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KR-I Food Security Cluster Meeting - Agenda

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1. Mosul Humanitarian Response

Since the start of the western Mosul operation on **19 February 2017**, a total of **678,177 people** have fled western Mosul as of 11 June (source: Iraq Government). An estimated 150,000 people are thought to remain in ISIS-controlled areas in west Mosul.

According to the Government some **14,000 IDPs from Baaj district**, west of Mosul district, have arrived at Hammam al Alil screening site since 5 June. This IDP movement is the result of hostilities further west of the Tal Afar area, towards the Syrian border

People have then been transferred to **Haj Ali, Khazer M1, Qayyarah Jad'ah 5, Qayyarah Airstrip** and **As-Salamiyah** camps in Ninewa.

Some **8,000 individuals** have so far been registered at **As-Salamiyah 2** camps and **5,500 individuals** have been registered at the **Ja'dah camps in Qayyarah**.

During the reporting period 1-14 June, 2017 a total of 8 partners reported providing dry food rations / Family Food Rations to a total of **40,525 individuals** in the following camps: Chamakor, Debaga 2, Hasansham M2, U2 and U3, Jada'ah 1, 2, 3, Khazer M1, Qayyarah Airstrip and Salamiyah.

During the reporting period 1-14 June, 2017 a total of 8 partners reported providing dry food rations / Family Food Rations (FFRs) to a total of **63,990 individuals** at the following Mosul neighbourhoods: 17 July, 30 July, Aden, Agedta, Al Dnadan, Al Khathra, Al Rahmaaa, Al Ealaam, Al Nabi Younis 1, Al Sumod, Al Thwra, Amel, Haramat, Hawi Alkanisa, Mansoor, Mosul Jadeda, Muallimin, Yarmook.

A number of families are relocating to areas south of the Old City. More information on exact locations and total number of returnees will be shared by the Food Security Cluster as available.

New camps have also been opened to accommodate the expected increase of IDPs' arrivals. Information on camps' locations and capacity are made available through the Camp Coordination and Management Cluster (CCCM). Partners are encouraged to sign up to the CCCM newsletter to receive updates directly to their inboxes: <https://tinyurl.com/mupxqss>

Help the Needy informed partners it had distributed some 4,000 dry food rations in east Mosul for west Mosul IDPs, as well as the Khazer and Hammal Al Aliel camps.

Samaritan's Purse reported on severe food gaps at Hammam Al Aliel 1 Camp. The FSC Coordinator informed partners the MoMD & MoT are the primary food actors in the camp, and whilst additional partners are being identified to ensure full camp coverage of IDP's food needs, consultations are ongoing with the MoMD & MoT on their planned food assistance.

UNICEF and WFP gave an update on nutrition assessments and supplementary feeding for the Mosul Humanitarian Response.

From January to May, UNICEF and partners have collected comprehensive data from nutrition screenings/assessments in Mosul (both east and west), camps and out of camps locations. To-date a total of 221,920 children have been screened, with findings pointing at an overall Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM) rate at 2.34 (low).



At some locations such as Hammam Al Aliel 2 and Jada'ha 2, 3 and 5 Camps, rates for Moderate and Severe Acute Malnutrition (MAM and SAM) were higher than average.

As a preventative measure and to help ensure nutritional needs are met, WFP has started providing blanket supplementary feeding to children aged 6 months to 5 years. This is being provided at camps alongside food assistance as a one-time distribution of ready to use supplementary food to cover a period of two months.

Families receive the allocation of supplementary food either through the Immediate Response Ration (IRR) provided to new families arriving in camps or through one round of the Family Food Ration (FFR). Information pamphlets with instructions in Arabic on dosage and frequency are also provided together with the nutritional supplement.

Action points

- Partners interested in receiving further information on UNICEF's nutrition assessments and WFP's supplementary feeding programme can email Najwa Rizkallah at nrizkallah@unicef.org and Allison Prather at allison.prather@wfp.org

2. Iraq Response Operational Updates

Sulaymaniyah Updates

- The MoMD is providing in-kind food assistance to all five camps in the Sulaymaniyah Governorate. Complementary food assistance is provided by WFP. Out of camps, in-kind food assistance is provided by the MoMD, IKL and BCF.
- ICRC is planning to transition to cash in the provision of food assistance starting from early July. Assessments on the feasibility of using cash are currently underway.
- ACTED is already implementing food assistance through cash-based transfers. Starting from July, ACTED will look at introducing cash-for-work programmes for IDPs in three Governorates, including Suleymaniah, and food vouchers for refugees.

Kirkuk Updates

- REACH has been providing food assistance to all 7 camps in the Kirkuk Governorate. In camps it has distributed a total of 8,772 rations, and in non-camps 3,781 for a total of 12,553 kits.
- FUAD has distributed a total of 2,357 ready-to-eat rations in Maktb Khald. Further food assistance will be provided pending availability of funding/resources.
- Partners shared information on IDPs stranded in the buffer zone (Daquq) where agencies do not have access. Some Immediate Response Rations were provided by FUAD, in coordination with the MoMD and Protection Cluster partners.

Tal Jarabea Updates

- The FSC conducted a field visit to Tal Jarabea on 14 June, 2017, where there have been reports of lack of regular food and livelihoods assistance for the 1,480 families currently residing in the area.
- Both FAO and Ministry of Agriculture are aware of needs and looking at providing assistance, including fodder and vaccines to the some 50,000+ sheep and 500 cows estimated to be in the area. Current fodder available is for less than 30 days.



3. REACH Assessment

REACH shared findings on its nation-wide Multi-Cluster Needs Assessment (MCNA) IV, which looked at the needs of IDPs living in non-camps settings across the whole of Iraq.

A total of 6,422 households (HH) were interviewed, in 72 districts (out of a total of 109), with data collection in Anbar and Salah al-Din supported by Relief International.

Some of the key findings include:

- Amongst IDPs out of camps there is a notable shift in how HHs source food compared with previous rounds.
- The use of negative and unsustainable coping strategies, indicate that HHs could come become increasingly vulnerable in the long term.

Further information on the assessment can be found in the annexed presentation

Action points

- Partners interested in receiving further information on the MCNA can contact the REACH Assessment Officers at: Homera Cheema, homera.cheema@reach-initiative.org and Tessa Richardson, Tessa.richardson@reach-initiative.org

4. FSC Sinjar/Sinuni/Telafar assessments

A team of FSC partners has conducted food needs assessments at 17 locations in Sinjar and Sinuna and a joint report is currently being drafted.

Although the PDS is functioning, some negative coping strategies have been observed, including borrowing from shop keepers. Lack of access to basic services and of enough water for consumption and irrigation, have also been observed.

In Sinuni some 40% of the total population are unemployed. The MoMD has been providing some food assistance for the past 2 months, but reportedly none in the last few weeks.

Some of the recommendations being put forward are for organisations to move to livelihood activities.

Action points

- FSC to share with partners the food needs assessment report, once finalised.

5. Partners' operational updates

The FSC Coordinator introduced partners to upcoming changes in WFP's provision of food assistance off-camps, whereby food security indicators for the targeting of recipients of assistance, will shift from status- to vulnerability-based. The FSC is currently collecting relevant tools and guidance for dissemination to partners.



A WFP representative informed partners that as of 1 July, WFP will temporarily suspend provision of food in-kind assistance out of camps. This decision follows consultations with the Government and is based on findings of the country-wide Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability Assessment finalised in December 2016. Meanwhile, food assistance in some camps will progressively move from in-kind to cash, whilst in other camps double rations will be provided to families of 8 and above.

A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with UNHCR, WFP and the Government to initiate a vulnerability assessment (food and livelihoods) in collaboration also with the Kurdish Statistics Office, focusing on the needs of refugees living in and out of camps.

In July and August, REACH will also conduct another assessment looking at the needs of returnees and remainees. The revision of indicators is currently underway in collaboration with the FSC.

Action points

- Partners to get in touch with REACH if interested in incorporating questions in their upcoming needs assessment focusing on returnees and remainees.

6. A.O.B.

FSC is currently providing feedback to organisations who had applied for the 1st Standard Allocation of the Iraq Humanitarian Pool Fund (IHPF). FSC has already met with 5 organizations and has plans for an additional 2 consultations. Any interested organizations can contact FSC at info.iraq@fscluster.org.

Another allocation is expected to be announced for the end of the year, and the FSC would like to hear from partners interested in being part of the new strategic and technical review teams. An expression of interest and nomination process will be forthcoming.

Action points

- Partners interested in being part of the strategic and technical review team for the second allocation of IHPF, to contact the FSC.