

Highlights

Joint Crisis Coordination Center (JCC)

- In close collaboration with WFP Vulnerability and Mapping (VAM) Unit, Erbil Sub-Office, and Iraq Country Office, a training for JCC GIS officers was provided on 12-16 of September 2021.
- The WFP Supply Chain team conducted a field mission to Dohuk (26-29 September 2021) to meet with the Directorate of Migration Crisis Response (DMCR), identify their needs, and assess their logistics capacities. The initiative is part of WFP Iraq Country Office plan, to increase collaboration with the main government stakeholders and strengthen their logistics capacity.
- The WFP Supply Chain team conducted a meeting with JCC representatives in Erbil to discuss the ways to reinforce cooperation and communication in many areas, including Logistics Preparedness. The changes in JCC senior management staff and how it may impact the progress of FBPP project were also discussed.
- A meeting with the Head of Erbil Directorate of Migration and Crisis Response (DMCR) took place to determine how to strengthen logistics capacities and to explore the possibility of applying the Plan of Action at the governorate level.

Joint Coordination and Monitoring Centre (JCMC)

- The FBPP Officer, in coordination with JCMC, facilitated the Log.IE introductory meeting that took place on 6 September 2021 with over 20 participants from the governorates and headquarter. All participants were Information Management Officers.
- In collaboration with JCMC, the FBPP officer conducted Gaps Analysis Workshop on the 14 and 15 of September 2021 in Federal Iraq (FI) and subsequently the Plan of Action – encompassing six thematic areas – was developed. Approximately 80 participants from both the government and humanitarian community attended the workshop.
- The first draft of the Plan of Action was developed and shared with JCMC senior management for revision and approval. The Plan of Action will thereafter be presented to the government and humanitarian stakeholders prior to the submission for endorsement by the senior management at the General Secretariat of the Council of Ministers.



Background

The Field-based Preparedness Project (FBPP) activities in Federal Iraq region was initiated during the third quarter of 2020 after having met and discussed with the main stakeholders to build sustainable partnership. Through official channels, a request for participating in the FBPP was sent to Joint Coordination and Monitoring Center (JCMC) and a positive feedback was received. The project introductory meeting was held in February 2021 aiming to introduce the project scope and planned activities¹. Following the meeting, intensive fact-findings and capacity mapping activities were conducted as part of context discovery phase of the project. Fact-finding activities paved the way for the preparedness endeavours to be deployed and served as a foundation for the two-day Gap Analysis Workshop that took place in September 2021 and benefited from a wide participation from both the government and the humanitarian community. After having identified, through group discussions, challenges and bottlenecks and developed recommendations and activities, the Plan of Action was elaborated. During the closing of the workshop, a synthesis of the findings and upcoming activities were provided to the attendees. Currently, the work on developing the Plan of Action final draft is ongoing, and preparations for a meeting to present it to the government and humanitarian stakeholders have started.

Meanwhile, discussions for implementing the Logistics Cluster Information Exchange Platform (Log.IE) were initiated and strong interest and commitment were manifested by JCMC. A plan was therefore developed to train the JCMC Information Management Officers at headquarters level, as they will subsequently train their governorates counterparts in using Log.IE. An introduction meeting was conducted in the beginning of September to introduce the platform as well as to agree on future activities and learning programmes, consisting of five steps starting from basic to advanced level. Furthermore, preparations for conducting a Context Discovery workshop have started by identifying key stakeholders and planning workshop activities. Furthermore, another discussion to implement Log.IE in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI) was held during a meeting with the Head of Erbil Directorate of Migration and Crisis Response (DMCR) in the end of September. It was confirmed that the required resources needed to manage the platform are available and that details regarding main facilities within the Erbil Governorate may be embedded to the platform.



¹ <https://logcluster.org/document/preparedness-workshop-report-english-4-february-2021>

Coordination

- Coordination meetings with JCMC took place to identify key FBPP stakeholders from the government and humanitarian sides who must be invited to the Gap Analysis Workshop and participate in the group discussions.
- A series of meetings with facilitators from JCMC and the humanitarian Community (including WFP, UNDP, WHO, and UNICEF) were conducted at JCMC headquarters to organise the workshop discussions per thematic.
- A meeting with Dohuk DMCR was conducted to map the governorate logistics capacity and assess the needs. In addition, a meeting with Erbil DMCR was conducted for the same purpose.
- A meeting with a representative from JCC was conducted to discuss communications, coordination, and the impacts of the changes in the senior management staffing regarding the Plan of Action endorsement progress.

Information management

- The Global Logistics Cluster Support Team IM and Log.IE divisions supported with the preparations for the Log.IE introduction meeting and development of the meeting's material.
- The Global Logistics Cluster Support Team also supported the development of the Gap Analysis Workshop communication material.

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