



# WFP Iraq Situation Report #64

June 2019

## In Numbers

**1.61 million** people displaced (IOM)

**4.31 million** returnees (IOM)

**277,289** Iraqis assisted by WFP

**252,983** Syrian refugees in Iraq (UNHCR)

**28,290** Syrians assisted by WFP

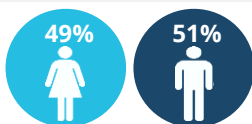
## Highlights

- In June, WFP delivered food assistance to 305,579 people in 10 governorates, reaching 275,315 IDPs, 28,290 Syrian refugees and 1,974 Iraqi returnees and people from vulnerable communities.
- In May-June, WFP, the Ministry of Migration and Displacement (MoMD) and partners undertook an assessment of every family living in IDP camps reached by WFP. The results support a reduction in assistance of 12.7 percent of IDPs in camps.

## People assisted

**305,579**

June 2019



<b>Global Humanitarian Funding for Iraq in 2019</b>	<b>Overall:</b> USD 701.2 m
	<b>WFP share:</b> USD 37.8 m
<b>WFP Net Funding Requirements</b>	
<b>Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan (TICSP)</b> (July 2019 - December 2019)	<b>USD 70.8 m</b>

## Situation Update

- Crop fires continue to be reported throughout the country, mainly in Diyala, Erbil, Kirkuk, Salah al-Din and Ninewa. The cause is yet to be determined.
- The month of June has seen the highest number of incidents that were directly related or suspected to be connected with ISIS activity. There has been no impact on WFP operations, but the food security and overall security situation continue to be closely monitored.

## WFP Response

- As a result of the increased coordination with the Government and new donor contributions, WFP is returning to a 4-week distribution cycle from 1 July, after being forced to move to a 6-week cycle since March 2019 due to a lack of resources. Messaging is being shared with assisted people through Communication with Communities (CwC).



## Food and Nutrition Assistance

- Due to banking and financial regulations and sanctions, WFP is continuing to transfer funds via UNDP's account for Mobile Money Transfer (MMT) payments to financial service provider Asia Hawala to reach people assisted. WFP continues to be in close consultation with a local bank to open an account in Iraqi Dinars.

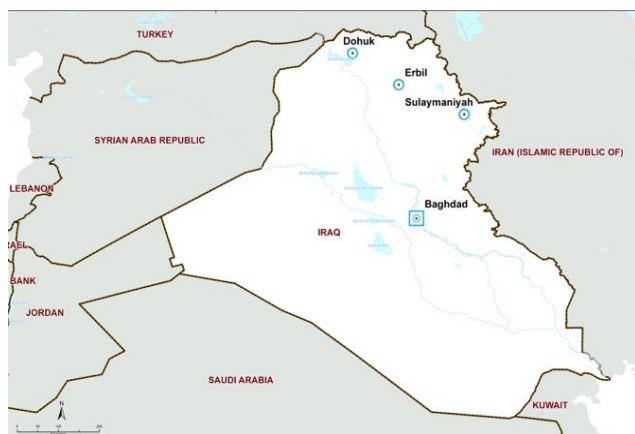


Photo: Public Distribution System (PDS) biometric registrations using iris scanning are being tested from June 2019.

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- In June, WFP reached 166,103 beneficiaries through CBT. A total of 118,000 people in the Duhok camps received double rations as they were not reached last month, due to banking issues. 48,000 people also received their e-vouchers that had been delayed from May.
- Under the trial project aiming at the modernization of the Public Distribution System of food rations, registration of citizens through iris scans started in Anbar. About 60 percent of the people that will receive assistance have already been scanned. Roll-out will continue in Al-Muthana, Sadr city in Baghdad and Thi-Qar in July.
- During the testing phase for the modernization of the Public Distribution System throughout June, WFP's partner Tiger Spike conducted research in Baghdad, Anbar, Najaf, Basra and Duhok to better understand how to meet their needs and how a smartphone application may be an effective potential solution to improve food distributions. The stakeholders included food agents and PDS staff.
- Following discussions with the Ministry of Education, School Feeding is expected to resume in October for the coming academic year, with the plan to reach around 300,000 children in 1,000 schools across 11 governorates.
- The EMPACT (formerly Tech for Food) teams in Iraq and Lebanon jointly presented at the No Lost Generation (NLG) Tech Summit in Amman, Jordan on 25-26 June. Their participation proved an opportunity to reach a wide and interested audience in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. The event allowed for tech-driven learn-to-earn solutions to take the platform and connect with other similar, promising solutions in the region in order to find synergies and discuss scaling. The entire event was intensive in terms of bilateral networking and discussions with the learn-to-earn ecosystem in the region. EMPACT Iraq is following up on promising potential linkages.

### Assessments

- Over the course of April to June, WFP, the Ministry of Migration and Displacement (MoMD) and partners undertook an assessment of every family living in every IDP camp reached by WFP, including data analysis. The questionnaire focused on identifying IDP families whose income would allow them to meet their food security needs. The results supported a reduction in assistance of 12.7 percent of IDPs in camps, or 53,781 people, for a

new total of 370,310. The largest components of the reduction include 1) no-show, 2) returned and 3) above the income threshold. The survey also captured information on where families are registered for their Public Distribution System (PDS) allocation, which will underpin future collaboration with the Ministry of Trade.

- Following the IDPs targeting exercise, WFP and partners are setting up the Camp Review Committees, to allow anyone who feels they were excluded from the assistance to appeal, and for cases of people who are believed to have private-sector income to be reviewed.
- Further to an assessment mission on the feasibility of transitioning from e-vouchers to Mobile Money Transfers (MMT), and the recommendation to switch to MMT in all 13 camps assessed (for approximately 50,000 IDPs and 33,500 refugees), SIM card distributions began in the camps under transition.
- WFP Iraq has begun formative research on Nutrition and Social and Behaviour Change Communication (SBCC) with people assisted. This will form the basis of a draft SBCC action plan.
- In pre-selected catchment areas in Sinjar, two studies on hydrology and vegetation are taking shape as part of WFP's resilience programme. The design of landscaping measures is also under preparation.

### Supply Chain

- The Qayarah Bridge in Ninewa governorate reopened for vehicles and trucks after several months, allowing for the regular delivery of food items to large IDP camps in Mosul, which had been delayed. This includes the "top-up" ration of 50 kg delayed from May, for those who had not received assistance due to floods and the bridge closure.

### Resourcing Update

- WFP needs an additional USD 70.8 million to ensure that operations continue without interruption through November. WFP specifically calls for donors to support IDPs (Strategic Objective 1) and resilience activities (Strategic Objective 3).

## Clusters and Common Services



### Food Security Cluster

- After visiting the Duhok IDP camps and hearing the feedback of IDPs, the MoMD Minister changed the MoMD food basket supplier, with the goal of higher quality standards of the food items.
- The Multi-Cluster Needs Assessment VII Terms of Reference will be conducting representative assessments all six Jeddah Camps, however with some delays in data collection due to security access and the upcoming Eid holidays in August. Full data collection completion has been extended to 15 August.



### Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster in Iraq discontinued its operations in March due to reduced needs. One staff member continued to manage cross-border operations with Syria, currently at a low level, until 30 June 2019. The Logistics Unit has now taken the lead of the Logistics Sector and any follow-up as required.

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### 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) (July 2019 – December 2019)	People Assisted (June 2019)	Female	Male
<b>TICSP TOTAL</b> (Jan 2018 – Dec 2019)	162.1 m	37.8 m	70.8 m	305,579	149,734	155,845