

Food Security Outcome Monitoring - Q2 2022 Camps Factsheet

World Food Programme



Key Findings

- More than half of refugee households in camps were food insecure (58%), a slight increase from Q1-22. However, in Azraq Camp, some households slightly improved this quarter which can be attributed to a seasonal increase in temporary jobs after Covid restrictions were lifted. In Zaatari camp, levels of work were not affected. **Overall, 39% of households in camps found work.** Of those working, 71% were working temporary or seasonal jobs.
- The increased cost of food was another driver of food insecurity this quarter and 70% of households spent more than 50% of their income on food; the cost of food averaged 4.5% higher in Q2-22 compared to the previous year.
- To buy food most households also purchased food on credit at local stores (78%) and/or borrowed money from friends and neighbors (57%). 60% of households relied on less preferred food and a 25% of households reduced their consumption in order for their children to eat.
- As refugee households in camps continue to use of debt as coping strategy, the average household debt increased 14% from last quarter and now stands at \$884 USD. 90% said the reason they were taking on debt is for food.
- WFP assistance was the only source of income for 13% of households and represented two thirds of household income for refugees in camps.
- In Q2-22, 58% of refugee households in camps were below the abject poverty line. Without WFP assistance, this would have significantly increased to 86%. Households below the abject poverty line are unable to afford a survival minimum expenditure basket (SMEB) of food and basic hygiene.

Introduction

During Q2 2022, WFP Jordan responded to the food needs of up to 462,736 refugees, 231,368 females and 231,368 males, through the provision of monthly food assistance in the form of cash-based transfers. Assistance was provided in both host communities and camps, covering 348,718 refugees living in communities and 114,018 refugees living in camps. To ensure that assistance is effective, efficient, relevant, and aligned with organizational commitments towards protection and inclusion, the WFP Jordan Country Office conducts quarterly food security outcome monitoring (FSOM) exercises covering WFP beneficiaries in Jordan.

This factsheet provides a summary of the main findings for refugees in camps from the FSOM Q2 2022 conducted in June 2022. The findings and conclusions presented in this document provide the evidence base for effective, data-driven decision-making for WFP and partners with the goal of improving program quality and accountability.

Programme Overview (Camps Only)

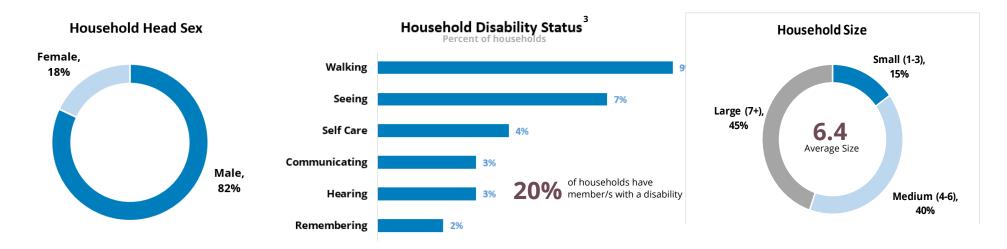
PROGRAMME COVERAGE 1		PROGRAMME TARGETING	PROGRAMME ASSISTANCE MODALITY
114,018 Individuals in camp	s 38,499 Azraq Camp 74,663 Zaatari Camp	Blanket coverage of all refugee households registered in Azraq Camp and Zaatari Camp.	Unconditional e-vouchers redeemable at WFP- contracted shops with a value of 23 JOD per person per month.

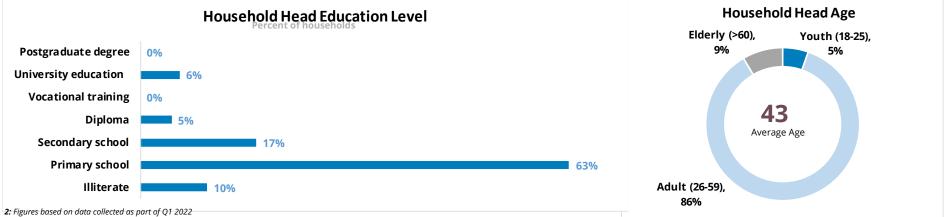
Study Overview

DATA COLLECTION		DATA ANALYSIS		
Face-to-face survey administered to a stratified random sample, with a margin of error of 5% and confidence interval of 99%.	325 Azraq Camp 325 Zaatari Camp	Weighted descriptive statistics and hypothesis testing across strata (Azraq Camp, Zaatari Camp) and disaggregate (head of household sex, head of households age, household disability status, household size).		

Study Findings Demographics²

Refugee households in camps had an average of 6.4 members with 47% of households having 7 or more members. 82% of households were headed by a male and 18% headed by a female. The average age of the head of household was 43 years, with 11% of households headed by a member who was 60 or older. Household heads were primarily married (92%) and generally completed formal education through primary school (66%) or secondary school (16%). Seven percent of household heads were illiterate. Twenty percent of households had a member with a disability, with difficulties in walking (9%) and seeing (7%) reported as the most frequent challenges.





3: Figures based on the "Disability 3" threshold recommended by the Washington Group which includes all households citing "a lot of difficulty" or "cannot do at all".

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Food Security Index (FSI)

Indicator Definition: The Food Security Index is a composite measure of food security that combines the Food Consumption Score (FCS), reduced Coping Strategies Index (rCSI), Economic Capacity to Meet Essential Needs (ECMEN), and Livelihoods-Based Coping Strategy Index (LCSI) into a single holistic measure calculated following the Consolidated Approach to Reporting Indicators of Food Security (CARI).

	Domain	Indicator	Food Secure	Marginally Food Secure	Moderately Food Insecure	Severely Food Insecure
Current Status	Food Consumption	Food Consumption Score and reduced Coping Strategies Index	50.7%	46.1%	2.1%	1.1%
Coping Capacity	Economic Capacity	Economic Capacity to Meet Essential Needs	0.6%		14.6%	84.8%
	Livelihood Coping Strategies	Livelihood Coping Strategies - Food Security	5.5%	56.9%	35.2%	2.4%
CARI			0.0%	42.0%	57.0%	1.0%

Zaatari Camp

2022

Q2

Q1

2021

Q4

Q3

In Q2 2022, more than half (58%) of refugee households in camps were food insecure and the other half were vulnerable to food insecurity.

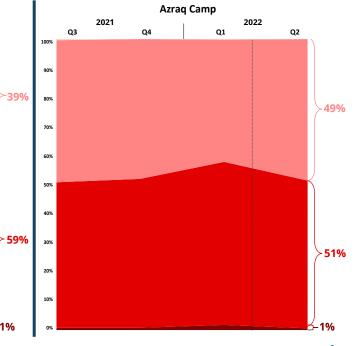
Current Status

 97% of refugee households were able to consume acceptable levels of food. However, most households were using consumption based coping strategies, multiple times a week, in order to keep food on the table i.e. consuming less preferred items (64%) or borrowing food from friends (53%).

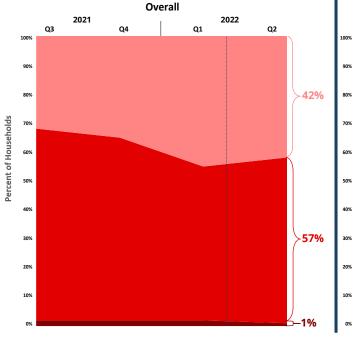
Coping Capacity

• In Q2, prices of commodities in camps, while still lower than prices in the community, saw a significant increase. However, households in Azraq seemed to better absorb the impact of this shock than in Zaatari.

• In Azraq, additional in-kind food assistance from other agencies and increased temporary work opportunities, part of the 'Incentive Based Volunteering' scheme, could have reduced the impact.



Food Security by Geographic Disaggregate and Quarter



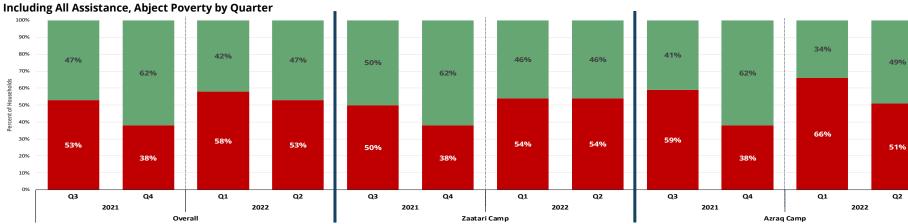
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Household Poverty

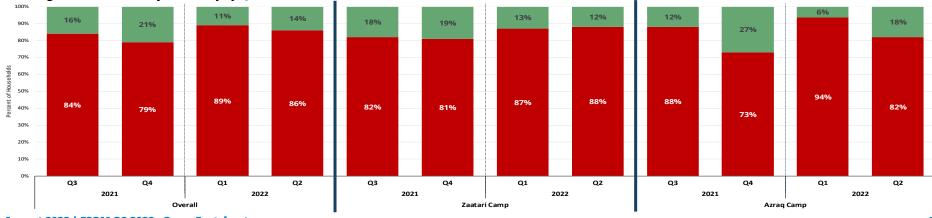
Indicator Definition: The Economic Capacity to Meet Essential Needs (ECMEN), is an indicator designed to capture the percentage of households with expenditure above the Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) and Survival Minimum Expenditure Basket (SMEB). The MEB can be considered equivalent to a poverty line and the SMEB can be considered equivalent to an abject poverty line.

Without WFP assistance, 86% of refugee households in camps would fall into abject poverty and be unable to afford a survival minimum expenditure basket (SMEB) of food and basic hygiene

- The percentage of refugee households in camps with total expenditure below the SMEB, the abject poverty line, decreased to 53%, compared to 58% in Q1-22, indicating a significant decrease in household-level abject poverty.
- This guarter without WFP assistance, an additional 34% of households in Zaatari and 31% of households in Azrag would fall below the abject poverty line.



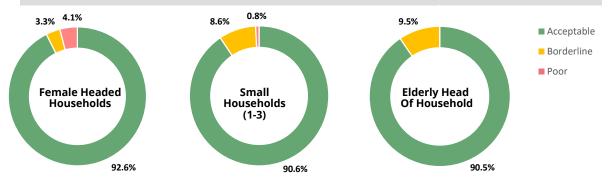




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Food Consumption Score (FCS)

Indicator Definition: The Food Consumption Score measures dietary diversity, consumption frequency, and relative nutritional importance of household food consumption. The measure is considered a good indicator of current food security when combined with the Consumption-Based Coping Strategy Index (rCSI).

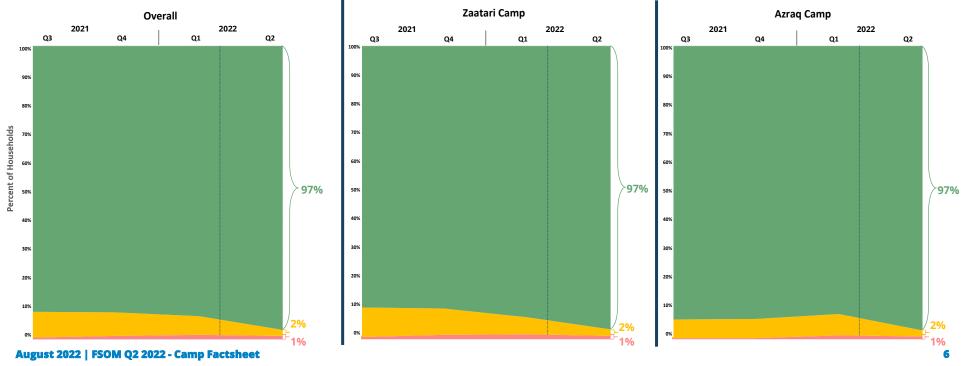


Food Consumption Score by Geographic Disaggregate and Quarter

Nine out of ten refugee households in camps are showing acceptable levels of food consumption.

Historically, refugee households in camps have had high food consumption scores due to food assistance, formal and informal markets, and accessible health and nutrition services.

- The proportion of refugee households in camps with poor or borderline food consumption decreased to 3% compared to 98% in Q1-22 and 9% in Q3 of 2021.
- However, this improvement is not seen equitably as more vulnerable households e.g. female headed households (7%), small households (9%), and elderly headed households (10%) continue to have higher levels of poor and borderline food consumption reported.

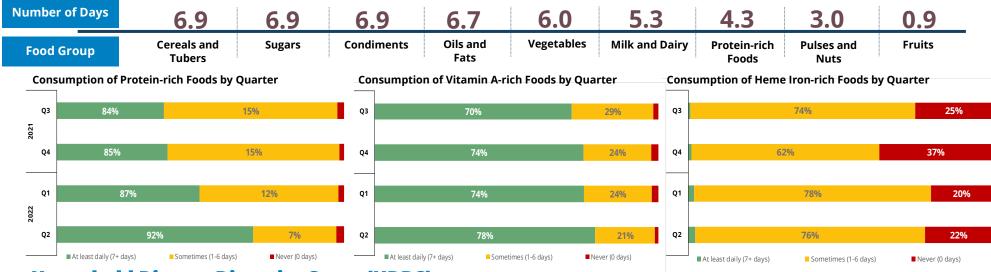


Food Consumption Score - Nutrition (FCS-N)

Indicator Definition: The Food Consumption Score - Nutrition is a proxy measure of household consumption of key macro and micronutrients, including Vitamin A, Protein, and Heme Iron. The FCS-N is assessed as the frequency of consumption of Vitamin A-rich, Protein-rich, and Heme Iron-rich foods over a 7-day recall period.

Consumption of Heme Iron-rich foods is inadequate for the majority of refugee households in camps.

- 22% of households did not consume Heme Iron-rich foods (i.e. beef, chicken, fish) during the 7-day recall period and consumption levels decreased by 10% from Q1-22.
- Consumption of Protein-rich foods significantly improved (+6%), likely attributed to an increase in meat consumption as data was collected around Eid al-Adha. On average, proteinrich foods were consumed 4.3 out of 7 days, compared to 3.0 days in Q1-22. Consumption of Vitamin A-rich foods also increased and is 11.4% more than last year (Q3-21).



Household Dietary Diversity Score (HDDS)

Indicator Definition: The Household Dietary Diversity Score (HDDS) aims to reflect the economic ability of households to access a variety of foods. The data for this indicator is based on households' self-reporting of the 12 food groups consumed in the previous 24 hours. This FANTA-developed indicator has been validated against household caloric consumption and is highly correlated with other food security indicators.

More than half of refugees in camps are considered stressed based on their limited dietary diversity. These households are just 1-2 food groups away from crisis.

- Dietary diversity improved during Q2-22. 44% of households consumed 7 or more food groups, compared to 36% in Q4-21. This may be due to the data collection period near Eid al-Adha where households will choose to consume a broader diversity of food groups during the celebration.
- While the average household consumed 6.1 food groups, 1% of refugee households in camps only consumed 3-4 food groups and therefore are considered in crisis.

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Household Dietary Diversity Score by Quarter



Minimum Dietary Diversity for Women (MDD-W)

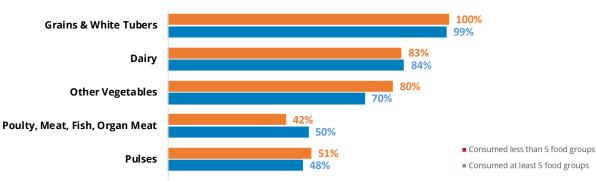
Indicator Definition: Women of reproductive age (age 49 - 15) are often nutritionally vulnerable due to the demands of pregnancy and lactation, as the requirements for most nutrients are higher for pregnant and lactating women than adult men. Insufficient intake of nutrients during these times can affect both women and their children. Additionally, given pressures on household diets, women often consume less than adult men and sometimes poorer quality food. The Minimum Dietary Diversity for Women (MDD-W) is a proxy indicator which seeks to measure micronutrient adequacy of 11 essential micronutrients. While MDD-W does not measure the full scope of diet quality and nutrition for women of reproductive age, the consumption of a diet with foods from diverse foods categories is recommended universally and the indicator allows for the comparison of food group consumption patterns across areas and time. The MDD-W is assessed as the number of food groups consumed by women of reproductive age within the households within a 24-hour recall period.

Half of all women of reproductive age consumed a diet which provided inadequate micronutrient intake.

• The universally defined threshold for adequate dietary diversity is five food groups but 44% of women of reproductive age consumed less than five per day. Limited dietary diversity among women of reproductive age, if sustained over time, may lead to micronutrient deficiencies with significant implications on health and developmental outcomes for both women and children.

• On average, women of reproductive age in camps consumed 4.8 food groups, primarily comprised of grains and white tubers (e.g. bread, rice, pasta, potato, etc.), dairy products (e.g. milk, cheese, yoghurt, etc.), protein (e.g. poultry, meat, fish, organ meat), and other vegetables (e.g. tomato, cucumber, eggplant, etc.).

Food Groups Consumed by Women of Reproductive Age by Quarter





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