

WFP Iraq Situation Report #71

January 2020



In Numbers

1.41 million internally displaced people (IOM)

4.6 million returnees (IOM)

337,351 Iraqi IDPs, returnees + host communities assisted by WFP

247,568 Syrian refugees in Iraq (UNHCR)

38,085 Syrian refugees assisted by WFP

Highlights

- In January, WFP delivered food assistance to 375,436 people in 11 governorates, reaching 56 percent of the monthly target of 665,782 people. This was mainly due to delays in the start of school feeding in some locations, because of the civil unrest.
- In 2020, WFP continues coordination with the Ministry of Migration and Displacement (MoMD), to ensure value for money in the use of resources for the IDP response. As in 2019, this is expected to result in significant savings during the year.
- WFP needs an additional USD 62.8 million to ensure that operations continue without interruption through August 2020.

People assisted

375,436

January 2020



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| Country Strategic Plan (CSP), 01 January 2020 – 31 December 2024 | Overall: USD 472.5 m |
| | Received in 2020: USD 40.0 m |
| Six Months Net Funding Requirements | |
| March – August 2020 | USD 62.8 m |

Situation Update

- Protests against the Government continue in Iraq (except in the Kurdistan Region and some northern areas).
- In early January, the head of Iran's Revolutionary Guards was killed in Baghdad in a US air raid, along with the deputy commander of the Popular Mobilization Forces (PMF) militias, which since created a more tense security situation in Iraq.
- By the end of January 2020, over 20,000 people have fled from northeast Syria into Duhok in the Kurdistan Region, following the Turkish operations that started in October.

WFP Response

Food and Cash Assistance

- In 2020, WFP continued to work closely with the Ministry of Migration and Displacement (MoMD), to ensure value for money in the use of government and donor resources. When MoMD distributes food to IDPs in camps, WFP "tops-up" the ration with food or cash assistance. In January, this led to savings of USD 1.26 million in cash assistance.
- In January, WFP provided family food rations (FFRs) to 4,202 IDPs throughout Iraq. A total of 111 mt of food was distributed to IDPs. During the January cycle, WFP distributed cash to 192,720 IDPs, totalling USD 629,728, through mobile money transfers or e-vouchers.

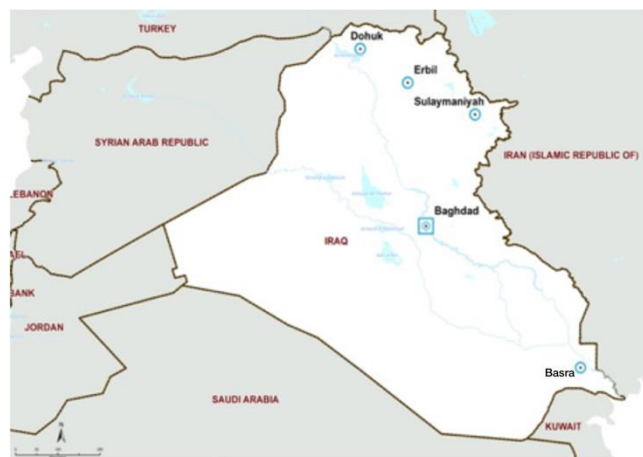


Photo: At the shop in HTC camp, Anbar governorate, where WFP transitioned from food to cash assistance in January. People now receive "e-vouchers" to redeem in the shop. ©WFP / Elodie Jégo

- A budget revision to WFP Iraq's new Country Strategic Plan (CSP) was approved, to include up to three months' food assistance as a contingency.
- WFP has delivered food assistance for over 18,400 refugees in Bardarash and Gawilan camps. In both camps, WFP is continuing to distribute ready-to-eat food packages (IRR) for new arrivals, and one-month rations (FFR) after two days. Arrivals have slowed to 40-60 per day.



Food for Assets / Resilience

- WFP Iraq's Resilience Team continues to implement complementary activities to 2019's resilience projects. One example is follow-up training for participants in vegetable cultivation projects in greenhouses. In the CSP, medium-term economy recovery activities are being supported. These are to broaden income-earning opportunities through crop diversification, food processing and marketing value chain development. Meanwhile, the programme priorities for Mosul and Telkaif (Ninewa) are being informed by the Seasonal Livelihood Programming workshops, which were held in these areas in the fourth quarter of 2019.
- EMPACT Food for Training activities were on hold in January, preparing for the new cohort which is to begin in March.



School Feeding Programme

- School feeding, in full coordination with the Directorates of Education and Health, re-started in Ninewa and Qadisiya governorates, reaching 264,586 primary school children in nine governorates. Three additional targeted governorates (Wasit, Thi-Qar and Maysan) are set to start in February, expanding the reach to 330,000 children in 1,200 schools.



Capacity Building

- Under the testing phase of the digitalization of Iraq's social protection programme, the Public Distribution System (PDS) of food rations, the iris registration across 12 governorates continued to progress, reaching 70,000 who have been collecting

their government food entitlements through iris-protected PDS smart cards.

- Additionally, development of the "Tamwini" mobile application is ongoing, with inputs from the Ministry of Trade. The app intends for citizens to be able to conveniently update their data without having to travel to PDS offices, and to be able to submit application requests, pay the right application fees, and track their application status.
- Discussions with the Ministry of Interior have started around linking the PDS functional identity with the national unified foundational ID document. A work plan will be designed by the end of the first quarter of 2020.



Supply Chain

- Obtaining approvals for the movement of food trucks continues to be challenging, because of new processes between the Joint Coordination and Monitoring Center (JCMC) and the National Operations Center (NOC) with constantly changing processes for getting movement approvals.

Clusters and Common Services



Food Security Cluster (FSC)

- In January, the FSC participated in an inter-agency mission to al-Karama IDP camp in Salah al-Din to identify the humanitarian profile of the camp, using the "Do No Harm" analysis tool and the Common Framework Concept. Using these tools, the inter-cluster mission recommended the categorization of the camp as "green", indicating that full assistance should be provided to the residents.
- For the purpose of partner presence and activity mapping, the FSC has published a new online interactive dashboard, that will be updated on a monthly basis. Partners can upload their ongoing and planned activities onto the platform: <https://bit.ly/32o7KBI>

Country Strategic Plan (CSP), 01 January 2020 - 31 December 2020

| | CSP Requirements in 2020 (in USD) | Allocated Contributions in 2020 (in USD) | 6-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) (March - August 2020) | People Assisted (January 2020) | Female | Male |
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| CSP TOTAL (Jan 2020 - Dec 2020) | 178.8 m | 39.6 m | 62.8 m | 375,436 | 183,964 | 191,472 |

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