

WFP News Video
WFP/UNHCR Assistance to Iraqis fleeing Violence in Sinjar
Location: Dahuk/Erbil, Iraq
TRT: 02:24

Shotlist

00:00 – 00:36

Dahuk, Iraq

Shot: Aug 05, 2014/WFP footage

People receiving WFP hot meals, they get 2 meals a day

00:36-01:00

SOT Jane Pearce, WFP Iraq Country Director,

Shot in Erbil 12 Aug 2014/WFP footage

“The situation for the people arriving in Dahuk from Sinjar, really, is very dramatic I was there myself to meet the governor to discuss the UN assistance for the people who are arriving.

What WFP is doing is providing hot meals to people who are newly arrived and we are also providing family rations for those who are able to cook for themselves”

01:00-01:12

Dahuk, Iraq

Shot: Aug 05, 2014/UNCHR footage

More than 500 displaced Iraqis from Sinjar, Iraq are staying in this Yazidi temple

01:12-01:25

SOT Abu Shaker, Displaced Iraqi (Arabic):

Shot: Aug 05, 2014/UNCHR footage

Abu Shaker has more than 60 family members stranded in the Sinjar mountain

“Sinjar mountain has no water, no electricity no roads, no bread, not even a single tree, nothing in it, nothing for humans to eat there.”

01:25-01:41

Shot: Aug 05, 2014/UNCHR footage

Displaced Iraqis receiving blanket and mattresses from UNHCR

01:41-02:07

Erbil, Iraq

Shot Aug 07, 2014/UNHCR footage

Wide of church

Displaced people mainly Christians from Ninewa governorate sitting down on the floor and sleeping outside

02:07-02:24

Shot Aug 07, 2014/UNHCR footage

Wide of church hall, people sitting to pray
People sleeping on church benches

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Background Info:

- WFP has successfully provided food assistance to more than 438,000 people displaced by the conflict in Iraq since mid-June, and is rapidly expanding its response.
- WFP has provided various types of food assistance to displaced populations in Iraq. It has mostly distributed food parcels containing essential items such as rice and cooking oil. Each parcel feeds a family of 5 for one month. WFP also distributes emergency ready-to-eat rations that include canned foods and provides relief for 3 days. Families that are on the move and do not have access to cooking facilities have benefited greatly from these emergency rations.
- Additionally, as a response to the rising number of people fleeing Sinjar over the past week, WFP has set up four emergency field kitchens in Dahuk and Lalish, in conjunction with the local Barzani Charity Foundation, providing immediate assistance for families on the move. The kitchens have enabled WFP to assist more than 100,000 individuals since 4 August who have fled violence in Sinjar.
- UNHCR is providing shelter, emergency items and protection monitoring for hundreds of thousands amongst the newly displaced population, and technical support in camp development. Over the past week alone UNHCR has distributed 8,200 emergency kits, 3,800 family tents, and 20,000 mattresses and blankets across Dahuk, in Bajet Kandela and Garmawa. UNHCR is supporting the government in preparing camp sites for the displaced in other nearby areas.
- UNHCR is also leading the UN response for Dahuk's Syrian refugee population.
- The United Nation's refugee and food agencies, UNHCR and WFP, are working very closely together to respond to the urgent needs of hundreds of thousands of Iraqis who have fled violence across the country and sought refuge in governorates across the Kurdistan regional government area since mid-June.

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