

# **ODC Regional Presentation**

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# Current Crises

- Conflict and humanitarian tragedy continue to unfold in Iraq, Gaza and in the Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon
- **Lebanon:** WFP responded to UNRWA's flash appeal by deploying staff to RC Office in Tripoli and providing technical support in logistics, ICT and communications
- **Occupied Palestinian Territories:** PRRO on WFP's Assistance to non-refugee populations

# A Region with two diverging trends

## **ONE**

- Some countries experiencing improved economic growth and better living conditions
- Governments with a stronger capacity to address the needs of the poor and vulnerable people
- Opportunities for WFP to gradually hand over programmes to national counterparts
- Identify new forms of partnerships where WFP expertise can be of support during transition

## *TWO*

- Others still plagued by conflict, displacement and growing humanitarian needs with adverse spillover effects on neighbouring countries
- Iraq, Palestine and now Lebanon
- Immense challenges as we seek to deliver humanitarian assistance under very difficult circumstances

# Azerbaijan – Armenia - Georgia

- We have been present since the early nineties responding to conflict related emergency needs, later supporting vulnerable people through difficult period of economic transition
- Increased economic growth, improved livelihoods and a growing government capacity and commitment to provide social safety nets for the poor and vulnerable

# Tajikistan

- This trend is beginning to take shape in Tajikistan although it still has one of the highest levels of poverty in Central Asia

# Jordan - Syria

- Economic growth and improved social indicators
- Opportunities to hand over programmes and identify new forms of partnerships to support capacity development and advocacy while being realistic about what WFP can do best to support governments in meeting the needs of the poor
- **Jordan:** WFP's support to the National Alliance Against Hunger and the high commitment of the Government provide an outstanding example of how civil society can advocate for the hungry
- **Syria:** the Government proposing a new partnership with WFP based on cost-sharing

# Egypt

- best practice models for school feeding, agricultural development and nutrition projects in middle-income countries

# Partnerships

- WFP support to governments to better target assistance, build capacity and act as a “neutral broker”
- Strengthen partnerships with other UN agencies and regional actors
- At the country level, there has been significant progress in strengthening cooperation with other UN agencies in preparation for the “One UN.”
- Joint programmes, within the context of UNDAF and Poverty Reduction Strategies (PRSs)
- At the regional level, the UN Regional Directors’ Team proactive in providing guidance and advice in assessing UN coordination in the region to identify new opportunities and areas for improvement

# Partnerships in Humanitarian Emergencies

- Strengthened cooperation with OCHA in contingency planning and emergency preparedness, including countries where WFP does not have a presence
- In cooperation with the UN Country Teams - missions to Kosovo, Kirigistan and Uzbekistan
- Working closely with OCHA and UNHCR in responding to the needs of vulnerable Iraqis within the country and those that have fled to neighbouring countries

- WFP participated in the UNHCR Conference in Geneva to adopt a strategic framework for humanitarian action in Iraq
- We continue to work within the UN inter-agency cluster system to provide food assistance to vulnerable people in Iraq. However, our work is being severely hampered by the security situation
- In close collaboration with UNHCR, WFP is providing food rations to some 30,000 of the most vulnerable Iraqis that have fled to Syria
- This is in addition to our work with UNHCR in support of refugees in Algeria, Iran and Yemen