

Success Story: School Feeding Programme in Jordan Camps - Date Bars Distribution

Azraq and Za'atari Camps - September 2021 to June 2022



ACTED distributed date bars to children in Azraq and Za'atari, to improve youth nutrition and school attendance, while also providing short-term employment to camp residents.

Access to food is a major challenge for vulnerable Syrian refugees due to Jordan's lack of resources, scarcity of nutritional food and water supplies, and limited agricultural land. As a result of the pandemic, rates of informal and child labor have risen due to the decrease in income generating activities.

In response, ACTED distributed nutritional date bars to children within the 32 schools in Azraq and Za'atari camps with the help of incentive-based volunteers (IBVs) and in doing so, worked to raise awareness on the importance of nutritious diets, especially for school-age children.

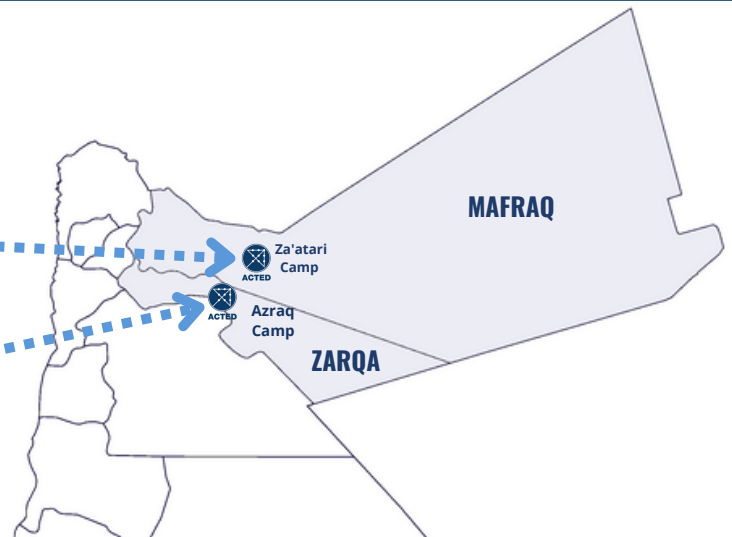
Date Bar Distribution by ACTED staff/IBVs



ACTED distributed date bars to....

18,947 children reached

10,643 children reached



OUR MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS



32
schools
supported



83
total IBVs provided
with cash-for-work
(CfW) opportunities



29,950
school children
reached



3,234,254
date bars
distributed

Temporary Work Opportunities for Refugees

ACTED supports vulnerable individuals in Za'atari and Azraq Camps by increasing income generating opportunities through Incentive Based Volunteer (IBVs) programming.

As access to work opportunities within the camps is very limited, the provision of IBV contracts contributes to improving basic needs and fostering resilience within communities.

For the School Feeding project, 83 IBVs were employed to support the distribution process.



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FEEDBACK FROM FAMILIES



To gather inputs from parents and teachers involved under the project, and improve ACTED's programming, a series of **Focus Group Discussions (FGDs)** were conducted.

Thanks to the feedback received from the Focus Group Discussions, ACTED found that the date bars distribution played an important role in **encouraging students to attend school.**

The participants also expressed interest in continuing the distribution of date bars throughout **exam periods** in particular. Many of the participants also suggested that it was important for kindergarten students to receive the support during **Ramadan** as well.

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UPCOMING PROJECTS

Thanks to the ongoing support of WFP, ACTED will continue its school feeding programme for the next academic year 2022/2023.



My son told me: 'I like going to school to receive my date bars and study'

-Parent of Date Bar Beneficiary



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