



WFP Iraq

Situation Report #43

05 December 2016

In Numbers

10 million people in need of humanitarian assistance (OCHA)

18 governorates affected

3.1 million people displaced (IOM)

2.4 million people food insecure (WFP)

227,971 Syrian refugees in Iraq (UNHCR)

Highlights

- In November, WFP reached 1.4 million Iraqis in all 18 governorates of Iraq through cash-based transfers (CBTs) and Family Food Rations (FFRs).
- In November, WFP provided Immediate Response Rations (IRRs) to 164,957 people affected by the fighting in Mosul and FFRs have been provided to 102,070 people. WFP continues to monitor the frontlines and meet the food needs of people living in camps, host communities and newly recaptured areas.

People assisted November 2016



Global Humanitarian Funding

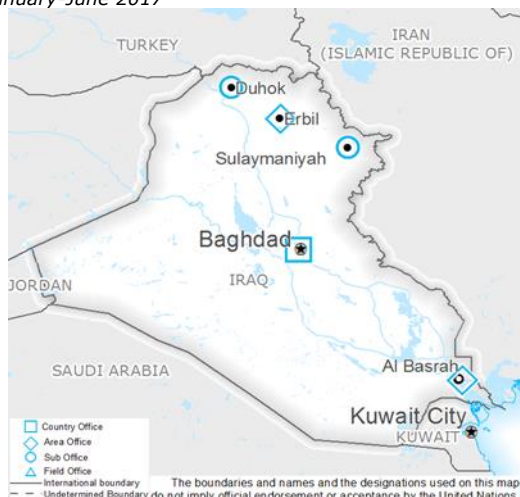
Overall:
USD 861 million
WFP share:
USD 180 million

WFP 6-month Net Funding Requirements (Dec 2016 – May 2017)

EMOP 200677	USD 120.4 million
EMOP 200433.IQ*	USD 0*
Food Security Cluster	USD 127.3 million
ETC/Logistics Cluster (SO 200746)	USD 2.8 million
PRRO 200987	USD 14 million**

* With solid forecasts, the operation is fully funded until the end of 2016

** January-June 2017



Situation Update

- The military campaign to retake Mosul, which started on 17 October, has slowed down amidst fierce resistance from Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). The Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) entered the city on 01 November and have reportedly retaken one third of the city to the east of the Tigris River. The ISF has focused on clearing and holding areas already retaken.
- WFP carried out an assessment mission to Nimrud and the surrounding villages on 24 November. Findings indicated that the area is relatively safe but shops are almost empty with very few food items. The main food supply is coming from Qayyarah which is difficult to access, and people in the Nimrud area are in need of food, fuel and winter clothing. In addition, families are fleeing from fighting to these newly liberated areas on a daily basis.
- In November 2016, WFP Executive Board approved Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation [PRRO 200987](#) to provide assistance to vulnerable Syrian Refugees and Host Communities from January 2017 through December 2018. In Iraq, WFP seeks to assist 65,000 Syrian refugees through support to human capital and self-reliance activities, and the provision of life-saving food assistance when needed.

WFP Response

- Under Emergency Operation [EMOP 200677](#), WFP assisted 1.4 million displaced Iraqis through FFRs and CBTs in November 2016, as well as 94,000 with IRRs.
- As part of the regional Emergency Operation [EMOP 200433](#), WFP provides cash and e-vouchers to 52,000 Syrian refugees residing in nine camps across the Kurdistan Region of Iraq each month.

- 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.



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- In November, WFP assisted 281,606 people with a combination of transfer modalities (unrestricted cash in urban areas and e-voucher in rural areas), reaching 79 percent of the planned people. Each beneficiary received IQD 20,000 (USD 17), which represents approximately USD 5 million injected into the local economy. Planning, delivery and evaluation of assistance continues to be done through the SCOPE platform.
- In December 2016, WFP will initiate the first cycle of a pilot for Mobile Money Transfer in Erbil District (Binaslaw District) that aims to provide unrestricted cash assistance for 31,000 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) through SIM cards provided by Asia Cell.
- WFP planned to assist a total of 68,087 Syrian refugees in November 2016. Assistance is provided through the SCOPE platform by providing direct cash, electronic and paper vouchers.



Supply Chain

- WFP has been working to increase the buying power of those receiving food assistance. Contracts have been signed with all WFP refugee camp retailers, which will result in increased purchasing power for beneficiaries due to a 15.7 percent reduction in prices of a core range of items.
- WFP has stocks of FFRs ready to assist half a million households with a full basket and stocks of IRRs ready to assist 459,052 households.

Clusters and Common Services



Food Security Cluster

- Preliminary assessments by cluster partners in recently retaken areas indicate that displaced people, residents and host communities as well as those who wish to return are in need of support to

rehabilitate their livelihoods that have been severely impacted by the conflict. Access to these areas remains challenging, largely due to security constraints and administrative procedures for the passage of cargo.



Logistics Cluster

- On 10 November 2016, the One Stop Shop (OSS) was introduced to partners. The OSS will facilitate the humanitarian response in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq and elsewhere by enhancing the customs clearance process and reducing the time required for clearance by half.



Emergency Telecommunications Cluster

- The ETC held an event on 01 November to mark its [Connectivity for Communities project](#) in Domiz camp, Dohuk. The project provides Internet services for Syrian refugees to improve their English, continue their education online, share their stories on social media, find out humanitarian distribution schedules, and keep in touch with their families.
- The ETC has preconfigured security telecommunications and Internet connectivity equipment, ready to support the humanitarian response to the Mosul operation in up to three new sites.

Partnerships

- WFP is exploring innovative mechanisms for delivering within Mosul city in the event that it becomes a protracted siege with limited access. WFP is partnering with the Women's Empowerment Organization and Samaritan Purse who will distribute WFP food assistance in Mosul city when access and security permits.

Resourcing Update

- In November, contributions were received from Kuwait (USD 3 million), Norway (USD 1.8 million), the Republic of Korea (USD 1 million), Sweden (USD 1.1 million), and UN pooled funds (USD 1 million).

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	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	Net Funding Requirements (in USD)	People Assisted (November 2016)	Female	Male
EMOP 200677 04/2014-12/2016	954.3 million	529.8 million	120.4 million	1,442,952	707,047	735,905
In-kind			70,982,380	1,117,664	547,655	570,008
Cash-based Transfers			61,995,563	325,288	159,391	165,897
EMOP 200433.IQ 07/2012-12/2016	219.8 million	104.97 million	0*	51,142	25,670	25,472
In-kind			-	-	-	-
Cash-based Transfers			-	51,142	25,670	25,472

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