# IRAQ: RRP5 Update - September 2013

## **FOOD**



#### **TARGETS**

As specified in the RRP5



186,000

Syrian refugees receive food assistance



6,000 school children receive food assistance through school feeding



30,000 Syrian refugees in Al-Qa'im camp receive sectoral cash grants.



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#### **NEEDS**

- \* Meet immediate basic and complementary food needs of refugees living in camps through WFP regular distribution of adequate food assistance and provision of cash assistance by UNHCR to extremely vulnerable individuals (EVIs), notably urban-based refugee families;
- \* Ensure regular school attendance and adequate learning capacity of school children in the camps through provision of a daily micronutrient-fortified snack;
- \* Obtain adequate information on the humanitarian food assistance needs of refugees in camps and host communities in the Kurdistan Region and Al Qa'im areas through regular assessments, including Joint Assessment Missions (JAM).
- \* Meet the emergency food needs of newly arrived refugees.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

Food security of all Syrian refugees in need is ensured.

### **ACTION/OUTPUTS** (as per RRP5)

- Provide a full ration of 2,100 kcal through food vouchers and food parcels to up to 156,000 Syrians in the Kurdistan Region and up to 30,000 Syrian refugees in the central region (Al Qa'im) from January to December 2013.
- Provide a daily fortified snack to up to 6,000 Syrian refugee students attending schools in camps in coordination with the Ministry of Education and UNICEF. Snacks will be provided for 20 school days per month while schools are in session and also during special summer classes.
- Coordinate with UNHCR, MODM and partners on registered Syrians for implementation of distribution of in-kind food and food voucher assistance. Obtain refugee registers from the UNHCR database for food and voucher distributions.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE**



90,615 (13,919 Sept) food vouchers have been distributed to Syrian refugees



 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \bf 33,\!186\,(1,\!872\,Sept)\,individual\,food\,parcels\,distributed\,to\,the\,Syrian\,refugees\,in\,Al\,Obady\,\,camp \end{tabular}$ 

9,569 (6,019 Sept) monthly family food rations in the new camps



**2,217** families in the new camps with children under five years of age received high-energy biscuits to complement food distributions in September.

364 families in Arbat with children under 12 also received high-energy biscuits donated by UNICEF. In September



3,229 students received high-energy biscuits at the end of the school year in May



 $5,\!000$  refugees provided with complementary food in the



500,000 meals distributed by local communities, the Kurdistan Regional Government and civil society during the peak of the recent influx

## **KEY SEPTEMBER DEVELOPMENTS, MONITORING & PLANNING**

WFP and it cooperating partner, Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW) provided assistance through the distribution of individual food rations to the remaining Syrian refugees in Al Obady camp and food vouchers to refugees registered in Domiz camp. In Domiz camp, the limitation on the period of voucher redemption has been lifted with immediate effect. In an effort to reduce the financial burden on the beneficiaries, discussions are also in progress to increase the number of free shuttles between the camp and retail shops. WFP is also exploring the possibility of establishing shops closer to or inside the camp.

Distribution of monthly family food rations to new arrivals continued in the new transit and established camps in Dohuk, Erbil and Sulaymaniyah governorates with the assistance of Barzani Charity Foundation and WFP cooperating partner, ACTED.

The distribution of micro-nutrient fortified snacks to approximately over 9,000 students in Al Obady and various camps schools in the KRG is scheduled to start in October.

The recent influx of Syrian refugees into the Kurdistan Region of Iraq slowed since the closure of the principal border crossings on 12 September. The border was closed in preparation for the regional elections. Since then, a small number of refugees have been allowed entry due to medical reasons or family reunions.

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Local communities and local NGOs