



# WFP Iraq

## Situation Report #36

28 April 2016

### In Numbers

- 10 million** people in need
- 18** governorates affected
- 3.4 million** people displaced
- 2.4 million** people in need of food assistance
- 246,000** Syrian refugees in Iraq

### Highlights

- Around 50,000 people are believed to be inside the besieged city of Fallujah. WFP has not been able to provide assistance due to the volatile security situation for over two years but has Immediate Response Rations (IRRs) on standby for when access is possible.
- In March, WFP targeted over one million displaced Iraqis with in-kind assistance and cash-based transfers (CBTs). This included 527,000 women and 74,400 girls under five.
- Following increased displacement due to fighting between Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) and Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) militants in Anbar and Salah al-Din, over 109,000 people received IRRs in March.

### Beneficiaries

(Reached, March 2016)



### Funding Update

#### Global Humanitarian Funding

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

#### 6-month Net Funding Requirement

EMOP 200677: USD 25 million

EMOP 200433.IQ: USD 10.7 million

#### Food Security Cluster

USD 238.9 million

#### ETC Cluster/Logistics Cluster

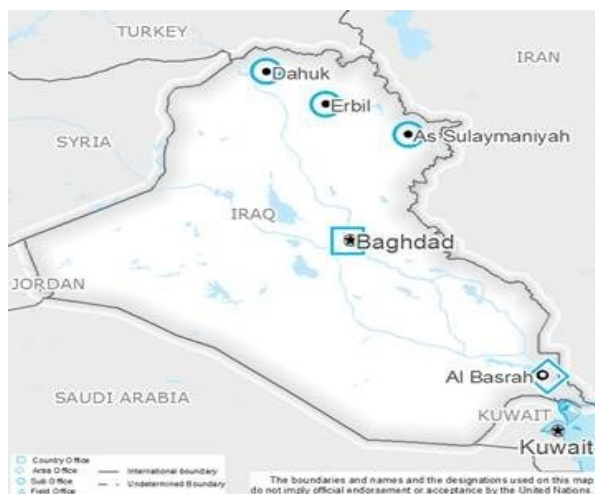
SO 200746: USD 4 million

### Situation Update

- For the third consecutive month, the food security situation in Fallujah city is of serious concern. [WFP remote monitoring](#) noted that the prices of certain foods were 750 percent higher than in December, and that the food security situation is likely to deteriorate further unless humanitarian access to the city is granted.
- ISF launched a campaign to retake Mosul on 24 March, beginning operations around the town of Makhmour, 60 km south of Mosul. Approximately 2,500 people were displaced to Makhmour and received IRRs. WFP distributed approximately 450 IRRs in March.
- Ongoing fighting between ISF and ISIL militants around Ramadi, Heet, Haditha, and Fallujah, all in Anbar governorate, has affected WFP access while increasing the number of displaced people. Over 90,000 people were assisted with IRRs across Anbar through cooperating partners.

### 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 Immediate Response Rations (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.
- 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 Logistics and Emergency Telecommunications Clusters through [Special Operation 200746](#), WFP assists UN and NGO partners to ensure an effective logistics and communications response.
- A Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability



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

Photo: Iraqi IDPs in Baghdad. WFP/Julia Henderson

Assessment (CFSVA) is planned, and the training of enumerators and trainers took place in March and April. The CFSVA will give a better understanding of the impact of the conflict on food security.

### Food Assistance

- In March-April, WFP targeted 820,000 IDPs with FFRs, including 402,620 women and 56,845 girls under five. In-camp IDPs without a PDS card received half entitlements for 30 days, and those with a PDS card received full entitlements. Out-of-camp IDPs with PDS cards began receiving entitlements once again after not receiving any FFRs in February due to supplier delays and limited stocks.
- Over 250,000 individuals received CBTs through a voucher modality valued at USD 10 per person. CBTs were provided in Erbil, Dohuk, and Sulaymaniyah governorates in March.
- WFP continued piloting the unrestricted cash modality for 8,000 Syrian refugees and Iraqi IDPs in Akre, Dohuk governorate. WFP distributions were conducted alongside partner Catholic Relief Services.
- In order to rapidly assist those fleeing conflict-affected parts of the country, WFP provided IRRs to 109,000 individuals in March. Almost 90 percent of these were in Anbar governorate alone.
- In March, over 46,000 Syrian refugees received assistance in nine camps in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. All Syrian refugees supported by WFP in Iraq are now assisted through the electronic SCOPE system.

### Logistics

- Between the three logistics hubs in Dohuk, Erbil, and Baghdad, WFP has 11,900 mt of food items in storage.
- Logistics has switched to a new commodity tracking system which improves operations by allowing for the live tracking of all commodities.

## Clusters

### Food Security Cluster (FSC)

- FSC partners are providing assistance to around 2,500 people displaced by ISF-ISIL fighting to Makhmour, near Erbil.

### Logistics Cluster (LC)

- Following a mission in late March to assess alternate border crossings, the LC published an updated [Iraq Logistics Capacity Assessment](#).

### Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- The team is strengthening the security telecommunications in the country. In Dohuk, the Communications Centre (COMCEN) has been successfully relocated to the new site of the WFP Office and two additional Radio Operators have been hired.

## Partnerships

- WFP is partnering with UNICEF, FAO, the Central Statistics Organization, and the Nutrition Research Institute in order to carry out the CFSVA this year.

## Resourcing Update

- Without additional funding, vulnerable Iraqi IDPs and Syrian refugees are at risk of losing vital WFP assistance. Currently, WFP requires USD 25 million to continue providing assistance to IDPs up to October, and USD 10.7 million to assist Syrian refugees during the same period.
- In March, Germany's Ministry of Foreign Affairs confirmed a contribution of USD 13.4 million towards EMOP 200677.
- The US, through USAID/FFP, generously contributed USD 41 million, also to support EMOP 200677.

## Gender

- On International Women's Day on 08 March, WFP's gender and southern focal points organised focus groups with female IDPs in the south of the country. The result was [a collection of stories](#) outlining some of the challenges faced by IDP women in the south of Iraq, as well as their stories of resilience.

## Escape from Mosul

Umm Moustafa is from Mosul. On 08 June, 2014, she fled her home, like the rest of her family, as soon as they heard that ISIL was coming. There was no alternative. Leaving all of their possessions behind, Umm Moustafa and her family raced straight to Akre in trucks teeming with desperate people. While recounting her story to WFP, Umm Moustafa became dizzy, leaning on one of WFP's field monitors to steady herself. As one of the first people to receive unrestricted cash, Umm Moustafa was grateful for her entitlement, which gives her some dignity during a difficult chapter of her life.

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	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	Six Months Net Funding Requirements (in USD)	People Reached (March cycle)	Female	Male
<b>EMOP 200677 04/2014–12/2016</b>	709,507,629 *	418,229,727	25,000,000	916,991	449,326	467,665
In-kind			20,445,000	664,002 **	325,361	338,641
Cash-Based Transfers			27,037,000	252,989	123,964	129,025
<b>EMOP 200433.IQ 07/2012–12/2016</b>	215,875,411	97,870,189	10,708,633	46,394	22,896	22,997
Cash-Based Transfers			8,229,936	46,394	22,896	22,997

\* Total requirements include the planned Budget Revision. In-kind total is for March and April cycle.