

WFP Iraq Situation Report #37

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In Numbers

- 10 million** people in need
- 18** governorates affected
- 3.3 million** people displaced
- 2.4 million** people in need of food assistance
- 246,600** Syrian refugees in Iraq

Highlights

- WFP continues to be extremely worried about the food security situation in besieged Fallujah. With approximately 50,000 people trapped inside, WFP and its partners have 7,800 Immediate Response Rations (IRRs) on standby to provide assistance.
- Data collection began for a countrywide Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability Assessment (CFSVA) on 08 May. Results of the CFSVA will contribute to refining targeting and will provide a better understanding of the state of food security in Iraq.
- In April, WFP assisted 1.06 million displaced Iraqis. This included 266,000 adult women, 184,000 young women between five and 18, and 74,000 girls under the age of five.

Beneficiaries

(Reached, April 2016)



Funding Update

Global Humanitarian Funding

Iraq—USD 861 million; WFP—USD 222 million (26 percent of HRP funding)

Requirements (June - December 2016)

EMOP 200677: USD 72.7 million

EMOP 200433.IQ: USD 5 million

Food Security Cluster

USD 238.9 million

ETC Cluster/Logistics Cluster

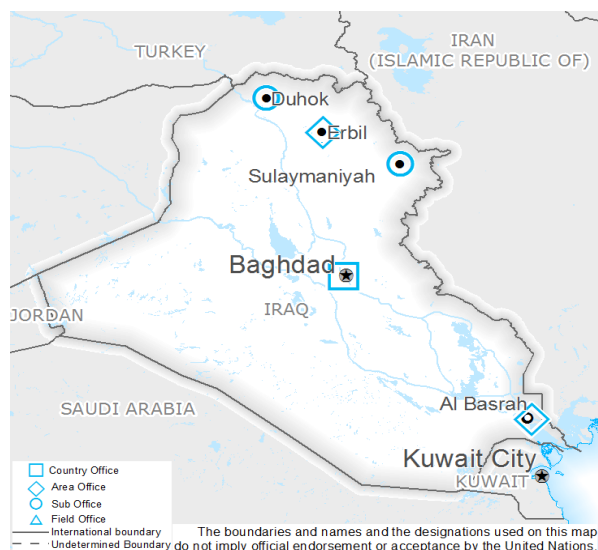
SO 200746: USD 1.7 million

Situation Update

- Protestors broke into the Green Zone (GZ) twice in the past month. Demonstrating against poor governance in Iraq, the first incident on 30 April saw damage caused to the parliament building. The second incident on 20 May ended with the deaths of four people, while Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) used force to disperse crowds. On both occasions temporary movement restrictions were put in place for WFP staff in Baghdad.
- ISF have made further gains against Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) militants in Anbar, with the strategic western town of Rutba being retaken on 18 May. WFP is assisting people fleeing fighting around Anbar through the Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM), providing assistance to 26,500 people through IRRs during the first three weeks in May.
- On 11 May, ISIL militia killed over 100 people with car bombs in three separate areas of Baghdad. These attacks were followed on 17 May by car and suicide bomb attacks, which killed 150 people, in different areas of the capital. The attacks are a concern for the safety of national staff, and as such WFP is monitoring the situation closely.

WFP Response

- Under [EMOP 200677](#), WFP aims to assist 1.5 million internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Iraq per month through three modalities: Family Food Rations (FFRs); cash-based transfers (CBTs); and IRRs.
- As part of the regional [EMOP 200433](#), to support those fleeing the Syria conflict, WFP aims to provide CBTs to 72,500 Syrian refugees residing in nine camps across Iraq per month.
- WFP leads [three inter-agency Clusters](#) to coordinate humanitarian action on the ground. Co-led by FAO, the Food Security Cluster works with local partners to coordinate the food security response to the crisis in Iraq. By heading the



Iraq: EMOP 20067 (IDPs); EMOP 200433 (Refugees)

Photo: Iraqi IDPs in Baghdad. WFP/Mohammed al-Bahbahani

Logistics and Emergency Telecommunications Clusters through [Special Operation 200746](#), WFP assists UN and NGO partners to ensure an effective logistics and telecommunications response.

Food Assistance

- In April, WFP assisted 725,000 IDPs with FFRs, including 356,000 females. In-camp IDPs without a Public Distribution System (PDS) card received reduced entitlements, and those with a PDS card received full entitlements, both for 30 days. Out-of-camp IDPs with PDS cards also receive full entitlements.
- Almost 260,000 people received CBTs through the voucher modality valued at USD 10 per person. Per household, families with 6-9 people received USD 50, and families with 10 or more people received USD 80.
- WFP continues piloting unrestricted cash for 8,000 Syrian refugees and Iraqi IDPs in Akre, Dohuk governorate. These distributions were conducted alongside partner Catholic Relief Services, disbursing the same tiered values as with vouchers.
- In order to rapidly assist those fleeing conflict-affected parts of the country, WFP provided IRRs to 84,000 individuals in April. Over 70 percent of these were in Anbar governorate alone.
- Starting in May, the value of vouchers for Syrian refugees has been restored to USD 28 (IQD 33,000) for the extremely food insecure, and USD 19 (IQD 22,000) for the moderately food insecure.

Logistics

- WFP currently has 21,744 mt of commodities in storage at its warehouses in the three logistics hubs of Baghdad, Dohuk, and Erbil.

Clusters

Food Security Cluster (FSC)

- The REACH initiative recently presented findings of an assessment on IDPs living in host communities to the FSC. According to the report, one in three IDP households out of camps limits meal portions at least once a week.

Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster has been working on a preparedness plan, alongside a UN Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) team, for Mosul Dam to explore possible logistics gaps, update available logistics information, and explore alternatives for the scale-up of activities and services.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- The ETC has completed the scope of work for a project to extend its internet services to refugees. The plan will be carried out in three stages, starting in May.

Partnerships

- Data analysis for the joint WFP-UNICEF nutrition survey is ongoing, with WFP's vulnerability, analysis, and mapping (VAM) unit analysing the food security component of the assessment.

Resourcing Update

- Without additional funding, vulnerable Iraqi IDPs and Syrian refugees are at risk of losing vital WFP assistance. Currently, WFP requires USD 19.5 million to continue providing assistance to IDPs up to October, and USD 2.7 million to assist Syrian refugees during the same period.
- ECHO confirmed a USD 12.4 million (EUR 11 million) contribution on 05 May to support Iraqi IDPs and Syrian refugees in Iraq.
- Luxembourg confirmed a contribution of USD 283,447 (EUR 250,000) towards Iraq EMOP 200677 on 13 May.

Gender

- WFP, along with UNHCR, UNFPA, and UNICEF, is assisting OCHA in the finalization of terms of reference for a task force on the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA).

Making a new life

Mohammed Ramadan is from Mosul. Two years ago, he and his family of 14 escaped ISIL attacks in Mosul, fleeing to Akre. While life in Akre offers him a greater sense of security, he adds, "schools are expensive so only one of my four children is in school." WFP is a pillar of support for him and his family in Akre, where they now receive unrestricted cash, "Previously there were limits but now we have more choice in what we eat." As he leaves the distribution point with his cash, he comments on how simple the process is: "Messages about distributions are clear and easy to understand."

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WFP Iraq						
	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	Six Months Net Funding Requirements (in USD)	People Reached (April cycle)	Female	Male
EMOP 200677 04/2014–12/2016	709,507,629	431,428,524	44,400,000	1,066,794	523,856	542,938
In-kind			8,400,963	723,676	355,325	368,351
Cash-Based Transfers			35,813,238	258,872	127,106	131,766
EMOP 200433.IQ 07/2012–12/2016	219,124,871	104,512,582	3,200,000	45,934	22,915	23,019
Cash-Based Transfers			3,200,000	45,934	22,915	23,019

