



## CONTRIBUTION TO THE “FOOD ASSISTANCE TO VULNERABLE SYRIAN REFUGEES AND JORDANIANS AFFECTED BY THE SYRIAN CRISIS” PROGRAMME

AICS Amman works jointly with Jordanian Institutions on:



**PROTECTION  
& FOOD SECURITY**

- Unconditional and labeled cash assistance
- Food assistance
- PSS, GBV and case management

### PROGRAMME SUMMARY

Since the onset of the crisis in 2011, and despite the exceptional solidarity Jordan has shown with the 1.3 million refugees fleeing war-torn Syria, a large proportion of the refugees remain highly vulnerable.

While humanitarian assistance has acted as a buffer, over 70 percent of Syrian refugee households in host communities continue to be either food insecure or vulnerable to food insecurity. The World Food Programme (WFP) has supported Jordan's response to the refugee crisis towards achieving Sustainable Development Goal 2 (zero hunger) through the transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan, which includes three strategic outcomes addressing the humanitarian crisis and its effect on Syrian refugees and the most vulnerable Jordanians.

In a context of protracted displacement, the core activities of WFP in Jordan in 2018 remained focused on providing unconditional food assistance to Syrian refugees. With its contribution, Italy supported the crisis response outcome one - *Food insecure Syrian refugees have access to safe, adequate and nutritious food throughout the year*. Strategic outcome one responds to the basic food requirements of the most food insecure

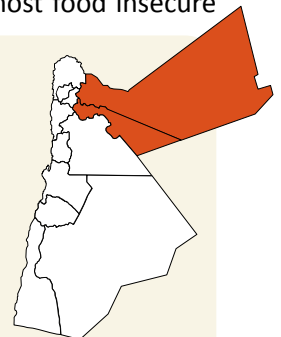


**SECTOR** | FOOD SECURITY  
**STATUS** | ONGOING

**FUNDED IN** | 2017, 2018  
**BUDGET** |

**IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS** | WFP

**BENEFICIARIES** | TOTAL OF 17,700 (2017) AND 532,100 (2018) SYRIAN REFUGEES REGISTERED IN JORDAN

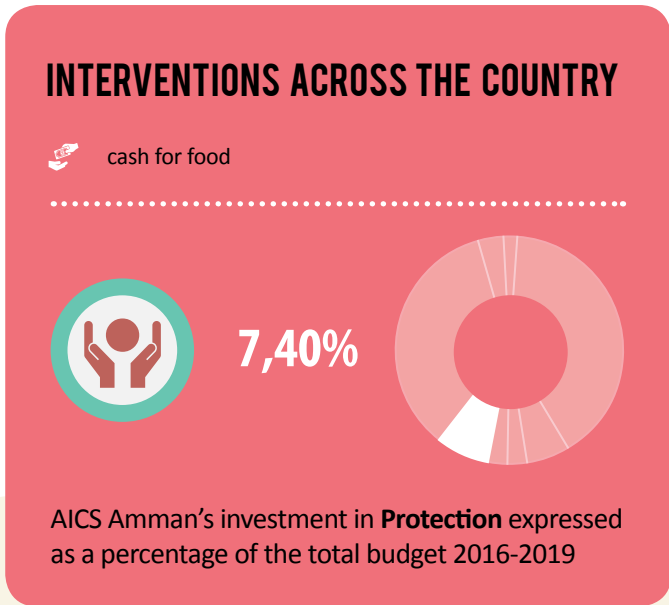


refugee households who rely on WFP food assistance to maintain their food security. It also supports the school attendance of refugee children through the provision of nutrition-sensitive school meals while seeking to improve the nutritional status of girls and boys through nutrition education initiatives.

WFP allocates the funds between two activities:

- Provide unconditional resource transfers to Syrian refugees in camps and in host communities, using the Vulnerability Assessment Framework (VAF) to target beneficiaries for assistance. Assistance is provided in the form of Cash based transfers (CBT) through WFP’s electronic food voucher (e-card) system that can be used to purchase food from any of the 200 WFP-contracted shops throughout Jordan.
- Provide conditional food assistance for education, in the form of healthy school meals to a number of refugee school children in camps, as well as household members, and nutrition related communication and behavioural change activities to refugee children.

Through the first contribution of the Italian Cooperation to the total budget of nearly € 231.5 million, WFP delivered General Food Assistance (GFA) via e-voucher, for one month, to over 17,700 Syrian refugees vulnerable to food insecurity in Azraq and Za’atari camps and rural communities. Camp residents received USD 28.2 per person per month – the value of the WFP food basket, in addition to fresh bread baked with fortified wheat flour distributed on a daily basis (240 g per person). Beneficiaries living in host communities and categorized as *extremely vulnerable* to food insecurity also received USD 28.2 per person per month, while those in communities categorized as *vulnerable* received USD 14.1 per person per month.



Programme results are measured through the improvement of the **Food Consumption Score**, the decreased reliance to negative coping strategies indicated by the Consumption Based Coping Strategy Index, and the decrease of the Food Expenditure Share – indicating that a lesser percentage of the overall household budget is spent on food when the situation of the beneficiary households has overall improved.

