For over four years, hundreds of thousands of Syrians have crossed the border into Jordan, seeking refuge from escalating violence.

Today the Al Zaatari and Azraq refugee camps host 100,000 Syrians with nowhere else to go. For them WFP provides food assistance, including school feeding for children.

**Mid-day snack as a source of energy and motivation**

Around 15,000 students in refugee camps receive a mid-day snack to give them the boost of energy they need to concentrate and actively participate in school. This snack consists of a fortified date bar enriched with 11 vitamins and 3 minerals. In addition to providing nourishment, school meals give children motivation to come to class.

Indeed, 11-year-old Abraham says, “I like the school. We have Karate lesson every week and I like it very much. I like the mid-day energy snack, especially because it contains date fruit.”

Teachers agree that their students’ ability to concentrate in class has improved since the school feeding programme started.