitoring and evaluation activities, WFP finalized a baseline analysis for a longitudinal impact study to measure programme impact for beneficiaries receiving food e-cards and those receiving multi-purpose cash for essential needs e-cards over the course of one year.

This study aims to highlight changes in participating households' socioeconomic and food security status after receiving WFP cash assistance throughout the year, through data gathered quarterly. Selected participants began receiving assistance in November, as a part of the implementation of the 2018 targeting exercise. This study will complement the Food Security Outcome Monitoring (FSOM) report, which currently monitors household outcomes among beneficiaries receiving cash assistance on a quarterly basis.

## Beneficiary Story: Why Syrian refugees are planting Lebanese cedars with the World Food Programme

WFP's reforestation and mulching participants within the Al Shouf Cedar Reserve—be they Lebanese or Syrian—all reside in close proximity to the project sites. They were paid by WFP for completing a training course and then for participating in the activities under the guidance of knowledgeable project managers. Payments to participants were transferred through WFP's e-card system.

One of the projects participants, Bassima, has a self-declared knowledge of all the trees in Lebanon, "It's the same as planting at home," she explained whilst crouching down by her sapling. "I love being in nature and this course gave me the confidence to look for a job in agriculture when I go home to Syria."

Click [here](#) to read more of Bassima's story, and WFP's reforestation efforts.



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