

# WFP Iraq Situation Report #70

December 2019



## In Numbers

**1.41 million** internally displaced people (IOM)

**4.6 million** returnees (IOM)

**431,677** Iraqi IDPs, returnees + host communities assisted by WFP

**245,810** Syrian refugees in Iraq (UNHCR)

**38,805** Syrian refugees assisted by WFP

## Highlights

- In December, WFP delivered food assistance to 469,982 people in 10 governorates, reaching 72 percent of the monthly target of 648,623 people.
- In 2019, WFP's coordination with the Ministry of Migration and Displacement (MoMD), to ensure value for money in the use of resources. led to savings of USD 6.2 million in cash assistance, plus 1,900 metric tonnes (USD 1.2 million) of food assistance.
- WFP needs an additional USD 65.1 million to ensure that operations continue without interruption through July 2020.

## People assisted

**469,982**

December 2019



<b>Global Humanitarian Funding to Iraq in 2019</b>	<b>Overall:</b> USD 701.2 m
	<b>WFP share:</b> USD 59.8 m
<b>WFP Net Funding Requirements</b>	
<b>Country Strategic Plan (CSP)</b> (February – July 2020)	<b>USD 65.1 m</b>

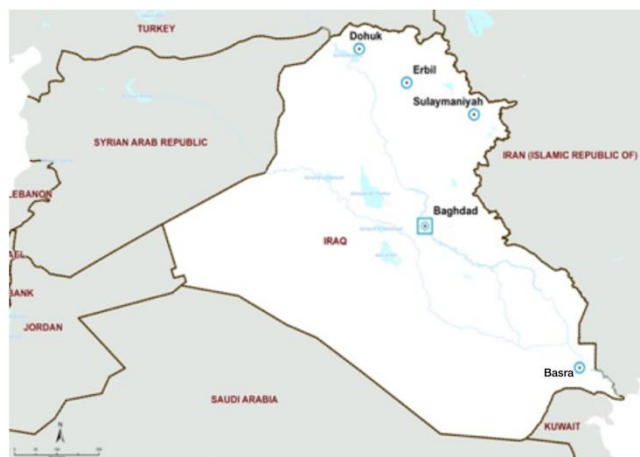
## Situation Update

- Protests continue in Iraq (except in the Kurdistan Region and some northern areas), spurred by disenfranchised people because of a lack of employment opportunities, perceived corruption and a lack of basic services.
- By the end of December, around 19,000 people had fled from northeast Syria into Duhok in the Kurdistan Region, following the Turkish operations in October.

## WFP Response

### Food and Cash Assistance

- In 2019, 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 distributed food to IDPs in camps, WFP “topped-up” the ration with food or cash assistance. By the end of 2019, this led to savings of USD 6.2 million in cash assistance, plus 1,900 metric tonnes (USD 1.2 million) of food assistance.
- In December, WFP provided Family Food Rations (FFRs) to 88,886 IDPs throughout Iraq. A total of 1,371 mt of food was distributed to IDPs.
- During the December cycle, WFP provided cash assistance to IDPs, refugees and returnees totaling USD 5.26 million.



**Photo:** In Ninewa, WFP's resilience project with partner WHH helps participants cultivate year-round in greenhouses, and build sustainable livelihoods. ©WFP / Meenu Hada

- WFP has delivered food assistance for over 17,000 newly arrived refugees from northeast Syria, in Bardarash and Gawilan camps. In both camps, WFP is continuing to distribute ready-to-eat food packages for new arrivals, and one-month rations after two days. Arrivals have slowed to 40-50 per day.

### FFA Food for Assets / Resilience

- WFP Iraq's Resilience team and Cooperating Partners concluded the current phase of activities in December 2019, including completing the planting of 50,000 trees, constructing 223 greenhouses, 35 pump stations / bore holes for water access, and more. (Full details will be in the forthcoming Iraq Annual Country Report 2019 (ACR). The team is now preparing with the same Cooperating Partners to build towards the next phase from January, aiming towards long-term sustainability and resilience for host communities and returnees.
- Students graduated from the second cycle of EMPACT, WFP's digital skills and English training programme that helps vulnerable youth foster livelihoods.



### School Feeding Programme

- The School Feeding team restarted the programme in late December 2019, prioritizing 330,000 children in 1,200 schools in 11 governorates across Iraq, in the current academic year. School Feeding, with the full coordination and support of Directorates of Education and Health in the respective governorates, began in Kirkuk, Basra, Muthanna, Salah al-Din, Diyala and Anbar. It is expected to start soon in Wassit and the remaining governorates.



### Capacity Building

- As part of the testing phase of the digitalisation of Iraq's social safety net, the Public Distribution System (PDS), WFP has helped to design a mobile app called 'Tamwini'. The app is currently being developed with the participation of citizens – user centered design – and will enable them to update and access their data, digitally pay for PDS services via mobile money, and support the provisioning of functional PDS digital identity which is linked to the national foundational unified ID.



### Supply Chain

- Obtaining approvals for the movement of food trucks remains challenging, because of changes in the processes between the Joint Coordination and Monitoring Center (JCMC) and the National Operations Center (NOC) with frequently changing requirements for getting movement approvals, affecting all those transporting items. WFP completed food distributions in Kirkuk, Salah al-Din and Ninewa, while some distributions in Anbar were delayed to January.

## Clusters and Common Services



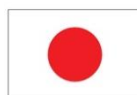
### Food Security Cluster (FSC)

- The FSC liaised with OCHA and partners on the publication of the 2020 Iraq Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP).
- The FSC concluded the draft of the minimum package of assistance under the new Common Framework Guidelines that were introduced by the Intercluster Coordination Group (ICCG). The draft was submitted to the Humanitarian Country Team and is currently being reviewed.

## Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan (TICSP), 01 January 2018 - 31 December 2019

	TICSP Requirements in 2019 (in USD)	Allocated Contributions in 2019 (in USD)	6-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) (February – July 2020)	People Assisted (December 2019)	Female	Male
<b>TICSP TOTAL</b> (Jan 2018 – Dec 2019)	162.1 m	59.8 m	65.1 m	469,982	230,291	239,691

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