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World Food Programme

Country: IRAQ

EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR IRAQI IDPs

In numbers



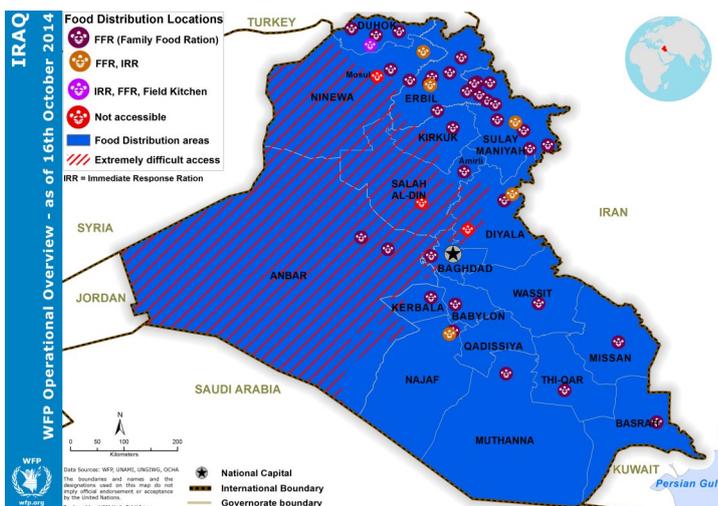
5.2 million people are in need of humanitarian aid (Strategic Response Plan)

2.1 million people are displaced (OCHA)

Iraq Funding: Emergency Operation

Required, November-April 2015: **US\$85 million**

Required, November 2014-December 2015: **US\$267 million***



*Pending final approval of Budget Revision 3, this requirement caters for increased displacement and food insecurity.

Highlights

- The Humanitarian Country Team raises the planning figure for displacement to 2.1 million people, reflecting the continuing displacements from Anbar and Salah al-Din governorates.
- In cooperation with *Action Contre la Faim* (ACF), WFP begins food voucher distributions to displaced people in Zakho city, Duhok governorate. WFP is planning to assist 500,000 people with food vouchers in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq.
- Working closely with UNICEF and the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), WFP reached displaced families fleeing the violence in Anbar at the insecure border area in Kerbala governorate through Immediate Response Rations (IRRs).

Situation Update

- Fighting is ongoing between Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) militants and Iraqi Security Forces, supported by Kurdish Peshmerga and other armed groups. Anbar, Ninewa, Salah Al-Din, Diyala and Kirkuk governorates are the worst-affected, whilst Baghdad continues to experience sectarian violence. This has impacted WFP's access and ability to deliver.
- There are currently 3.6 million Iraqis living in areas under the control of ISIL and affiliated armed groups. Some 2.2 million of them are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance.

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 or monthly rations, in-kind food and/or voucher transfers.
- From June to October this year, WFP has reached **over 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 vulnerable and displaced 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, communications and internet access. The Logistics Cluster has 60 partners and offers 1,650 square meters of storage in two strategically positioned warehouses, whilst the ETC has 31 partners, and approximately 200 humanitarian staff members use its IT systems.

Food Assistance



ASSISTANCE FOR PEOPLE IN TRANSIT:

Immediate Response Rations (IRRs)

- In collaboration with UNICEF and NGO partners, WFP is providing IRRs through a **Rapid Response Mechanism**. 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 preemptive measure to prevent malnutrition.
- During November, WFP has assisted approximately 9,800 people with IRRs in Anbar, Diyala, Kerbala, and Kirkuk. IRRs are distributed in partnership with the Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED), DRC, Mercy Corps, and Save the Children.

FOOD ASSISTANCE TO TEMPORARILY 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 November, WFP has assisted approximately 260,000 people with FFPs in Duhok, Sulaymaniyah, Diyala, Kerbala, Baghdad, Missan, Basrah, Qadissiya, Muthanna, Thi-Qar and Babil. FFPs are distributed in partnership with ACTED, ACF, Barzani Charity Foundation, Iraqi Salvation Humanitarian Organisation (ISHO), and Muslim Aid.

Vouchers

- WFP is distributing food vouchers initially to displaced people in the Soran district of Erbil, and Zakho city in Duhok, in partnership with World Vision International and ACF.
- 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, empowering families to select their preferred goods. Since 6 November, 18,964 individuals have received vouchers.
- WFP initiates voucher transfers only in locations where the markets are considered reliable and will not be adversely affected by the programme.

Logistics 

- So far in November, Logistics has dispatched

86,370 FFPs and 7,570 IRRs, equivalent to 6,208 mt. This is enough to feed 469,700 people.

Clusters

Food Security Cluster (FSC) 

- Thanks to concerted coordination efforts with FSC partners and other community organizations in Duhok governorate, the FSC has managed to secure food assistance for an extra 41,000 people.
- As partners launch livelihoods and agriculture projects alongside food assistance, the FSC is broadening the information base for livelihoods interventions.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC) 

- The ETC continues to deliver radio training to the humanitarian community. Over 150 staff members have now been trained. This will improve the safety and security of staff.
- A team of telecommunications specialists have established analogue radio services in Sulaymaniyah city and nearby Arbat Camp, which is being used by NGOs and UN agencies.

Logistics Cluster 

- In preparation for winter, the Logistics Cluster is storing a large UNICEF consignment in its Duhok warehouse, consisting of 25 containers of children's winter clothing, equivalent to 65 mt.

Resourcing Update 

- The Emergency Operation in Iraq requires an additional US\$267 million, to avoid a possible pipeline break for vouchers in December, and to prevent a complete pipeline break for all types of food assistance in February.
- The increased requirements come as a result of a budget revision, pending final approval, which was initiated in response to the increasing number of displaced people by violence in line with inter-agency planning.

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WFP IN ACTION: WFP distributes in Baghdad city.

For the past month, Baghdad has been experiencing a surge of sectarian violence, with attacks hitting the capital on an almost daily basis. Despite the instability, displaced people continue to seek shelter in the city. Having left everything behind, displaced people are in increasingly straightened financial situations. Most are renting accommodation, with up to four families sharing a single small house to keep down costs. In cooperation with national partner ISHO, WFP has recently begun distributing FFPs to IDPs in Baghdad, helping to ease some of the financial burden of displacement.

WFP HAS ASSISTED 47,225 INDIVIDUALS IN BAGHDAD GOVERNORATE

