

IRAQ MONTHLY UPDATE - OCTOBER 2015

FOOD





50,814 Syrian refugees received food assistance through food vouchers.

Tiered approach started in August 2015 continued in October as following:

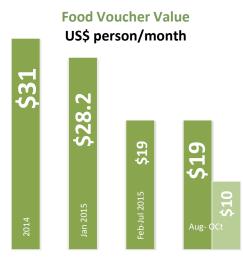
- 1,027 individuals received US \$19 paid in Iragi dinars
- 48,784 individuals received US\$ 10 paid in Iragi dinars
- 65 individuals received US\$1 paid in Iragi dinars

Due to ongoing military operations, WFP was unable to deliver food parcels to Al-Obaidi camp in Anbar governorate. Food distribution is undertaken by ISHO, a UNHCR local partenr benefiting 938 refugees.

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS:

In total, 49, 876 beneficiaries in the 9 camps in Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI) received assistance through WFP food voucher s. The voucher transfer values in October were maintained at 22,300 IQD per person for extremely food insecure families, while moderately food insecure families received 11,700 IQD per person. 65 individuals received 1,100 IQD due to overpayment in September.

As part of its commitment to affected populations, WFP continued to receive feedback from families who recently moved into the refugees camps and made arrangements to assess their food security status. Based on the results from these assessments and families who meet the additional vulnerability criteria agreed upon with UNHCR and WFP management in September, these new arrival families will be provided assistance.



With the transition of Arbat camp to voucher operations, all camps in the KRI have now been transitioned from in-kind food to food vouchers.

WFP signed a Field Level Agreement (FLA) with World Vision-Kurdistan to conduct the food security and vulnerability assessment among Syrian refugees living in the community. Subject to availability of funding, the results of the assessment will inform WFP in 2016 to Syrian refugees in the community.

For the eighth month this year, WFP was unable to deliver food commodities to Al-Obaidi camp and distributions of individual food parcels did not take place. UNHCR through its local partner ISHO continued providing food assistance: Baking and distributing 2 pieces of bread per refugee per day for all camp population benefiting 938 refugees (including unregistered refugees). Complementary food assistance value 17,500 IQD (total beneficiaries 697 refugees with total amount 12,197,500 IQD). Cash for food valued 25,000 IQD/month (benefiting 925 refugees).

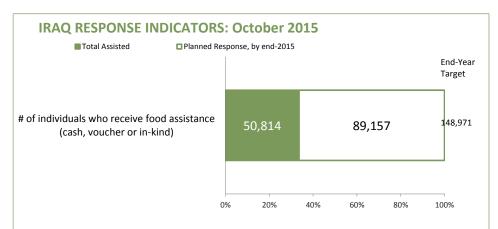


Voucher redemption, Basirma camp, Erbil WFP/Dilovan Mahamza

NEEDS ANALYSIS:

WFP budget requirements to assist Syrian refugees in Iraq in 2015 is US\$ 56.5 million.

WFP requires US\$7.6 million for the period November - December 2015.



Planned response based on full funding of 3RP for an expected direct beneficiary population of 250,000 Syrian refugees and 1.5 million members of impacted local communities by end-2015. There are currently 245,134 Syrian refugees registered by UNHCR.



















