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World Food Programme

Country: IRAQ

EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR IRAQI IDPs

In numbers

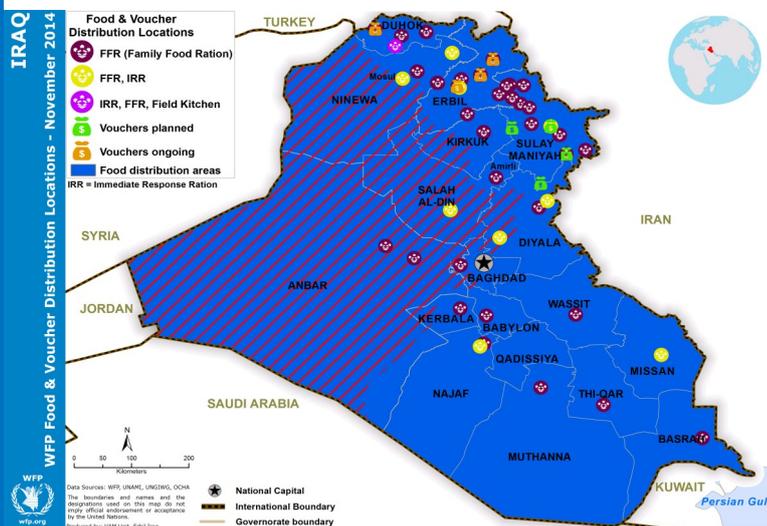


5.2 million people are in need of humanitarian aid (Strategic Response Plan)

2.1 million people are displaced (OCHA)

Iraq Funding: Emergency Operation

Required until December 2015: **US\$200 million**



Zumar and Al-Qosh.

- WFP continues to be concerned about the foodsecurity of thousands of people in places held by ISIL, including the city of Mosul, which is currently cut off from phone and internet communication with the outside world. As concerns mount about displacements caused by intensifying fighting around Mosul, WFP is ready to provide food assistance to conflict-affected people, wherever and whenever the security situation allows.

WFP Response

- Aiming to provide food assistance to people as part of its **Emergency Operation**, WFP tailors its assistance to meet specific needs, deploying three-day rations, monthly rations or food vouchers.
- In 2014, WFP reached **1.4 million people** with food assistance in Iraq.
- Now successfully delivering and distributing food across all 18 governorates of Iraq, WFP food assistance reaches displaced and food insecure people where it's most needed.
- By heading Logistics and Emergency Telecommunications Clusters (ETC) through a **Special Operation**, WFP assists both non-governmental organizations (NGO) and UN partners with transport, warehouses management, communications and internet access. The Logistics Cluster has 60 partners and offers 2,290 square meters of storage in two strategically positioned warehouses (Erbil and Duhok), whilst the ETC has 31 partners, and approximately 200 humanitarian staff members use its IT systems. Co-leading the Food Security Cluster alongside FAO, WFP coordinates the food assistance response across Iraq.

Highlights

- For the first time since October, WFP has regained access to Anbar governorate, despite a challenging security situation. Partnering with the Iraqi Salvation Humanitarian Organisation (ISHO), four districts have been reached, and 31,800 displaced people were assisted with Family Food Parcels (FFPs) since 22 January.
- As part of its continuing work to support its humanitarian partners in their winterization efforts, the WFP-led Logistics Cluster funded and coordinated an airlift of 1000 winter tents on behalf of IOM, which will provide shelter to approximately 6,000 people. The cargo was cleared on 24 January, a swift turn-around ensuring that the supplies reach displaced people as quickly as possible.

Situation Update

- Fighting continues in western, north-western and central Iraq between ISIL militants and Iraqi Security Forces, including Kurdish Peshmerga, and other armed groups. The violence continues to cause displacements.
- Up to 232,000 displaced people are expected to return to their homes in Ninewa in the coming months, should battle lines remain stable between Iraqi Kurdish Peshmerga Forces and Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) in the districts of Sinjar, Rubiya, Aiyadiya,

Food Assistance

EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE:

Immediate Response Rations (IRRs)

- In collaboration with UNICEF and NGO partners, WFP is providing IRRs through a **Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM)**. Stocks of WFP IRRs, UNICEF hygiene kits and drinking water are pre-positioned with partners, ensuring a quick response to new displacements.

- Vulnerable families who have recently arrived in camps, urban areas or living with host communities, receive portable ready-to-eat food. One IRR provides a family of five with food for three days.
- A provision of specialized nutritional supplements has been added to the IRRs for children aged between six months and five years, as a pre-emptive measure to maintain nutritional status.
- IRRs are distributed under the RRM in partnership with ACTED, Norwegian Refugee Council, Danish Refugee Council, Mercy Corps, and Save the Children International (SCI). In January, RRM distributions have assisted approximately 12,240 people in Kirkuk, Diyala, Sulaymaniyah, Salah al-Din and Muthanna governorates.

FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR SETTLED PEOPLE:

Family Food Parcels (FFPs)

- For families who are temporarily settled and have access to cooking facilities, WFP provides a one month FFP. These substantial rations include basic food essentials such as rice, lentils, and salt, and are nutritionally designed to meet the daily intake requirements of a family of five for 30 days.
- Since 1 January 2015, WFP has assisted approximately 885,965 people with FFPs in Duhok, Sulaymaniyah, Diyala, Kirkuk, Ninewa, Missan, Basrah, Kerbala, Thi-Qar, Wassit, Babil, Najaf, Kirkuk, Qadissiya, Muthanna and Anbar governorates. FFPs are distributed in partnership with ACTED, *Action Contre La Faim* (ACF), Barzani Charity Foundation, Iraqi Salvation Humanitarian Organisation, Islamic Kurdish League, Civil Development Organisation, Muslim Aid, International Relief and Development, SCI and Mercy Hand.

Vouchers

- WFP is distributing food vouchers to displaced people in Erbil governorate, Zakho and Duhok cities in Duhok, and three districts in Sulaymaniyah, partnering with World Vision International (WVI), ACTED, ACF and SCI.
- In January, approximately 271,000 displaced people have received WFP food vouchers. Each family member receives one food voucher per month, worth US\$26, or 30,000 Iraqi Dinars. These can be redeemed at selected local shops.
- WFP initiates voucher transfers only in locations where the markets are considered reliable and will not be adversely affected by the programme.

Logistics 

- From 17 to 23 January, a total of 82,754 FFPs and 1,330 IRRs (equivalent to 5147.99 mt) were delivered from WFP warehouses to cooperating partners in Erbil, Dohuk, Kirkuk, Sulaymaniyah, Wassit, Anbar, and Baghdad governorates.

Clusters

Food Security Cluster (FSC) 

- As part of its responsibility to provide information management services to its partners, the FSC has just begun establishing a new information management tool that will be used to analyse food assistance performance across Iraq.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC) 

- Working closely with the UN Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI), the ETC is enhancing existing telecommunications systems. ETC technicians are currently installing a digital radio network in Duhok, and re-configuring UNAMI analogue repeaters.

Logistics Cluster (LC) 

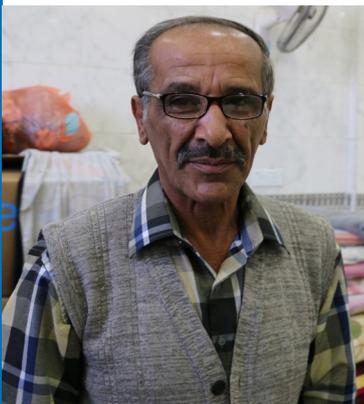
- Ensuring the flow of winterization assistance into Iraq, the LC funded and coordinated an airlift of 1000 winter tents for IOM, which was cleared by 24 January. The tents, which have specialized winter linings, will provide shelter to some 6,000 displaced people in northern Iraq.

Resourcing Update 

- The Emergency Operation in Iraq requires an additional US\$200 million, to prevent a partial pipeline break for vouchers in March, and a complete pipeline break for all types of food assistance in April.
- The increased requirements are in line with the inter-agency Strategic Response Plan.

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WFP IN ACTION: Joining with host communities to assist displaced Iraqis

The small Shiite community centres of Najaf, known as ‘Husseinyaat’, are currently home to thousands of people who have fled the violence affecting northern and central Iraq. People of many faiths are sheltering in these buildings, under the care of host communities. But after six months of providing this generous welcome, their resources are at risk of becoming exhausted. Supporting the efforts of Iraqi citizens to assist each other, WFP is providing FFPs to displaced people in Najaf, relieving the burden on the host community.

George Hanna Staifoun, a Christian from Sinjar, is being hosted at a Husseiniya. He thanked WFP and the people of Najaf for their help.

SO FAR IN JANUARY 2015, WFP HAS ASSISTED 60,073 PEOPLE IN NAJAF.