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WFP Iraq

Situation Report #47

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In Numbers

11 million people in need of humanitarian assistance (OCHA)

3 million Iraqis displaced (IOM)

1.5 million Iraqis assisted by WFP

237,000 Syrian refugees in Iraq (UNHCR)

55,000 Syrian refugees assisted by WFP

Highlights

- During April, several WFP distributions in western Mosul were suspended following attacks on distributions points and threats to humanitarian convoys.
- On 10 April, the Government of Iraq and WFP launched the 2016 Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability Analysis (CFSVA). [This report](#) provides an in-depth picture of the food security situation and the vulnerability of households in Iraq. It will also better inform WFP's targeted food assistance.

People assisted



Funding Update

Global Humanitarian Funding

Iraq—USD 778 million; WFP—USD 131 million

Requirements (May 2017 - October 2017, WFP)

EMOP 200677: USD 76 million*

PRRO 200987: USD 5.5 million

Food Security Cluster (OCHA)

USD 158 million

ETC Cluster/Logistics Cluster (OCHA)

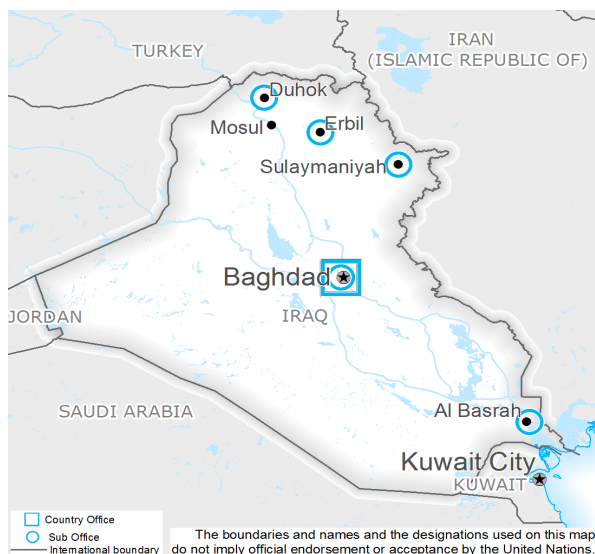
SO 200746: USD ' ', million

Situation Update

- On 17 April, the UN Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS) received credible information that the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant was allegedly planning to conduct attacks and kidnapping operations. These attacks were specifically targeting convoys of foreign civilians, including UN vehicles and NGOs transiting the area between Qayyarah and Hammam al-Alil. Consequently, UN missions west of the Tigris river were suspended for five days.
- WFP distributions in western Mosul were the target of mortar attacks on two occasions, 20 April in the Ma'moun neighbourhood and on 23 April in the Josaq neighbourhood. Two injuries were reported following the attack on 23 April. A suicide bombing at Baghdad circle in Mosul led to a WFP partner temporarily suspending its activities there.
- On 23 April, an ambush by ISIL fighters killed ten members of the Iraqi Security Forces near Rutba in western Iraq, where federal and other forces recently ramped up an anti-jihadist offensive. A local commander said the attackers were disguised as federal police and took advantage of a sandstorm to ambush a convoy near the town of Rutba, a remote outpost on the road to Jordan.

WFP Response

- Under [EMOP 200677](#), WFP assisted 1.5 million displaced Iraqis through Family Food Rations (FFRs) and Cash-Based Transfers (CBTs) in March 2017, as well as over 500,000 people with IRRs.
- As part of the regional [PRRO 200987](#), to support Syrian refugees who have fled the conflict, WFP provides USD 19 per person, per month through cash and e-vouchers to 54,000 Syrian refugees. They reside in nine camps in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KR-I).
- WFP leads [three inter-agency Clusters](#) to coordinate humanitarian action on the ground. Co-led with FAO, the Food Security Cluster works with local partners to coordinate the food security response to the crisis in Iraq. By heading the Logistics and Emergency Telecommunications Clusters through [Special Operation 200746](#), WFP assists UN and NGO partners to ensure an effective logistics and telecommunications response.



Iraq: EMOP 20067 (IDPs); PRRO 200987 (Refugees)

Photo: A woman collects the Family Food Ration that will support her and her four children in Thi-Qar. Her husband was killed by ISIL in Salah al-Din before the family fled. *WFP/Nibras Haddad*

*excluding pending forecasted contributions

Food Assistance

- In March 2017, WFP provided Family Food Rations to 1.2 million people in all 18 governorates of Iraq. Since 19 February, 650,000 people from western Mosul have been assisted.
- The CFSVA report was launched in coordination with the Government of Iraq on 10 April 2017. It provides an in-depth picture of the food security situation and the vulnerability of households in Iraq. However, it should be noted that the data was collected prior to the Mosul Offensive. It found that approximately 2.1 percent of the national population are food insecure, while 5.6 percent of the IDP population are food insecure. There is also considerable economic insecurity, with families spending a significant amount of their income on food, at the cost of other important household needs such as healthcare. Stunting was found to occur at low to medium levels of severity in children. Larger resident households and families headed by women were found to be more food insecure than those headed by men. Consequently, WFP is looking to better refine targeting based on the findings.
- As markets in eastern Mosul have quickly rebounded, following the retaking of neighbourhoods from ISIL by the Iraqi Security Forces, WFP is exploring partnerships to provide cash assistance through a multi-wallet solution. WFP has found that markets there have a wide range of available food with enough to cover increased demand without increasing prices.

Supply Chain

- As of 25 April 2017, WFP had 43,100 mt of FFRs in the three logistics hubs of Dohuk, Erbil and Baghdad, enough to assist over 3 million people for one month. In addition, there were 23,000 IRRs in WFP warehouses and another 50,000 IRRs with partners; enough to assist 365,000 people.

Clusters

Food Security Cluster (FSC)

- WFP has submitted proposals through the FSC for Iraq Humanitarian Pooled Fund. Proposal defences are taking place in the first week of May 2017.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- The ETC urgently requires USD 2.7 million to continue providing telecommunications support to humanitarian organisations all over Iraq.

Logistics Cluster

- Since the beginning of the Mosul operation, a total of 6,841 mt (37,651 m³) of cargo have been received, stored and transported in support of 34 organizations.

Accountability

- In March 2017, the Iraq Internally Displaced Persons Information Centre (Iraq IIC) handled 4,374 calls, pushing the total number of calls past 69,000 since it opened. The IIC is crucial to IDPs ability to share feedback and complaints, or request information. Only 26 percent of the calls came from women, while 27 percent of calls were requests for information on food assistance.

Protection

- The CFSVA found that almost 75 percent of children under the age of 15 are working to help their families to put food on the table rather than going to school, despite the recent passing of a child labour law. WFP has trained its partners to pass on any protection concerns to organisations with a protection mandate.

Partnerships

- Partnerships are in place with World Vision International, Mercy Corps, ACTED, ACF, Muslim Aid, NRC, Save the Children, RIRP and Samaritan's Purse. Meanwhile, WFP continues to partner with Asia Hawala on the pilot mobile money distributions in Erbil Governorate.
- WFP is also partnering with the following national NGOs: Women Empowerment Organisation, Mercy Hands for Humanitarian Aid, REACH-Iraq, Civil Development Organisation, Barzani Charity Foundation and Iraq Salvation Humanitarian Organisation.

Resourcing Update

- EMOP 200677 has a net funding requirement of USD 76 million to support operations until October 2017. However, discussions with donor governments to reduce this amount are ongoing.
- Since 10 April 2017, WFP has received USD 2.9 million from Government of France and USD 265,393 from the Government of Luxembourg. These contributions will support WFP in reaching those most vulnerable with food assistance.
- With contributions and pledges announced to date, WFP operations targeting Syrian refugees (PRRO 200987) are covered into September 2017. WFP faces a net funding requirement of USD 5.5 million for PRRO 200987.

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	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	Net Funding Requirements (in USD)	People Reached (March 2017)	Female	Male
EMOP 200677 04/2014–10/2017	954 million	542 million	76 million	1,540,914	755,048	785,866
In-kind				1,198,894	587,458	611,436
Cash-Based Transfers				340,020	166,610	173,410
PRRO 200987 01/2017-12/2018	58 million		5.5 million	54,668	27,488	27,180
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