



DFID has been operating in Iraq since 2014 to provide humanitarian assistance and protection to people affected by Daesh's capture of large areas of Iraq. The United Nations (UN) has declared Iraq a Level 3 humanitarian emergency, a category reserved for the most serious and complex crises. Millions of people in Iraq are displaced and in need of urgent humanitarian assistance. Minorities are under threat and the security situation has had a major impact on women and children's rights and wellbeing. DFID's goal, as part of the wider UK effort, is to help to meet the urgent needs of people affected by conflict, whilst supporting the Government of Iraq's efforts to stabilise the country.

Key Facts

36 million Total population OCHA 2017 humanitarian response plan	11 million People in need of humanitarian assistance (of whom 5.1 million are children) OCHA 2017 humanitarian response plan	6.3 million People who need access to water & sanitation OCHA 2017 humanitarian response plan	3.17 million Of those in need are internally displaced IOM DTM November 2017	3.2 million People in need of food assistance OCHA 2017 humanitarian response plan	Over 245,000 Syrian refugees in Iraq UNHCR inter-agency portal
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Some of the UK funding committed since 2014

Agency	DFID Funding	Activities
Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) – Pooled Fund	£74.7 million	Meeting the most urgent needs of displaced people across sectors such as health, shelter and protection including for women and girls
United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR)	£34 million	Legal help, humanitarian aid and cash assistance for the most vulnerable people in Iraq
International Organisation for Migration (IOM)	£19 million	Shelter assistance, non-food items, camp management and medical care
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)	£18 million	Emergency water and sanitation assistance (including £3m for child protection)
Cash Consortium Iraq (CCI)	£23.9 million	Humanitarian cash assistance for the most vulnerable people in Iraq
The International NGO Safety Organisation (INSO)	£1.6 million	Safety advice for humanitarian agencies so that they can operate safely and access people most in need
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	£2.3 million	Support to Iraqi and Kurdish governments on crisis management so they can better manage the humanitarian situation in Iraq
UNDP Funding Facility for Stabilisation (FFS)	£12.95 million	Support light infrastructure, job and livelihoods creation, community dialogue and outreach mechanisms, and local government

Outline of DFID Iraq Country Programme

Our primary objective is protecting civilians through an effective humanitarian response, led by the Government of Iraq.

DFID is the leading donor to the UN-led Iraq Humanitarian Pooled Fund (IHPF)¹ which responds to urgent needs of the most vulnerable people in Iraq. It supported 4.9 million people with life-saving healthcare, water, sanitation, and safe places to stay in 2016 and is now providing vital assistance to tens of thousands of people affected by military operations to remove Daesh. DFID has also funded partners responding to urgent water, sanitation, shelter and trauma needs in and around Mosul.

Through the UK Government's Conflict, Stability and Security Fund (CSSF), DFID is supporting the UN managed stabilisation activities. This programme focuses on the restoration of basic services such as health and electricity, and getting local governance back on its feet. UK support has contributed to helping more than 2.2 million people to return to their homes. The UK also provided support to the Iraqi authorities to respond to the crisis that has hit their country through a UNDP programme that helps to improve the effectiveness of Iraq's crisis response mechanisms.

In 2016 the UK provided a £300m loan guarantee, through the World Bank, to unlock additional finance to help Iraq cope with the impact of low oil prices and the consequences of the conflict with Daesh.

Key results achieved (2014 - 2016)

- Food for more than **250,000 people**
- Over **325,000 people** have benefited from shelter kits, upgrades to camps and received essential household items
- Life-saving healthcare services, including primary healthcare, vaccinations and health education, to over **3.9 million people**
- More than **800,000 people** have been provided with safe water and sanitation
- Cash assistance to more than **110,000** highly vulnerable people
- Protection support to over **60,000 people** for gender-based violence, psycho-social support, child protection, mine risk awareness and mine disposal programming

Bilateral spend committed

- Programme budget 2014/15: **£39.5 million**
- Programme budget 2015/16: **£40 million**
- Programme budget 2016/17: **£90 million**
- Programme budget 2017/18: **£40 million**
- Programme budget 2018/19: **£20 million**
- Total commitment since 2014: **£229.5 million *excluding CSSF**

¹ The UK is the largest contributor to the Iraq Humanitarian Pooled Fund, which responds to the most urgent needs of vulnerable Iraqis. For more information on the IHPF, visit [here](#)