



FOOD AND BASIC NEEDS SECTOR



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Overview

Jordan maintains pockets of food insecurity that can reach up to 26% of the population, particularly in host communities. Furthermore, available data show that over 70% of Syrian refugee households living outside refugee camps continue to be either food insecure or vulnerable to food insecurity and are almost completely dependent on food assistance provided primarily by the international community.

The Government of Jordan has also been heavily impacted by the increase in food demand due to the high influx of Syrian refugees. For instance, Jordan's wheat import value has drastically increased in the last 5 years, thereby affecting bread subsidy costs. In addition, increased demand on food has led to an increase in the consumer food price by 15.5% between 2009 and 2016.

Basic needs are the financial and non-financial minimum standards a family needs to be able to maintain their welfare and dignity.

Most Syrian refugee families have limited access to sustainable livelihood options and need financial, non-financial and non-food assistance. High levels of debt per capita and low levels of expenditure per capita make families vulnerable in this sector. Many families have depleted

all assets and live in unfurnished or semi-furnished apartments. Often cases face considerable hardship during the winter months and lack adequate bedding, heating and floor coverings. Most are without access to regular income or financial support that would allow them to manage their own needs.

CJ response plan

Caritas Jordan provides food and basic needs services, including multi-purpose cash grant, one-off winterization, cash-for protection, in-kind material ensuring decent living conditions for refugees and vulnerable Jordanians. These services are meant to mitigate daily hardships, ameliorate coping mechanism and enjoy better food intake in terms of quantity and quality, as well as to cover emergency and immediate needs.

Over the course of the past nine years, Caritas Jordan has been emphasising on responding to the essential needs of vulnerable Jordanian families and urban refugees through Caritas Jordan premises, representing 24% out of the total number of registered refugees in the urban setting in Jordan.

Caritas campaigns during winter target hard to reach (rural) areas, as well as other campaigns conducted during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, feeding poor families and individuals without discrimination as to religion colour or nationality, by distributing food parcels and offering hot meals. Caritas Jordan adapts various delivery mechanism such as: e-voucher, e-card through ATM machines, food and non-food parcels and in-kind material.

Interventions

- **Improving access** and availability to sufficient, quality and diverse food for the most vulnerable Jordanians and refugees in host communities through distribution of cash-based food assistance.
- **Enhancing knowledge** of nutrition and food utilization through the promotion of safe, nutritious and diversified food consumption practices through conducting nutrition awareness sessions to vulnerable groups.
- **Support towards basic needs** through providing life-saving basic needs assistance to refugee households and vulnerable families affected by the crisis in non-camp settings.
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Sector	Type of Service	Number of beneficiaries (individuals) per Nationality				Total	Gender	
		Other Nationality	Jordanian	Syrian	Iraqi		Male	Female
Basic Needs	Emergency cash assistance (ECA)	0	3389	8036	7	11432	5806	5626
	Cash for winterization (CFW)	0	427	872	0	1299	670	629
	Multi-purpose grants (MPGs)	0	208	593	0	801	420	381
	Winterization items (WIs)	1870	3780	3167	806	9623	5774	3849
	Household items (HHIs)	1870	3782	3167	811	9630	5778	3852
	Non-food items (NFIs)	1175	1526	1800	180	4681	2809	1872
Subtotal		4915	13112	17635	1804	37466	21256	16210
							57%	43%