

# UK AID IRAQ RESPONSE

2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2014



**The Department for International Development (DFID) is leading the UK's humanitarian response in Iraq and getting life-saving aid to people across northern and central Iraq who have fled ISIL terrorists.**

## KEY FACTS



**5.2 million** people in Iraq are in need of humanitarian assistance (UN Iraq Strategic Response Plan)



**2.1 million** Iraqis have been displaced in 2014 (UNOCHA)



**1.26 million** are in need of support in preparing for the winter (UNOCHA)

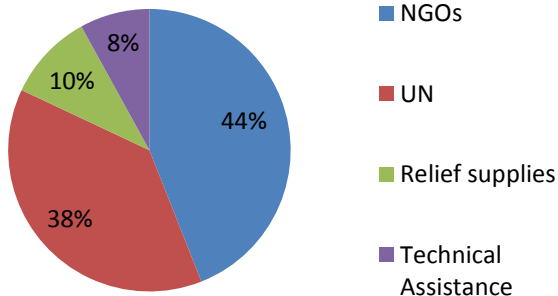
**£39.5 million** has been committed by the UK government to provide support in response to the conflict, including:

**£23 million** to meet emergency needs, including providing basic, life-saving assistance, humanitarian supplies and strengthening the overall humanitarian response.

**£16.5 million** to provide essential help as winter sets in.

## Total humanitarian assistance from the UK

The UK is delivering £39.5 million of aid:



## Emergency assistance



In the summer 2014 the UK provided £17.5 million of funding to the UN and NGO partners to support over 200,000 people affected by the recent crisis – this funding will allow partners to provide basic life-saving assistance, including food, shelter, water, sanitation and medical care. That existing funding is helping to provide emergency medicines, including polio and measles vaccinations, food and basic shelter to women, men and children affected by the crisis.

It will also enable aid agencies on the ground to trace and reunite families who have been separated while fleeing from the violence.

## Preparing for Winter



The UK has committed £16.5 million to provide essential help as winter sets in across Iraq – this includes:

- delivering blankets, heating stoves and other essential winter supplies to 14,000 vulnerable displaced families;
- providing cash and voucher assistance to help 16,000 families buy warm winter clothing such as coats and shoes along with other essentials;
- ensuring 4,500 families are sheltered from winter conditions, including delivery of all-weather tents and repairs to unfinished and derelict buildings sheltering displaced people;
- and provide emergency health support and increased access to safe water for thousands of vulnerable Iraqis.



Tents for Iraqi refugees provided by UKaid

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## Humanitarian supplies

The UK has provided £4 million for humanitarian supplies – this includes aid that was air dropped to help those trapped in the Sinjar Mountains, as well as supporting UN agencies to move food and equipment.

### Airdrops

The UK conducted 7 airdrops of assistance onto Mount Sinjar between August 9<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Supplies dropped included: 9,400 reusable water purification containers filled with clean water; 1,000 solar lamps which can also be used to charge mobile phones; and 1,000 shelter kits.

A further 2 aid drops were carried out (30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> August) to deliver aid to thousands of people trapped by ISIL in the Iraqi town of Amerli. Total supplies dropped – 8.5 tonnes of water and nearly 3 tonnes of food – included; 420 containers carrying over 8,400 litres of clean drinking water; 210 packs of high energy biscuits; 70 ration packs; and 92 individual ration meals.



UK humanitarian supplies being delivered

### Supplies

DFID has chartered 9 cargo flights delivering aid supplies for displaced people in the Dahuk region. Supplies included; 10,000 kitchen sets; 4,700 blankets, 3,800 solar lanterns; 1,500 family-sized tents; 1000 buckets; and 90 shelter kits.



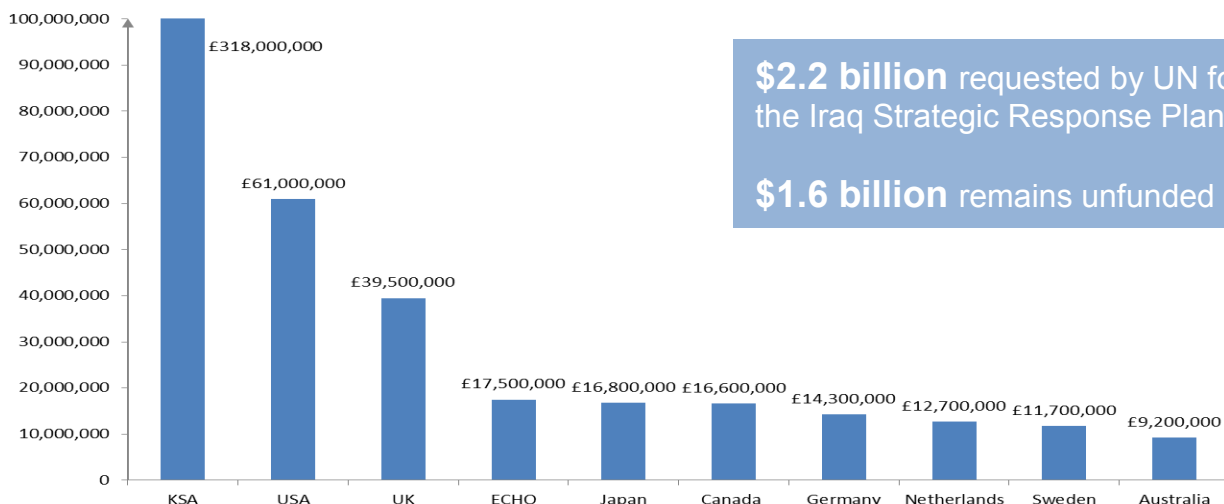
## Technical assistance

DFID is supporting logistics and coordination mechanisms to enable Kurdish and UN systems to respond effectively to humanitarian needs in the region, as well as supporting the International Humanitarian Partnership to set up a camp for 6,000 displaced people near Dahuk.

### Deployments

The UK has deployed two humanitarian advisors to assess needs in Northern Iraq; a senior DFID representative to Erbil to work with the UN, US, Kurdistan Regional Government and other international partners; and an adviser working with the Kurdistan Regional Government to support its management of the massive influx of internally displaced people (IDPs)

## Top 10 Donors of the Iraq Crisis Response\*



**\$2.2 billion** requested by UN for the Iraq Strategic Response Plan

**\$1.6 billion** remains unfunded

\*<http://fts.unocha.org> 2 December 2014. Total Humanitarian Assistance per Donor (Contributions and commitments, UN Appeal plus other)