



World Food Programme

## Country: IRAQ

Emergency Assistance to Populations Affected by the Iraq Crisis

### In numbers



**8.2 million people in need of**

**humanitarian aid** (Humanitarian Response Plan [HRP])

**3.1 million people displaced** (IOM)

**251,000 Syrian Refugees in Iraq** (UNHCR)

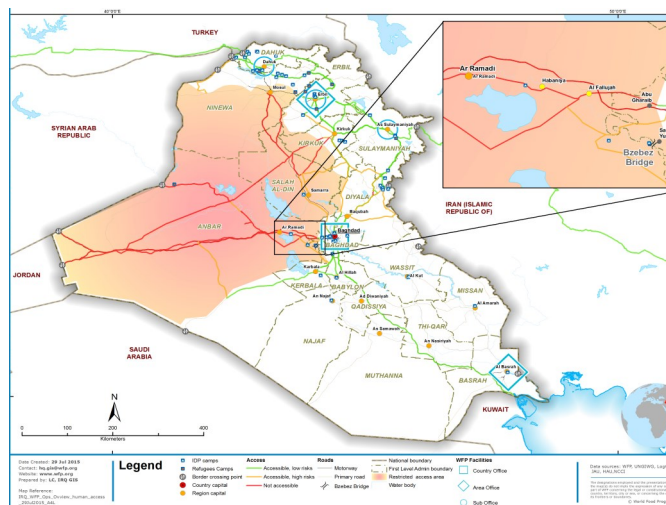
### WFP Iraq Funding Requirements:

**EMOP 200677:** USD 95 million (August - December 2015)

**SO:** USD 0 million (HRP)

### Regional Response & Resilience Plan 2015:

USD 56.4 million



and June.

- Approximately 4.4 million people in Iraq require food assistance.

### WFP Response



- Providing food assistance to displaced and conflict-affected people through its **Emergency Operation (EMOP 200677)**, WFP tailors its assistance to meet specific needs, deploying three-day rations, monthly rations or food vouchers.
- As stated in EMOP 200677, WFP aims to assist 2.2 million people per month. However, due to funding shortfalls and access constraints, WFP has been forced to scale back its assistance. In the coming months, WFP will work to reach some 1.5 million people per month, throughout all 18 governorates in Iraq.
- As part of regional **EMOP 200433 to assist Syrian refugees** fleeing conflict, WFP currently provides in-kind food or voucher assistance to approximately 104,000 Syrian refugees residing across nine camps in Iraq.
- By heading the Logistics and Emergency Telecommunications Clusters (ETC) through a **Special Operation**, WFP assists both non-NGO and UN partners with transport, warehouses, communications and internet access. The Logistics Cluster has 60 partners and manages warehouses in Erbil, Duhok and Baghdad. The ETC has 31 partners, and approximately 200 humanitarian staff members using its IT systems. Co-leading the Food Security Cluster alongside FAO, WFP coordinates the food assistance response across Iraq.

### Highlights

- WFP requires USD 95 million from August until December 2015 to fund its emergency operation. Unless contributions are received urgently, WFP will be forced to make further cutbacks to food assistance in Iraq.
- Emergency distributions continue through the Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM), in collaboration with UNICEF and other partners. The focus remains on those individuals displaced from ongoing violence in central Iraqi governorates and those returning to their homes in Tikrit, Salah al-Din governorate.

### Situation Update

- Escalating conflict between Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) militants and pro-government forces has resulted in more than 3.1 million internally displaced persons (IDPs) across Iraq.
- In Anbar governorate, the percentage of households with poor and borderline food consumption rose from approximately six percent to 18 percent between April

### Food Assistance



#### EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR IDPs:

##### Immediate Response Rations (IRRs)

- In collaboration with UNICEF and NGO partners, WFP pre-positions and distributes IRRs to transient IDPs through a **RRM**.
- Vulnerable families who have recently arrived in camps, urban areas or are living with host communities, receive portable ready-to-eat food. One IRR provides a family of five with food for three days.
- IRRs are distributed under the RRM in partnership with ACTED, Norwegian Refugee Council, Danish Refugee Council, Mercy Corps, and Save the Children International. During July, WFP distributed some 15,400 IRRs; sufficient to assist approximately 55,000 people.

**FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR IDPs:**

Family Food Parcels (FFPs)

- Families who are temporarily settled within IDP camps and settlements, and have access to cooking facilities, are provided with a one month FFP.
- Because access to job opportunities is more limited to displaced people living in IDP camps than outside, WFP continues to supply displaced people in camps with full rations; meeting 80 percent of their daily caloric needs. During July, WFP assisted approximately 250,000 people living in camps.
- However, due to severe funding constraints, approximately 1.1 million people living in host communities or with extended families received reduced rations.
- During July, WFP and its cooperating partner the Iraqi Salvation Humanitarian Organization (ISHO) became the first humanitarian actors to reach the town of Garma, Anbar governorate, since it was liberated by Iraqi Security Forces. Approximately 1,000 people received FFPs on 25 and 26 July.

Vouchers

- WFP distributes food vouchers to IDPs in Erbil governorate, urban areas in Duhok, and four districts in Sulaymaniyah.
- Each person receives one food voucher per month, worth USD 16, or 19,000 Iraqi Dinars (previously USD 26). These can be redeemed at selected local shops, empowering families to select their preferred goods.
- During July, 410,000 displaced Iraqis received WFP food vouchers, boosting the local economy by some USD 7 million.

**ASSISTANCE FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES:**

- WFP and its cooperating partners continued in-kind food and voucher distributions in all Syrian refugee camps across the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, injecting almost USD 1.8 million into the local economy in July through its voucher programme.
- WFP and its cooperating partner, the REACH Initiative, completed data analysis for the Food Security and Vulnerability Assessment of all camp-residing refugees in mid-July. The results will be used to start targeted assistance based on

vulnerability in August 2015

**Clusters**

**Food Security Cluster (FSC)** 

- The Food Security Cluster is closely monitoring the status of recent returnees in the town of Tikrit and Al-Daur district, Salah al-Din governorate. According to IOM, upwards of 8,500 families have returned to their homes, nearly four months after the area was liberated from ISIL—but only to find much of the local infrastructure and economy in ruins.

**Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)** 

- The ETC is improving the safety of humanitarian staff working in a complex security environment, by boosting the capacity of emergency telecommunications networks in Iraq. During July, the ETC configured handheld radios for UN sister agencies WHO, IOM and UNDP.

**Logistics Cluster** 

- The Logistics Cluster is storing 66 m<sup>3</sup> of humanitarian commodities in its Duhok warehouse for four partners (International Medical Corps, French Red Cross, Norwegian Refugee Council and Medicines Sans Frontiers-Switzerland).

**Resourcing Update** 

- The Emergency Operation for IDPs in Iraq requires USD 95 million in order to continue its operations until December. Unless additional funding is secured urgently, 2.2 million people are at risk of losing WFP food assistance in the coming months.
- WFP's Syrian refugee response in Iraq requires USD 15 million to continue its operations until December 2015. Unless additional funding is secured, food insecure households residing in Syrian refugee camps are at risk of losing WFP food assistance in the coming months.

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*One year on from the Sinjar crisis, WFP continues to provide important food assistance*

Khalid is from Sinjar. He left on 03 August when ISIL captured the city, fleeing with his wife and baby daughter, Delin. Delin was only 40 days old when they escaped.

She's teething, and bites an almond on a bracelet to stop her from crying, a traditional method. "There is nothing worse than to live in these tents in this hot weather," Khalid says. During heat waves, temperatures regularly soar above 50 degrees Celsius across Iraq. He is worried about his daughter. "We borrowed money to buy an air-conditioner. But it doesn't even work." Khalid used to work as a labourer, travelling to the city of Zakho to pick up jobs.

Now he says it is not possible to find work. WFP is providing this young family with the food it needs to survive life in this dry, dusty camp, far from home.

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