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### Facts & Figures

- An estimated 1.2 million people remain displaced inside Iraq (source: UNHCR).
- Among those who fled Iraq almost 166,000 people are still in the region and registered with UNHCR. About 102,000 of them live in Syria, 33,000 in Jordan, 9,000 in Lebanon and 11,000 in Turkey in addition to a number of unregistered Iraqi refugees who remain displaced.
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## HUMANITARIAN AID FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE IRAQI CRISIS

Since 2007, the European Commission has provided close to €104 million in humanitarian aid to help the victims of the Iraqi crisis through its Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection department (ECHO).

Aid reaches the most vulnerable populations affected by the crisis in particular the ones displaced inside Iraq and those who fled to neighbouring Syria, Jordan, Turkey and Lebanon.

### Assisting conflict affected people inside Iraq

The war in 2003 and the precarious security situation ever since have resulted in massive displacement and lack of basic protection for the civilian population.

The hardship of vulnerable groups has increased, with little access to employment and basic services such as water, sanitation health-care and education.

Since 2007, the European Commission has allocated almost €47 million in humanitarian aid for protection, basic medical care, water trucking and rehabilitation of water and sanitation systems across the country.

In 2012, the Commission adopted an additional funding package of €3 million for the most vulnerable among people affected by the conflict inside Iraq. This assistance provides protection and relief to displaced persons and other vulnerable populations affected by the conflict.

### Helping Iraqi refugees who have fled to Syria, Jordan and Lebanon

Since 2003, hundreds of thousands of Iraqis have crossed into neighboring countries. By 2012, tens of thousands of vulnerable Iraqis were still living in dire conditions. The Commission therefore allocated almost €7 million for the most vulnerable refugees in 2012. Aid consists of basic health-care, psychosocial support, emergency cash assistance and the distribution of essential household items.

Specific support for UNHCR's core mandate of protection is also provided. This is particularly important in identifying the most vulnerable groups and assessing their specific needs.

ECHO closely monitors the impact of the unrest in Syria on the living conditions of Iraqi refugees and is ready to support them further should it identify unmet humanitarian needs.

## Access to victims: a daily challenge for humanitarian

The Commission, in particular its Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection department (ECHO), will continue to support and work alongside the humanitarian actors responding to the crisis including UN agencies, NGO's and the ICRC.

However, humanitarian access in Iraq is still a major problem due to heightened security risks. Many areas in Iraq remain inaccessible for international organizations, which hampers the needs assessments and delivery of humanitarian aid to the most vulnerable groups.

### €8 million in humanitarian aid provided in 2012 for the victims of the Iraqi crisis:

Inside Iraq	
ICRC: protection, water and sanitation	at least 35,000 beneficiaries
Outside Iraq	
UNHCR: distribution of food and basic household items, protection	about 61,000 beneficiaries
ICMC: distribution of basic household items	about 6,000 beneficiaries
Terre des Hommes – Lausanne: psychosocial support	about 2,600 beneficiaries
CARE: distribution of basic household items and psychosocial support	about 11,000 beneficiaries



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