

Humanitarian funding analysis: Iraq – military offensive on Mosul

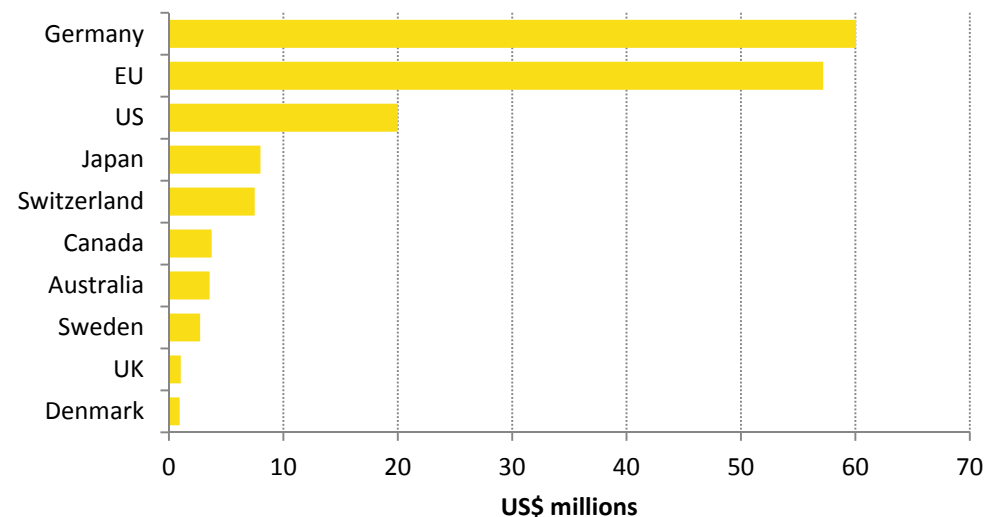
1. Key points

- According to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)’s Financial Tracking Service (FTS), donors have committed/contributed US\$166 million of humanitarian funding to Iraq so far in 2016.
- Germany is the largest humanitarian donor to date, contributing 36% of the total funding to Iraq so far in 2016 (US\$60 million).
- The UN’s Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) has not yet allocated funding to Iraq in 2016. In 2015, the country received US\$12.5 million from the CERF’s rapid response and underfunded emergencies windows.
- No disbursements have yet been recorded on the UN OCHA’s FTS for the Iraq Humanitarian Pooled Fund in 2016, but plans are in place to allocate US\$39.7 million from the fund during the year.
- To date in 2016 Iraq has received 81% of funding requested through two UN-coordinated appeals: the Iraq Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) 2016 and the Iraq component of the Syria Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP) 2016–2017.

2. Recent humanitarian funding to Iraq

A total of US\$166 million of humanitarian funding has been committed/contributed to Iraq so far in 2016. Germany (US\$60m), EU institutions (primarily the Department of Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection, ECHO) (US\$57m) and the United States (US) (US\$20m) are the largest donors, contributing 83% of total funding to Iraq so far this year.

Figure 1: Ten largest donors to Iraq, 2016



Source: Development Initiatives based on UN OCHA FTS data. Data downloaded 29 March 2016.
Note: ‘EU’ refers to EU institutions including but not limited to ECHO.

3. Pooled funding

i. Central Emergency Response Fund

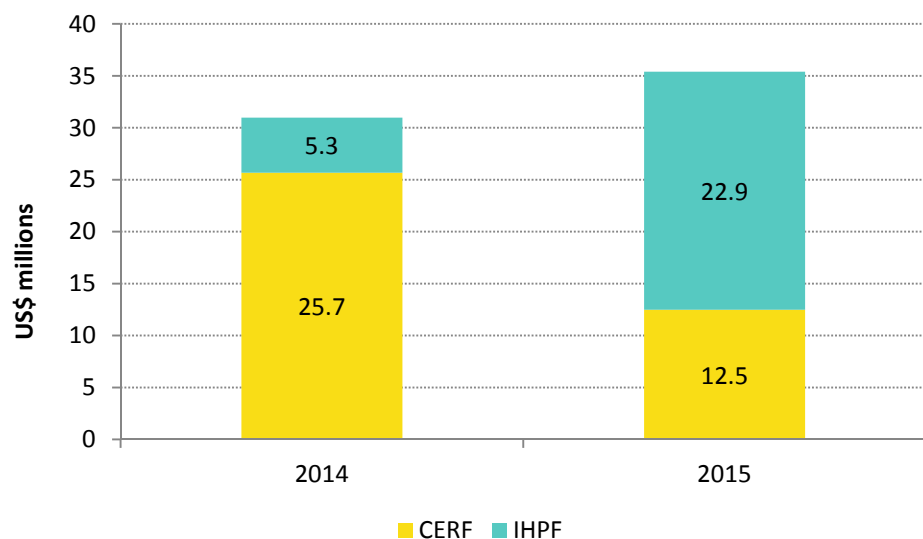
Iraq has not yet received funding from the UN’s Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) in 2016. In 2015, Iraq received US\$12.5 million from the CERF’s rapid response and underfunded emergencies windows and was the 16th largest recipient. In 2014 it was the 4th largest recipient of CERF funding, with allocations of US\$25.7 million from the rapid response window alone.

Almost a third of CERF disbursements to Iraq reported to the FTS in 2015 went to the food sector (31%; US\$3.9m), while just under a quarter went to water and sanitation (24%; US\$3.0m). The least funded sector based on available data was agriculture receiving 9% of CERF disbursements (US\$1.1m).

ii. Iraq Humanitarian Pooled Fund

So far in 2016, no disbursements have been recorded on UN OCHA’s FTS from the Iraq Humanitarian Pooled Fund (IHPF). However, plans are in place to allocate a total of US\$39.7 million this year from the fund: US\$32 million of existing funding and a further US\$7.7 million of additional pledges.¹ In 2015, disbursements from the IHPF were greater than the previous year, increasing from US\$5.3 million in 2014 to US\$22.9 million in 2015, of which approximately 10% was for healthcare interventions benefitting internally displaced people.

Figure 2: Pooled funding to Iraq, 2014–2015



Source: Development Initiatives based on UN OCHA FTS data. Data downloaded 29 March 2016.

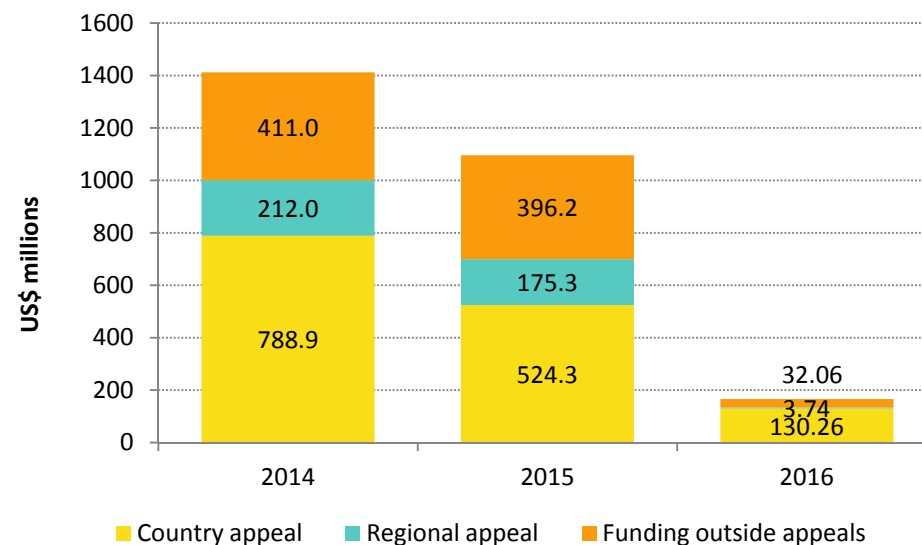
Note: In the UN OCHA’s FTS Iraq’s IHPF is labelled as ‘Emergency Response Fund’.

4. Appeals and response plans

So far in 2016 Iraq has received US\$134.0 million in funding through UN-coordinated appeals: US\$130.3 million through the Iraq HRP (15% of requirements) and US\$3.7 million through the Iraq component of the Syria 3RP (1.3% of requirements). A further US\$32.1 million has been received outside the appeals.

In 2015, Iraq received 64% of total humanitarian funding within appeals (US\$699.6 million): US\$524.3 from the Iraq HRP and US\$175.3 million from the Syria 3RP. US\$396.2 million was received outside the appeals. In 2014, the percentages were similar, with 71% of funding received through appeals: US\$788.9 through the Iraq HRP and US\$212 million through the Syria RRP.

Figure 3: Humanitarian assistance to Iraq inside and outside the appeals, 2014–2016

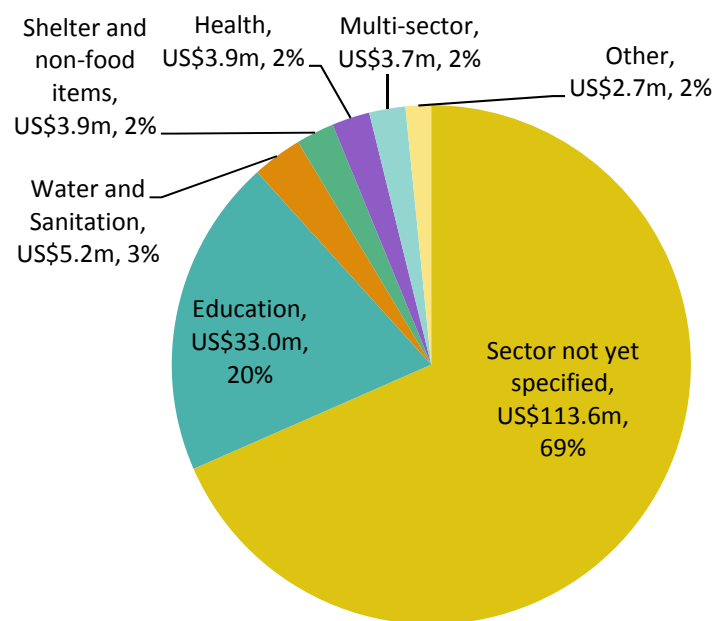


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5. Humanitarian funding to sectors

Over two thirds (US\$113.6m) of humanitarian funding to Iraq so far in 2016 has been channelled to projects that are ‘sector not yet specified’. Project descriptions include, among others, interventions aimed at internally displaced people and measures regarding help, protection, prevention and cooperation in Iraq. A further 20% of total funding to date in 2016 has been allocated to the education sector; 3% to water and sanitation; and 2% each to shelter and non-food items, health, and multi-sector. The remaining 2% of funding (‘other’) has been allocated to coordination and support services and protection/human rights/rule of law – each accounting for approximately 1% of the total.

Figure 4: Humanitarian assistance to Iraq by sector, 2016

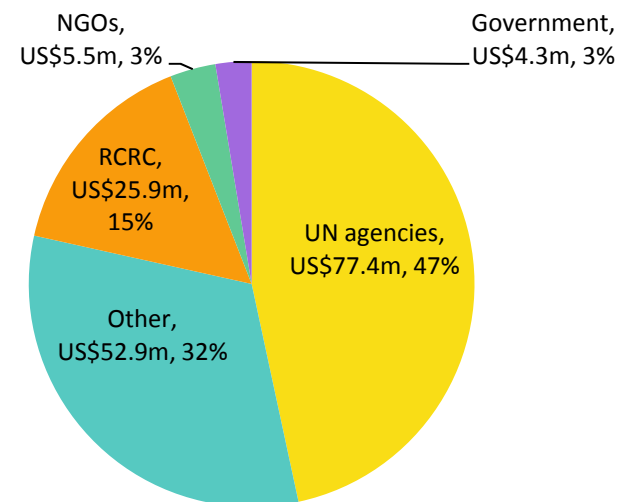


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 Note: 'Other' includes: coordination and support services and protection/human rights/rule of law.

6. Channels of delivery

UN agencies have received almost half of all humanitarian funding to Iraq so far in 2016 (US\$77.4m), with the UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF) receiving over half of this amount (US\$42m) and the World Food Programme (WFP) over a fifth (US\$20m). The Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement (RCRC) has received 15% (US\$25.9m) of total funding to Iraq in 2016; and 3% (US\$5.5 million) of this year’s total has been channelled through NGOs.

Figure 5: Humanitarian assistance by funding channel in Iraq, 2016

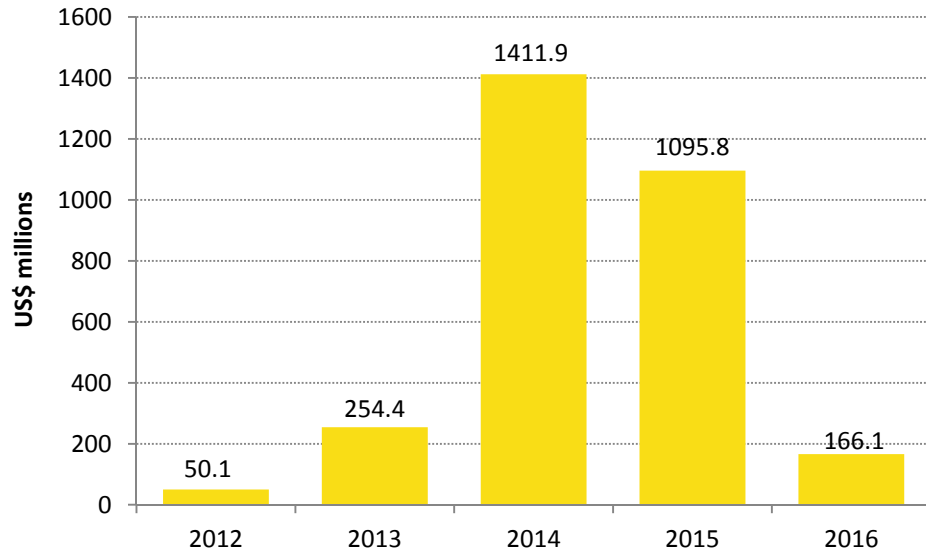


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 Note: RCRC: Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement.

7. Humanitarian funding trends (historic)

Humanitarian funding commitments/contributions to Iraq peaked in 2014 at US\$1.4 billion and decreased by approximately 22% in 2015 to US\$1.1 billion.

Figure 6: Humanitarian funding to Iraq, 2012–2016



Source: Development Initiatives based on UN OCHA FTS data. Data downloaded 29 March 2016.

Note: ‘Regional appeal’ refers to the Syria Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRP) for 2013 and 2014 and to the Syria Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP) for 2015 and 2016. ‘Country appeal’ refers to Iraq-specific appeals.

Data is correct at time of writing and subject to change. For up-to-date figures on the humanitarian response to Iraq and other crises see UN OCHA’s FTS: fts.unocha.org/pageloader.aspx?page=home

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ⁱ www.unocha.org/iraq/about-ocha-iraq/iraq-humanitarian-pooled-fund