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WFP operations in Syria and Jordan- Kuwait Conf on Syria

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Sokara village, rural Homs, Syria Shot 27 January 2013

GV of WFP food distribution

WFP reaches 1.5million people with food assistance inside Syria. 250,000 people receive WFP food in Homs and surrounding areas-mainly to displaced people

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Zaatari refugee camp, Jordan Shot 26 January 2013

SOT WFP Executive Director, Ertharin Cousin

"This is a challenge that the entire global community must work together to address. No child should go hungry because of the conflict in Syria and no one country is responsible for insuring that child receives the support that he or she needs. We must all work together."

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Zaatari refugee camp, Jordan Shot 26 January 2013

WFP is currently reaching 250,000 Syrian refugees with food and cash vouchers in Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey, Egypt and Iraq. It plans to reach almost 800,000 between Jan and June 2013.

Video shows new arrivals at a WFP food distribution.

The monthly food basket in Zaatari includes rice, bulgur wheat, pulses, sugar and salt in addition to a daily bread distribution

UNHCR and WFP have set up over 100 communal kitchens around Zaatari camp to allow the refugees to prepare their own meals with WFP food

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Zaatari refugee camp, Jordan Shot 26 January 2013

GV of the camp

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**WFP Syria Operation and Regional Refugee Response
Kuwait Conference
30 January 2013**

- The World Food Programme (WFP) needs around US\$260 million to fund its operations in Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey, Iraq and Egypt.
- WFP is reaching about 1.5 million people a month inside Syria with vital food assistance and is also helping the hundreds of thousands of refugees who have fled into neighbouring countries.
- WFP is distributing food in both areas controlled by the government and the opposition -- even in areas where fighting is going on.
- The areas WFP is able to reach fluctuates depending on the fighting, with up to about 40 percent of distribution points being in disputed or opposition-controlled territory.
- Needs are growing, with serious bread and fuel shortages across the country, and we are working to scale up to reach more people. The Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC), estimate that 2.5 million Syrians inside the country need food assistance.
- **Internally displaced people** (IDPs) represent around 85 percent of our 1.5 million beneficiaries across all 14 governorates inside Syria

WFP Syria in numbers:

- People WFP aims to reach monthly in Syria: **1.5 million**
- People reached in Syria (December cycle) as of 28 January: around **1.3 million**
- Syrian refugees registered/awaiting registration with UNHCR: **about 678,000**
- Refugees reached with WFP assistance (December cycle) **>268,000**
- To feed 1.5 million people inside Syria alone, WFP requires 15,000 metric tons of food each month, which costs around US\$22 million.

Regional Refugee Response

- WFP teams in Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey are using food vouchers to respond to the needs of vulnerable Syrians who fled to these countries. WFP reached more than 248,000 refugees in Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey during December with food assistance and vouchers.
- WFP recently expanded the operation and plans to provide food assistance to up to 755,000 refugees between January and June 2013, under the humanitarian community's revised Regional Refugee Response Plan (launched December 19).
- **Food vouchers** can be redeemed against a list of items, including fresh produce which is not normally included in food rations. WFP uses vouchers when food is available in the market but people do not have the money to buy it. The voucher system is an innovative way to ensure beneficiaries living in urban settings can buy their own food from local shops. Vouchers also help boost local economy.

Jordan

WFP is providing food assistance to Syrian refugees in camps, transit centres and for families staying with host communities throughout Jordan. UNHCR and WFP have set up over 100 communal kitchens around Zaatari camp to allow the refugees to prepare their own meals from WFP food. The monthly food basket includes rice, bulgur wheat, pulses, sugar and salt in addition to a daily bread distribution.

WFP is distributing around 15.5 metric tons of bread a day to refugees in Zaatari. The camp currently houses over 60,000 Syrian refugees (this figure fluctuate given the arrivals and departures) of whom 75 percent are women and children. WFP continues to provide ready-to-eat food to new arrivals at Zaatari, many of whom have made a long and risky journey to the Jordanian border.

Elsewhere in the country, WFP is assisting Syrians living in host communities through food vouchers or distribution of food baskets. The voucher has a value of US\$34 per person per month (or 24 Jordanian dinars). This increased in January by 2 JD to take price rises into account, as the conflict has hit food prices in Jordan.

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