



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])

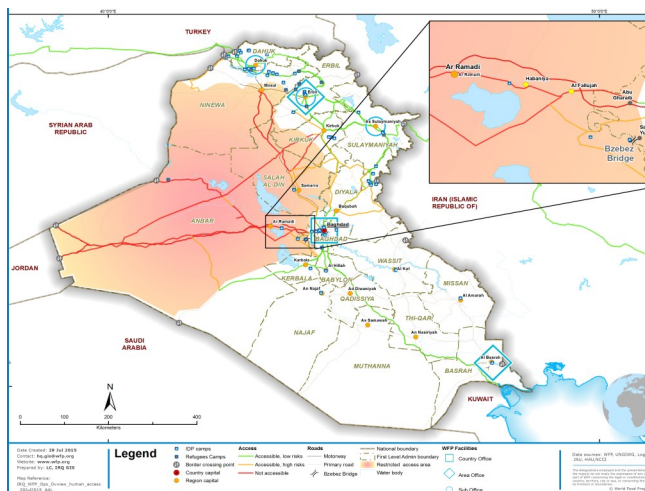
3.2 million people internally displaced (IOM)

249,000 Syrian refugees in Iraq (UNHCR)

WFP Iraq Funding Requirements:

EMOP 200677 for conflict-affected Iraqis:
USD 61.6 million (September - December 2015)

EMOP 200433.IQ for Syrian refugees:
USD 11.3 million (September - December 2015)



Highlights

- WFP requires USD 61.6 million to assist those affected by the Iraq crisis until December. Unless contributions are received urgently, WFP will be forced to make further cutbacks to food assistance in Iraq.
- Due to severe funding constraints, WFP is providing reduced levels of life-saving assistance to IDPs in Iraq. IDPs living in both camp and non-camp settings will receive reduced rations, with the exception of those living within camps in prioritised central governorates.

Situation Update

- Escalating conflict between Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) militants and pro-government forces has left 3.2 million IDPs across Iraq. According to the most recent OCHA estimates, 4.4 million people are in need of food assistance.
- According to the [August mobile Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping \(mVAM\) Food Security Bulletin](#), a high proportion of respondents said they did not have enough food, or money to buy food, in July, resulting in a higher percentage of people using negative coping strategies.

WFP Response

- Through **EMOP 200677**, WFP aims to assist 2.2 million displaced and conflict-affected people per month by deploying three-day rations, monthly rations or food vouchers. However, due to funding shortfalls and access constraints, WFP has been forced to scale back its assistance and now works to reach 1.5 million people per month in all 18 governorates.
- As part of the regional **EMOP 200433** to assist Syrian refugees, WFP provides in-kind food or voucher assistance to 48,000 Syrian refugees residing in nine camps across Iraq.
- By heading the Logistics and Emergency Telecommunications Clusters through a **Special Operation**, WFP assists UN and NGO partners with transport, warehouse coordination, communications and internet access. The Logistics Cluster has 60 partners and manages warehouses in Erbil, Duhok and Baghdad. The Emergency Telecommunications Cluster has 31 partners and provides IT and telecommunications support to approximately 200 humanitarian staff members on the ground.

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 **Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM)**. The RRM is distributed by partners ACTED, Norwegian Refugee Council, Danish Refugee Council, Mercy Corps, and Save the Children International.
- An IRR consists of portable ready-to-eat food, which can feed a family of five for three days.
- Following requests from local authorities, WFP is distributing IRRs to newly displaced families in the volatile town of Kirkuk, and at checkpoints on the road to Daquq, located south-east of Kirkuk.

FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR IDPs:

Family Food Parcels (FFPs)

- Due to severe funding constraints, WFP is prioritising IDPs living in camps in central, conflict-affected governorates with full rations. Approximately 370,000 IDPs in Anbar, Baghdad and Salah al-Din will receive full rations in September.
- To extend assistance into November, all IDPs living in camps elsewhere will receive a reduced food basket of two commodities in September, and a further three commodities in October.

- Over 676,000 IDPs living outside camps, in host communities or with extended families, will also receive reduced rations of two commodities in September.
- In the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, accelerated collaboration with the Public Distribution System (PDS), the government-run social safety net, has allowed WFP to extend its pipeline until the end of November by providing IDPs with commodities complementary to those they receive from the PDS.
- In coordination with WFP, the Kuwait Red Crescent Society made a one-time food distribution to 200,000 IDPs living in camps in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq in August and September. To prevent the duplication of assistance, WFP suspended the distribution of FFPs in some areas.

Vouchers

- WFP distributes food vouchers to IDPs in Erbil governorate, urban areas in Duhok, and four districts in Sulaymaniyah.
- The vouchers, worth USD 10, are redeemable at selected local shops, empowering families to select their preferred goods.
- Due to funding constraints, tighter entitlement ceilings have been put in place. Families with between six to nine members will receive five vouchers, while those with ten or more members will receive eight vouchers. Families with between one to five members will receive one voucher per person.
- Some 450,000 IDPs will receive assistance in the form of vouchers during September and October, boosting the local economy by nearly USD 4 million.

ASSISTANCE FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES:

- Guided by a Food Security and Vulnerability Assessment of all camp-based refugees WFP is channeling limited resources to those vulnerable and extremely vulnerable to food insecurity across all nine camps.
- WFP has adopted a tiered approach whereby those considered food-insecure receive USD 19 each month. Refugees who are marginally food insecure receive USD 10 each month. Food-secure refugees no longer receive WFP food assistance, representing a 47 percent reduction from WFP's previous plan.
- A total of 50,000 Syrian refugees will receive assistance in September and October.

Clusters

Food Security Cluster (FSC)

- Co-leading the Food Security Cluster with FAO, WFP coordinates the food assistance response in Iraq.
- As part of an inter-cluster mission to the recently liberated town of Tikrit, Salah al-Din governorate, the FSC found that while food is readily available in markets, high prices for some basic goods are exacerbating food insecurity in the area.

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.
- Thus far in September, the ETC has made vital upgrades to the telecommunications network in Arbat IDP camp, Sulaymaniyah governorate.

Logistics Cluster

- With WFP as the Lead Agency, the Logistics Cluster works to ensure an efficient and effective logistics response to humanitarian emergencies.
- In anticipation of humanitarian winterisation activities, the Logistics Cluster has erected a new Mobile Storage Unit with a capacity of 320 m² in the WFP warehouse compound in Duhok governorate.

Resourcing Update

- Severe funding shortfalls mean all WFP emergency operations to IDPs in Iraq will cease in December. Unless USD 61.6 million is secured urgently, 2.2 million people are at risk of losing WFP food assistance.
- WFP's Syrian refugee response in Iraq requires USD 11.3 million to continue its operations until December. If required funding is not received, WFP will be forced to make cutbacks in assistance provided to food-insecure households residing in Syrian refugee camps.

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"It's the only help I get."



Arbat—Chloe Cornish/WFP

Now living in Arbat camp, Iman is originally from Yathrib in Salah al-Din governorate. Fearing for her family's safety, she and her three small children fled their home in August 2014. Iman says that after two months sheltering in Baghdad, her family made the long, fraught journey to Sulaymaniyah governorate to find safety and security in the camp.

Iman explains that WFP food assistance has been a lifeline for her and her children. Thanks to WFP, its donors and cooperating partners, her family's food security has improved. With her monthly family food parcel, Iman is able to cook rice, lentil soup, and occasionally maqluba—her children's favourite dish. "Thank you very much for this food," she says. "God bless the people who supplied it. It's the only help I get."

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