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# Field-Based Preparedness Project Introduction Workshop

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## Introduction

The activities of the Field-Based Preparedness Project (FBPP) in the central and southern regions of Iraq were kicked off by signing an agreement with the National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) represented by the Joint Coordination and Monitoring Center (JCMC), which falls under the authority of the General Secretariate for the Council of Ministers of Iraq and responsible for coordinating the humanitarian response during crisis. As the same time, the fact findings activities were undertaken via several approaches, including questionnaire, interviews, group discussions, etc. Later on, WFP jointly with the Global Logistics Cluster (GLC), and with the support of JCMC, organized the Field-Based Preparedness Project (FBPP) introduction meeting, which was carried out on the 4 February 2021 in Baghdad. The meeting is a milestone of the project and will pave the road for the coming preparedness activities. The one-day meeting focused on providing a high-level understanding about the FBPP in Iraq and aimed to:

- Introduce the Field-Based Preparedness Project and kick off its activities in the central and southern regions of Iraq after being initiated in the northern region (Kurdistan Region of Iraq – KRI) in late 2019.
- Explain the objectives and the importance of the logistics preparedness project in Iraq, while introducing the project's framework, main activities, and stages.
- Define the position of the government and other partners (humanitarian community and private sector) on the FBPP and evaluate the commitment and involvement of the stakeholders in the project.
- Present and briefly explain the next step in the project, the gaps analysis workshop, and the required actions, inputs, and attendance from government and humanitarian's side to ensure the success of the project activities.

The workshop helped lay down the foundations for the coming preparedness project activities and increased the awareness on the importance of investing in the preparedness project, while emphasizing on the role of the partners (government, humanitarian, and private sector) in achieving the objectives for the success of the project.

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## Background

Iraq is one of the initial countries selected by the Logistics Cluster partners to implement the preparedness project due to its exposure to natural disasters and other man-made events. The selection process for at-risk countries was conducted through a consultative process based on different risk indices <sup>(1)</sup>, which are focused on the national logistics performance and capacity indicators and climate risk indicators. Since 2003 most of the logistics and emergency response activities in the country were based on the immediate response to the ongoing conflict and the emergencies that entailed as the result of the conflict. At the same time natural disasters, such as floods, were happening on an annual basis and the response was interconnected to the conflict response.

The Field-Based Preparedness Project addresses one of the objectives of the Logistics Cluster set by the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) to build national capacity in preparedness and contingency planning through the strengthening of the capacities of national actors to prepare for and respond to disasters. The Logistics Cluster Field-Based Preparedness Project aims to enable local governments, national and international NGOs, UN agencies, development partners, and the private sector, to have a coordinated approach towards improving local supply chain resilience in Iraq and developing a common strategic response.

With a key objective to strengthen the national supply chain's resilience and increase cooperation, coordination and exchange of information between government and the humanitarian community, a Logistics Preparedness Project Manager was deployed to Iraq in late 2019 to carry out Logistics Preparedness activities with the support of the National Logistics Preparedness Officer and Global Logistics Cluster.

Later, the Logistics Preparedness Project initiated its first phase out of three phases by holding several preliminary meetings with the government officials aiming to introduce the project and its objectives. Due to various circumstances, the project first started in KRI to be later implemented in FI. These meetings were the starting point of the project initiation phase in the KRI region. Following the introductory meetings, the Gaps Analysis Workshop took place in February 2020 and, accordingly, the Plan of Action was developed and sent for endorsement. Due to COVID-19 restrictions and government shutdown, the second phase of the project that initiates the project activities in the central and southern regions of the country was delayed. In the fourth quarter of 2020, the communications with the Joint Crisis Coordination Center started. The cooperation with JCMC was established based on official agreement. Meanwhile, information related to logistics gaps and challenges were gathered via different channels to establish an

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understanding about the main thematic areas and challenges in the country. The FBPP meetings helped to bring the partners and stakeholders and introduce the project at a wider level, which will help set the preparations for the coming gaps analysis workshop and ensure a successful implementation of the future activities.

<sup>(1)</sup><https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrIjojMlJjOTEzNmUtZWJjMy00ZmYzLTk3NjQzM2YwN2Q3NzQ1MjRjIiwidCI6IjQ2MmFkOWFjLWQ3ZDktNDIwNi1iODc0LTcxYjFjMjYzZmZlMmI0Ij9>

## Objectives

The meeting was structured to introduce the main objectives of the Field-Based Preparedness Project in the country and establish an understanding of the project objectives, while ensuring spreading awareness of the project.

The following objectives were achieved during the workshop:

- The main objectives, activities and stages of the project were introduced.
- The position of the participants (government, humanitarian actors, private sector) about the project was formulated.
- The coming FBPP steps/activities were explained, and emphases were made on the necessity of committing to the project activities and attending the coming Gaps Analysis Workshop.

## Workshop structure

The Field-Based Preparedness Project (FBPP) workshop will kick off project activities in the central and southern regions of Iraq (Federal Iraq) and initiate the second stage of the project country-wide. As mentioned in several occasions throughout this document, this workshop serves as a mean to bring relevant partners, who are heavily invested in the logistics activities during the crisis' response, to introduce the FBPP and overview its objectives and activities.

The workshop started with the WFP country director's welcoming remarks, emphasizing on the important role of the long-term collaboration with government and partners during the emergency response and preparedness phases. It was followed by remarks given by the head of JCMC and JCC (the heads of NDMOs in both FI and KRI, respectively) highlighting the role played by WFP and Global Logistics Cluster during the response's phase.

After the welcoming remarks, the presentation started by explaining the motive behind implementing the project in Iraq and the objectives aimed to be achieved during the specified timeline and by following defined framework and activities. During the second portion of the meeting, UNICEF presented the COVAX

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initiative and the extend of support that can be provided to the Iraqi's government during the purchase and movement of COVID-19 vaccine to the final destinations.

Finally, the meeting presented the coming steps and activities of the project and the needed involvement and commitment from the partners' side. Also, the preparations for the gaps analysis workshop were explained, and the contribution of the collaborative efforts and involvement from both government, humanitarian actors, and private sector partners in achieving project's objectives were highlighted. The meeting agenda can be found in *Annex A*.

### Session outcomes

- **Outcome 1:** the position of the attendees representing government entities, UN agencies, INGOs, NGOs, and private sectors about the preparedness project was established.
  - The attendees, who represent a wide range of government entities, humanitarian actors, and major private telecommunication companies, were briefed about the FBPP and the previous activities carried out in KRI.
  - The importance of participants' commitment and engagement in the project was emphasized and the welcoming attitude of the attendees toward the FBPP was observed and noted.
- **Outcome 2:** the objectives, activities, and stages of the preparedness project were introduced.
  - The objectives, scope, and stages of the FBPP were explained in depth.
  - The expected short-term and long-term activities were explained and the roles of the participants in these activities was clarified.
- **Outcome 3:** the coming activities and gaps analysis workshop were briefly introduced
  - As an essential milestone, the objectives, activities, expected outcomes of the Gaps Analysis workshop (GAW) were highlighted.
  - The commitment and involvement to attend the GAW workshop to discuss the gaps and challenges that are hindering the humanitarian response were encouraged.
  - Consequently, the development of a plan of action that covers the preparedness activities in the central and southern regions and provides recommendations about the preparedness project activities was illustrated.
- **Outcome 4:** the possibility of combining several initiatives by different parties was discussed and explored.

- The workshop was an opportunity to explore projects of similar nature carried out by other entities and propose efforts to combine initiatives and eliminate redundancies and duplications.
- **Outcome 5:** The creation of a short-term working and long-term plans was agreed to be adopted during the course of the project.
  - The significance of developing a short-term plan to guide the project activities and to serve as a roadmap for the coming activities was explained. An example of the work plan developed by WFP with the support of JCMC to cover FBPP activities for the first quarter of 2021 was shared.
  - Additionally, the possibility of developing a long-term plan that helps guiding and aligning the activities towards the preparedness project objectives was also explored.



*From the right: WFP Supply Chain officer, WFP Country Director, Head of JCMC, and Head of JCC heading the meeting*

*Participants from National Operations Command, JCC, MOT, MoH, etc.*

## Next steps

The coming steps in the project include, inter alia:

- Developing a summary of the logistics gaps and challenges to be presented to the Logistics Preparedness Working Group during the GAW.
- Preparing for the coming GAW.
- Expanding the list of invitees for GAW to include donors and other influential entities in the coming events/workshops.
- Selecting and training facilitators, who will manage the groups' discussion during GWA.

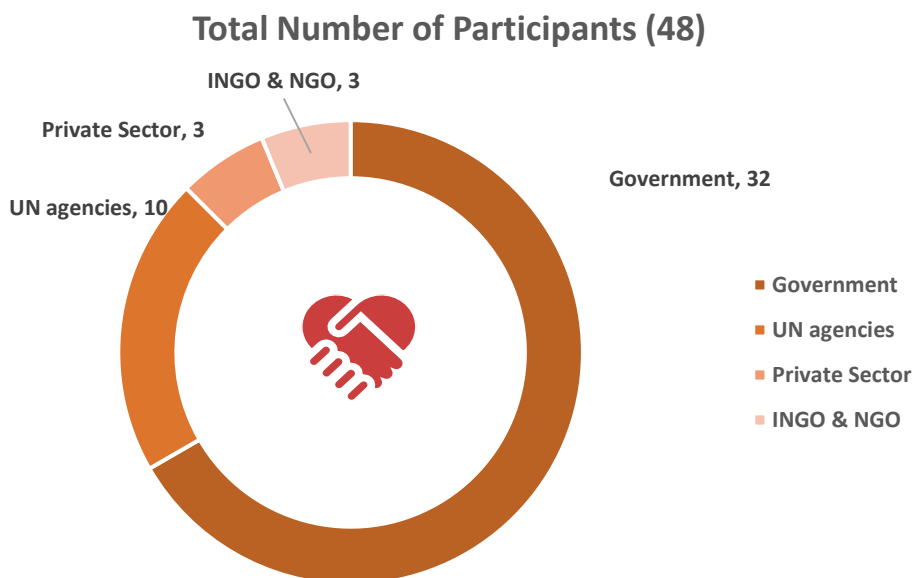


- Drafting a short-term working plan that defines the coming activities during the second quarter of 2021.
- Developing Plan of Action based on the outcomes of the GWA.

## Evaluation

The FBPP introduction workshop was attended by 48 participants, which are broken down and illustrated in the below table and graph. The workshop participants were representatives of different government entities, who are directly or indirectly involved in the preparedness project activities, private sector, and also from humanitarian community actors (NGOs, INGOs, UN Agencies, Iraqi Red Crescent, International Committee of the Red Cross.) The governments representatives were high-ranking officials and directors from various ministries and provinces. The representatives of the humanitarian actors were highly experienced professional in the supply chain and logistics fields. The below chart summarizes the participation of the workshop. A list of the attendees in Annex section: *Annex B*.

Entity	Participants
Government	32
UN agencies	10
Private Sector	3
INGO & NGO	3
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>48</b>



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## Annex

### Annex A: Meeting Agenda

From	To	Activity	Description
09:30	10:00	Orientation and Registration	
10:00	10:15	Welcome and Introductions	WFP Country Director
10:15	10:30	Joint Coordination and Monitoring Center Remarks	Head of JCMC
10:30	10:45	Joint Crisis Coordination Center Remarks	Head of JCC
10:45	11:00	Field-Based Logistics Preparedness Project Introduction & Objectives	WFP – Preparedness Officer
11:00	11:30	Preparedness Project Activities	WFP – Preparedness Officer
11:30	11:50	Coffee Break	
11:50	12:30	Partners Involvement and Establishing of Logistics Working Group	WFP – Preparedness Officer
12:30	12:45	COVAX Logistics Support – UNICEF	UNICEF – Online
12:45	12:55	Next Steps	WFP – Preparedness Officer
12:55	01:00	Meeting Closure	Head of JCMC & WFP
01:00	02:00	Lunch	



## Annex B: List of Participants

Name	Entity
Anseer Abdulsatta	JCMC - HQ
Sadeeq Jewad	JCMC - HQ
Aqeel Baqir	JCMC - HQ
Mohammed Salman	JCMC - HQ
Ehsan Hadi	JCMC - HQ
Muaath Maetham	JCMC - HQ
Khalid Fadel	MOD
Ebtehal Hashim	MOT
Yasin Mohammed	MOI
Abdulhakeem Mutar	MOF
Uoda Hasan	MOH
Haitham Saaedi	MOH
Sameer Abdulammer	Ministry of Industry and Minerals
Esmaeel Khalil	Ministry of Migration and Displaced
Talal Abdulkhalik	Ministry of Construction and Housing
Zainab Shimran	Baghdad Municipality
Zaid AbdulAdel	JCMC - Baghdad
Sameer Abdulammer Enad	JCMC - Basra
AbdulJaleel Bressem	JCMC - Wasit
Hatem Merza	JCMC - Babil
Feras Sahib	JCMC - Najad
Abbas Hasani	JCMC - Najad
Zaid Ali	JCMC - Karbala
Mendeel Abdulhussien	JCMC - Muthana
Wahab Ibrahim	JCMC - Mesan
Abrar Nafea	JCMC - Anbar
Telaat Ali	Border Port Commission
Tamara Ameen	NOC
Loaya Abdulhassan	NOC
HOSHANG Mohammed	JCC
SARHAD Omar	JCC
MAREWAN Hassan	JCC
Abdirahman MEYGAG	WFP - Country Director
Haider Jaleel	WFP Team
Mahmoud Alakour	WFP - Supply Chain Officer
Mokhalad Ahmed	WFP Logistics
Zaid Mohammed	WFP - Logistics
Mr. Amgad Gholam	WHO - Logistics Officer
Ghaith Al Obaidi	WHO - Logistics Officer
Ahmed Qais	IOM - Logistics Officer
Ali Mohammed	IOM - Logistics Officer
Aous Youns	AsiaCell - PR Manager
Hamza Ali Sahim	ICRC - Logistics Manager
Mohamed Ali Fadhel	Mercy Hands
Mostafa Ahmed	Mercy Hands
Rand Saffo	ZainIraq Representative
Rana Mufeed	ZainIraq Representative
Inas Alani	UNDP - Liaison Officer