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World Food Programme

**Country: IRAQ**  
**EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR IRAQI IDPs**

**In numbers**

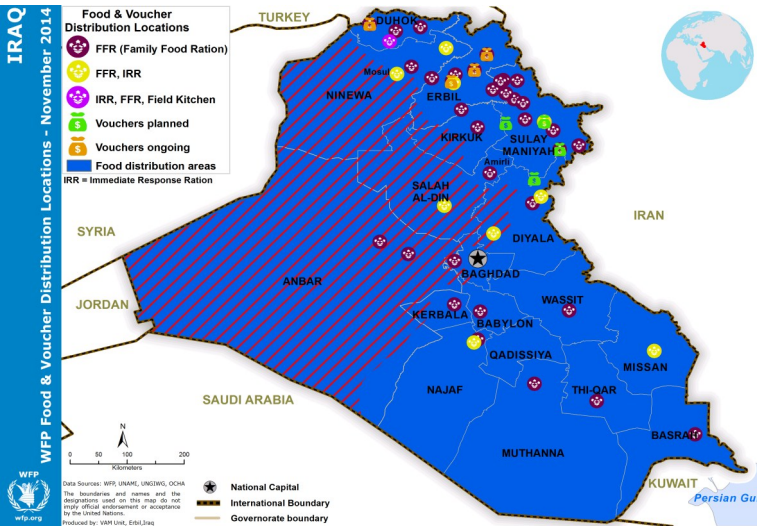


**5.2 million people are in need of humanitarian aid** (Strategic Response Plan)

**2.1 million people are displaced** (OCHA)

**Iraq Funding: Emergency Operation**

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



- WFP is gravely concerned about the food security of thousands of people in the besieged city of Haditha, Anbar governorate, which has largely been cut off from its supply chains since October 2014. According to the recently formed Joint Coordination and Monitoring Centre (JCMC), a partnership initiative between the UN and Government of Iraq (GoI), food is a priority need. WFP is working with its humanitarian partners in a bid to access the affected population in Haditha.

**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, communications and internet access. The Logistics Cluster has 60 partners and offers 2,290 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. Co-leading the Food Security Cluster alongside FAO, WFP coordinates the food assistance response across Iraq.

**Highlights**

- WFP has regained access to the Zumar sub-district of Duhok, previously under the control of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). The Iraqi Kurdish Peshmerga forces recently gained control of the area allowing much needed humanitarian assistance to reach the affected populations who received WFP food assistance in the form of family food parcels.
- Timely contributions from Canada and Australia to WFP Iraq's Emergency Operation of US\$8.5 million and US\$4.7 million respectively will be used to provide food vouchers and Immediate Response Rations.
- WFP is continuing to make progress in extending its voucher programme. In partnership with *Agence d'Aide à la Coopération Technique Et au Développement* (ACTED), distribution began in Duhok city during the reporting period, targeting approximately 55,000 displaced people.

**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 displacement in these areas.

**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**. 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 optimal nutritional status.
- IRRs are distributed under the Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) in partnership with ACTED, the Norwegian Refugee Council, the Danish Refugee Council, Mercy Corps, and Save the Children International (SCI). In January, RRM distributions assisted approximately 11,000 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 provided support to approximately 424,000 people with FFPs in Duhok, Sulaymaniyah, Diyala, Kirkuk, Ninewa, Missan, Basrah, Kerbala, Thi-Qar, Wassit, Babil and Najaf 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, and Muslim Aid.

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 Save the Children International (SCI).
- 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. In January, approximately 104,000 displaced people have received WFP food 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 January, Logistics has dispatched 129,795 FFPs and 4,250 IRRs, equivalent to 27,173.35 mt.

**Clusters**

**Food Security Cluster (FSC)**



- Humanitarian partners have a responsibility to distribute assistance in a manner that is safe and accessible for affected populations, and which takes gender concerns into account. Driving these issues forward, the FSC has begun offering trainings to staff from partner organisations, based upon its Safe Distribution Checklist. A pilot workshop was conducted by a GENCAP adviser in Duhok, and further sessions are planned.

**Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)**



- The GoI has requested the ETC to provide assistance in setting up IT and communications facilities for the recently-formed JCMC in Baghdad. The ETC Coordinator will shortly be travelling to Baghdad on a scoping mission.

**Logistics Cluster (LC)**



- The LC expedites the flow of emergency assistance to those who need it by facilitating storage and transportation solutions for humanitarian partners. Following a request by the UN's Area Security Management team, the LC provides Airport Security Pre-advice for UN agency flights, most recently for a UNFPA flight carrying medical equipment.

**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: Life after ISIL in Zumar**

In theory, it's good news: you learn that Iraq Kurdish Peshmerga forces have defeated the ISIL militants occupying your village, and after long months of displacement, you can finally return home. In reality however, the situation is complicated. The Zumar sub-district of Ninewa governorate had a pre-crisis population of 118,000. It fell to ISIL in August, at which point the majority of people fled, although some villagers remained under ISIL control. Re-captured by Peshmerga in October, around 74,000 people have since returned to scenes of chaos: approximately 500 houses have been destroyed, there is no water or electricity supply, and ISIL attacks continue in south-eastern Zumar. People are obliged to travel to cities in Duhok to buy food. DRC and WFP had previously distributed Immediate Response Rations to returnees there, and are now following up with monthly Family Food Parcels, providing relief for people trying to put their lives back together.

**SO FAR IN JANUARY 2015, WFP HAS ASSISTED 5,742 PEOPLE IN ZUMAR.**