



More than USD 1.5M were injected into local economy through vouchers/e-cards since **JANUARY 2016**

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS:

- February distributions took place from 24 February to 2 March 2016, in six governorates (Obour, 6th of October, Alexandria, Marsa Matrouh, Mansoura, and Damietta), targeting **62,679** beneficiaries (2,938 Palestinian refugees from Syria and 59,741 Syrian Refugees). Total beneficiaries reached was **62,456** (2,930 PRS and 59,526 Syrians)
- The reduced food voucher value continues to be USD17 per person per month instead of the planned USD 24.2. The food voucher will increase to 24.2 USD in March.
- February eligible vulnerable case-load derived from usual verification, referral cases, exclusion from twice no-show, and closed cases.



Syrian Children in public school in Damietta, Photo/ WFP

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- In October 2015, WFP launched operations to support public primary schools funded by the Government of Canada, to support Syrian refugees and the host population in Alexandria and Damietta.
- Actual implementation of the project started on the second week of the academic year 2015/16, with the daily distribution of nutritious High Energy Biscuits (HEB) in the target of 130 schools hosting Syrian refugee children.
- February distributions reached 123,840 children out of which 11,293 are Syrian refugee children.
- Distributions were on halt during January and until mid-February for examinations followed by the mid-year recess.

Sector Response Summary:



166,400 Refugees & Local Community Members targeted for assistance by end of 2016, **142,940** assisted in 2016.



Syrian Refugees in EGYPT :



107,000 Syrian Refugees expected by end-2016, **119,300** currently registered or awaiting registration.



3RP Overall Funding Status:



USD 146.6 million required in 2016, **USD 2.9** million received in 2016.



NEEDS ANALYSIS:

- There are currently 119,301 refugees officially registered by UNHCR in Egypt, while some 109,000 have been verified through the UNHCR IRIS scan biometric verification.
- Food insecurity in Egypt remains an issue of household access to food driven by diminishing purchasing power. The average Egyptian household spends more than 40 percent of their income on food, rising to more than 60 percent for the poorest families.
- According to latest Global Food Security updates, there is an increase of the exchange rate (informal market by 9 percent), the inflation of consumer (11.9 percent) and food prices (15.5 percent), a current unemployment rate at 12.8 percent, as well as a decrease of economic growth from expected 4.5 to 3.8 percent, that all together in consideration of the depreciation of the Egyptian pound, the decline in foreign reserves and related reduced economic activities are increasingly negatively affecting the purchase power and food consumption of beneficiaries.
- The implementation plan's beneficiary caseload is planned to 70,877 for the year 2016.
- WFP Hotline:** The majority of registered queries/complains were about removals from WFP food assistance from the previous cycles (45 percent), followed by UNHCR related registration and database issues.
- WFP Facebook page:** The majority of queries/complains were about removals from WFP food assistance and the new assessment (27 percent), followed by inquiries on the start date of a vulnerability assessment.

Monitoring Findings:

- Final quarter 2015 post distribution monitoring (PDM) results show that:
- Almost 43 percent of interviewed households had women deciding what to do with WFP assistance
- Male beneficiaries were more informed about the programme
- Ten percent increase in those who had borderline FCS from quarter one
- Female headed households had higher Food consumption score (FCS) than Male headed households
- Commodity vouchers worth an amount of 2.673.635 USD in quarter four

EGYPT RESPONSE INDICATORS: JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2016

