Situation Update

- Continuous fighting between armed opposition groups and government forces has caused a high level of displacement around Mosul in Ninewa governorate and in Kirkuk, Diyala, Salah al-Din, and Anbar governorates.
- Three quarters of a million displaced people have arrived in the Kurdish region. This presents a significant challenge to local services in Erbil, Sulaymaniyah and particularly Duhok governorate.
- There is urgent need for food assistance in areas which have been under siege by armed groups for over two months in Salah al-Din. WFP is ready to access these zones after a successful military operation by Iraqi Security Forces, Kurdish forces and the US Air Force liberated the town of Amerli.

WFP Response

- WFP is aiming to assist 1.2 million people with immediate response rations, field kitchens, family food parcels, and cash and vouchers under its Emergency Operation.
- From June to August, WFP reached 838,000 people with food assistance across 10 governorates.
- WFP is successfully delivering and distributing food in 10 governorates: Duhok, Erbil, Sulaymaniyah, Diyala, Najaf, Ninewa, Kerbala, Babil, Wasit and Anbar. Due to the ongoing fighting, Salah al-Din governorate remains inaccessible to WFP.
- WFP is assisting both NGOs and UN partners with transport, warehouses, logistics and communications by heading the Logistics and Emergency Telecommunications Clusters through a Special Operation.
Food Assistance

EMERGENCY RESPONSE FOR PEOPLE IN TRANSIT:

Field Kitchens

- Responding to the wave of displacement following the Sinjar crisis, field kitchens continue to operate in two locations in Duhok governorate, providing hot meals to some 52,000 displaced people two times every day.
- WFP has successfully phased out field kitchens in four locations (Lalish, Batel, Semel, and Bajit Kandala in Duhok governorate) as people have increasing access to cooking facilities, allowing WFP to provide the planned dry rations (family parcels).
- WFP delivered 600 cooking stoves to families in Baharka Camp, Erbil, to allow families to transfer from served meals to cooking their own.

Immediate Response Rations (IRRs)

- Vulnerable families who are recently arrived in camps, urban areas or living with host communities, receive portable ready-to-eat food rations, known as IRRs. One IRR provides enough food for a family of five for three days.
- WFP assisted 51,432 people with IRRs in August at the camp in Zakho, Duhok, close to the Turkish border.
- WFP assisted a total of 186,896 people with IRRs in August, in collaboration with partners Action Contre le Faim (ACF), Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED) and Barzani Charity Foundation (BCF).

Food Assistance to Temporarily Settled Populations:

Family Food Parcels (FFPs)

- Some 22,500 people are receiving WFP food assistance in the second round of monthly FFP distributions taking place in Shaqialwa, north of Erbil. One FFP provides basic food essentials, including rice, lentils, and vegetable oil, to meet the daily intake requirements of a family of five for 30 days.
- The first WFP distribution in Anbar since early May began 1 September in Ramadi and Heet districts.
- In August, a total of 190,363 people were assisted with FFPs. Distributions were carried out in partnership with Islamic Salvation Humanitarian Organisation, ACTED, Islamic Relief Worldwide and BCF as well as local churches in Erbil city.

Logistics

- Between 24 and 31 August, 6,300 IRRs and 39,998 FFPs have been dispatched from WFP warehouses in Erbil and Duhok.

Resourcing Update

- In the same period, WFP dispatched 2,537 mt of food assistance to Duhok, Erbil, Kerbala, Kirkuk, Najaf, Wasit and Sulaymaniyah.
- One additional warehouse, with 900 square metres of space, has been secured in Erbil.

Clusters

Food Security Cluster

- Through the Food Security Cluster, WFP called for proposals for voucher transfers from partners to be submitted by 6 September. These food vouchers will enable families to choose their own food, whilst supporting the local economy.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster

- An Information Management Officer arrived in Erbil to track and distribute operational information regarding Cluster activities.

Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster, led by WFP, has cleared 20 international humanitarian relief flights at Erbil airport since 14 August. The Logistics Cluster worked with OCHA to coordinate the arrival of 430 mt of humanitarian donations from Germany, UK and Netherlands.
- The Duhok Logistics Cluster Warehouse is assisting partners by storing relief items for UNICEF, International Organisation for Migration (IOM), ACTED, ACF and INTERSOS. Over 287 mt has been received to date, including food, hygiene kits, and shelter items for internally displaced people.

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