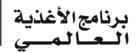


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WFP News Video Syrian refugees in Iraq Kawargosk Camp(Erbil)Iraq Shot: 21-22Aug2013 TRT: 1:58

:00-:08 GV's over view Kawargosk refugee camp(Erbil)Iraq Shot: 21Aug2013

:08-:35 GV's refugees with belongings Kawargosk refugee camp(Erbil)Iraq Shot: 22Aug2013

:35-:59 World Food Programme distribution of food. Each family gets a one month ration of wheat flour, rice, vegetable oil, lentils, salt, sugar and pasta Kawargosk refugee camp(Erbil)Iraq Shot: 21Aug2013

:59-1:07 SOT(Arabic): Amal, refugee from Qamishly, Syria 25yrs old , mother of 4 carrying her one mouth ration. "We were shelled so we escaped and since we came everyone has been doing their best to help us." Kawargosk refugee camp(Erbil)Iraq Shot: 21Aug2013

1:07-1:15 Family unpacks food ration Kawargosk refugee camp(Erbil)Iraq Shot: 22Aug2013

1:15-1:30

SOT(English)

Abeer Etefa, WFP spokesperson"WFP is providing food assistance to all the new arrivals to Kawargosk camp and plans to mobilize more food from around the region so that we can meet all the food needs of the refugees as they continue to cross this border from Syria to Iraq"



Kawargosk refugee camp(Erbil)Iraq Shot: 22Aug2013

1:30-1:58 GV's refugees with belongings Kawargosk refugee camp(Erbil)Iraq Shot: 22Aug2013 ENDS

- Around 40,000 Syrians have streamed across the border into the Kurdistan region of Iraq over the last week since the authorities reopened the border. WFP is mobilizing food in the region to provide assistance for 185,000 people for a month.
- The influx brought the total number of Syrian refugees in Iraq to over 192,000 (from around 155,000 prior to the influx) and is expected to continue, with reports that there are more than 100,000 internally displaced people on the Syrian side of the border.
- WFP responded quickly to the influx and distributed food to families in more than 1,000 tents at the transit camp of Kawargosk, near Erbil, set up by the Iraqi authorities. Distributions are on-going.
- Most of the new arrivals at Kawargosk are mainly vulnerable women, children and the elderly. The camp now accommodates around 15,000 refugees.
- WFP also distributed food yesterday (Aug 22) to some 2,500 refugees accommodated in a warehouse at Bahrka in Erbil.
- In the meantime, WFP is mobilizing 37,000 family food rations enough to feed 185,000 people for one month from Mersin in Turkey for immediate dispatch to north Iraq.
- To ensure the capacity to respond effectively and promptly to the influx, WFP is ramping up its staffing presence (programme and logistics) on the ground.
- Elsewhere in northern Iraq, WFP provides food assistance at Domiz camp. In July WFP's voucher programme in the camp reached close to 57,000 people with food vouchers worth US\$31 per person, per month.
- WFP also provides food at a camp in Al-Qaim, Al-Anbar governorate. WFP, along with UNICEF, provide school snacks for children in both camps. Since April, WFP has distributed around 18 metric tons of high-energy biscuits to over 4,500 Syrian refugee children attending schools in camps in Iraq.

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