

WFP Iraq Situation Report #58

September – October 2018



Photo: WFP/MA

In Numbers

- 1.86 million** people displaced (IOM)
- 4.11 million** returnees (IOM)
- 251,793** Syrian refugees in Iraq (UNHCR)
- 270,504** Iraqis assisted by WFP*
- 44,354** Syrian refugees assisted by WFP*

* October 2018

Highlights

- As of 30 October, there are almost 4.11 million returnees and 1.86 million internally displaced persons (IDPs) (IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix) in Iraq.
- Due to funding constraints, WFP Iraq was forced to temporarily halve in-kind food rations and Cash-Based-Transfers in all IDP camps in September and October. Full entitlements will be restored starting November 2018 as a result of strong support received from donors.
- The fluid security situation is making the operating environment in some governorates increasingly difficult. In particular, the deteriorating situation in Ninewa, Anbar, and of Salah al-Din may threaten future resilience field activities.

People assisted

316,370
October 2018



Global Humanitarian Funding

Overall:
USD 568.7 million
WFP share:
USD 155.7 million

WFP 6-Month Net Funding Requirements

Iraq Transitional Interim Country Strategic Plan (TICSP) (December 2018 - May 2019) **USD 64.0 million**

Situation Update

- Displaced Iraqis continue to return to their areas of origin, with almost 4.11 million returning and 1.86 million internally displaced persons (IDPs) recorded as of 30 October (IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix) with the highest number of IDPs in Ninewa, Dohuk, and Erbil. The highest numbers of returnees are recorded in Ninewa Governorate (38.7 percent of the total number of returnees) and Anbar Governorate (31.2 percent).
- Thousands of people have been seeking medical assistance over the past weeks in Basra, due to water contamination. The federal Government has granted the Governor of Basra the necessary authorizations to expedite projects to improve water filtration and purification, rehabilitate water pipeline networks and extend new pipelines. This did not affect WFP operations.
- Early in September, the formation of a grand coalition was announced, consisting of several major Shi'a parties, Sunnis, secularists, and minority lists. This allowed for the election of a new Speaker of the Council of Representative in mid-September and set the stage for a new president to be appointed and a new prime minister to be nominated. The creation of a new Iraqi cabinet has been delayed since May.

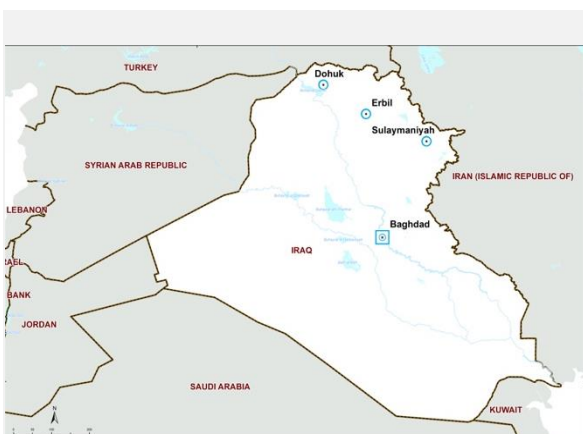


Photo: WFP staff support a food distribution WFP/MA

WFP Response



Food and Nutrition Assistance

- WFP continues to prioritise the use of cash-based transfers (CBTs) in the form of Mobile Money Transfers (MMT) and electronic vouchers in urban and peri-urban areas where beneficiaries have safe access to functioning markets. Following assessments and beneficiary consultations, WFP Iraq has shifted assistance from in-kind to e-vouchers for 35,000 IDPs in 37 camps in Anbar Governorate.
- Due to funding constraints, WFP temporarily reduced food assistance in all IDP camps. In September and October, one single ration was distributed to cover two months instead of one.
- Over USD 3.6 million were injected into local markets in September and October, through CBTs distributed to 187,814 people. In the same period, WFP provided Family Food Rations (FFRs) to 321,032 people in 8 governorates, and Immediate Response Rations (IRR) to 7,001 people, for a total of 4,615 mt distributed.
- A total of 48, 259 and 44,354 vulnerable Syrian refugees received general food assistance in September and October, respectively. All beneficiaries are settled in camps in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. Assistance is disbursed through electronic vouchers or unrestricted cash transfers.
- In September and October 2,075 and 3,025 people respectively participated to the Tech for Food project activities, implemented in Sulaymaniyah, Dohuk, Erbil and Ninewa governorates. Approximately 50 percent of participants are Syrian refugees, while the remaining are half from host community and half Iraqi IDPs. The project helps targeted vulnerable youths to acquire mobile digital skills that will enable them to use information technology to boost their livelihoods and access the digital marketplace.
- In September and October, 4,289 people participated to Food Assistance for Assets activities in Ninewa, Anbar, and Baghdad governorates. Ongoing resilience activities included rehabilitation of irrigation canals, installation of power generators of the Al Zab water network canals and boosting station, rehabilitation of agriculture assets like green houses, livestock shelter, community bread ovens. Over USD 212,600 were injected into the local economy through cash for work schemes.



Supply Chain

- WFP warehouses in Baghdad and Erbil were refilled with supplies including 39.36 mt of Immediate Response Rations (IRRs) and 804.052 mt of Family Food Rations.

Clusters and Common Services



Food Security Cluster

- In September and October, the FSC coordinated interventions from partner organizations to complement WFP halved rations.
- The FSC continued to engage partners in the preparation of the Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO), which is being finalized.



Logistics Cluster

- From September to October, the Logistics Cluster (LC) handled and stored 727.5 mt / 2,208 m3 of humanitarian supplies on behalf of 18 organizations.
- The LC conducted common storage field visits and warehouse market assessment in Tikrit. Further assessments in other locations are scheduled for the coming months.
- Common Services provided by the LC will be phased out in the first months of 2019. Transition activities will include warehouse assessments in key areas.
- The One Stop Shop (OSS) project for the facilitation of customs procedures for humanitarian commodities has been extended until 31 December 2018, with further extension to the end of March 2019 expected, when it will be integrated into the Joint Coordination Center (JCC) of the Ministry of Interior of Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KR-I).

Partnerships

- Main contributions to the TICSP in 2018 have been received from the United States, Japan, Canada, France, Germany, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Australia, Switzerland, and France.

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WFP Operation

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6-Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD) (December 2018 – May 2019)	People Assisted (October 2018)	Female	Male
TICSP TOTAL (2018)	216.8 m	184.5 m	64.0 m	316,370	155,021	161,349