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World Food Programme

Country: IRAQ

EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR Iraqi
IDPs

In numbers

1.5 million people affected (Strategic Response Plan)

1.2 million people displaced (Strategic Response Plan)

200,000 people newly displaced
03-08 August (OCHA)

Iraq Funding Shortfalls

-  **Emergency Operation** US\$ 43 million
-  **Food Security Cluster** US\$ 110 million
-  **Logistics Cluster** US\$ 0.9 million

Highlights

- The situation in northern Iraq has changed dramatically in the last few days, with Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) making new territorial gains. In less than a week the number of displaced people has increased by 200,000 in Northern Iraq alone.
- Since the fall of Mosul on 9 June, WFP has provided food assistance to over 385,500 people.
- Unpredictable mass movements of IDPs present significant challenges for immediate large scale food assistance. Rising to this challenge, WFP has responded rapidly, establishing four field kitchens in Dahuk and two in Diyala.
- Increasing the already expansive operation in Dahuk, WFP has opened a further distribution point in Zakho, providing 8,175 people with three days worth of portable ready-to-eat meals.

Situation Update

- Heavy fighting has given rise to a significant humanitarian emergency across northern Iraq.
- At least 180,000 people have crossed from areas overrun by ISIL into the Dahuk region.
- Instability has also hit the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, previously a safe haven, with ISIL forces approaching Erbil City.
- Huge numbers of people, mostly from the minority Yazidi community, are under siege in the Sinjar mountains, where they have lived under dreadful conditions for over a week.
- There have been Iraqi and U.S. food airdrops in the Sinjar mountains. These are likely to continue, but the remaining need is unclear.
- Fear of extreme violence is leading to continuous displacements, with camps and sites emptying overnight, only to be re-inhabited days later.

WFP Response

- WFP is responding with an Emergency Operation throughout effected areas from the north to the south of Iraq, with food assistance reaching the ever increasing number of displaced people, now estimated at more than 1.2 million.
- Strategic placement by WFP in Dahuk allowed for the immediate distribution of ready-to-eat food products, designed to provide emergency nutrition.
- WFP has been working tirelessly to secure the supplies needed to meet the demand of further mass displacements in the continuing crisis. In total, more than 34,807 metric tonnes (mt) of food has been purchased.
- Due to the lack of humanitarian access and the unpredictable movements of displaced people, WFP has contracted an Iraqi third party monitoring agency to ensure reliable and accurate assessment data.

Food Assistance



- Families with access to cooking facilities are receiving WFP food parcels on a monthly basis, provided with essentials including rice, lentils, wheat flour, oil, sugar, iodised salt, and canned vegetables. Since June, WFP has reached 240,390 individuals with this kind of assistance.
- In response to the fast developing situation in Iraq, with rapid mass movements of internally displaced people, WFP has quickly adapted by introducing new food assistance strategies.
- Consultations with affected families has allowed WFP to introduce parcels of Immediate Response Rations, meeting the specific needs of people on the move. Since its launch in July, WFP has assisted 42,568 people by this means.
- To meet the most immediate needs of families moving rapidly from place to place, WFP and its partners have established six field kitchens, four in Dahuk and two in Diyala. Since opening on 4 August, the field kitchen at Khanake in Dahuk alone has provided two hot meals per day to 282,000 people in total. As of 10 August, these six kitchens have served 1,431,220 meals.



Logistics

- To make stocks readily accessible, WFP has obtained extra warehouse space in Dahuk, Baghdad and Basrah, to broaden logistics coverage across the country.
- WFP is exploring the possibility of a southern corridor to cover requirements for the southern governorates.

Clusters



Food Security Cluster (FSC)

- Maximizing efficiency, on 7 August, in one day, FSC partners coordinated a food assistance response reaching 110,000 IDPs in Dahuk.
- FSC partners are rapidly setting up food distributions in the Ankawa neighbourhood of Erbil City, an area that inside of 24 hours between 7 and 8 August received 15,000 displaced people on top of those already there.



Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster coordinated the move of 18,000 United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq's ready-to-eat meals from Baghdad to Erbil. These were handed over to Government, to be air-dropped in the Sinjar mountains.
- Two cargo flights were organised by the Logistics Cluster, transporting 12 mt of urgently needed non-food items from Italy to Erbil, for use by partners.
- WFP warehouse in Dahuk has been made available to logistics cluster partners.

Partnerships



- WFP continues to work with cooperating partners, including; Iraqi Government, ACF, ACTED, Barzani Charity Foundation, IOM, INTERSOS, Islamic Relief Worldwide, Muslim Aid, and Qandil.
- UNHCR is coordinating with WFP to supply kitchen utensils to IDPs in camps and elsewhere.
- WFP partner Barzani Charity Foundation was crucial in rapidly responding to needs in Dahuk by establishing field kitchens and other food assistance.

Resourcing Update



- The Emergency Operation (EMOP) is currently funded with US\$ 161 million out of US\$ 207 required. This was intended for 1.2 million displaced people until April 2015.
- Large numbers of newly displaced since the start of August means that US\$ 43 million is required to prevent a pipeline break.
- Since July newly confirmed contributions were: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (through OCHA) US\$ 150 million, Kuwait US\$ 2 million, UN CERF US\$ 1.5 million, Finland US\$ 635,000.

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