Iraq - Conflict

ETC Situation Report #58

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Highlights

- The ETC is in the progress of submitting all the final documentation regarding its phase out from Iraq by 31 March 2019.

- In line with the phase out from Iraq, the ETC has completed handing over all its equipment to the relevant UN agencies.

The ETC is in the process of handing over its equipment to UN agencies before it demobilizes from Iraq on 31 March
Photo: ETC Iraq

Situation Overview

Although 3.8 million Iraqis have returned to their homes since the start of the crisis, more than two million Iraqi people remain displaced and a total of 8.7 million are still in need.

Protection challenges continue to be the primary focus, particularly due to the presence of armed actors in camps across the country.

The ETC has received US$137,000 approved from the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) 2019. The ETC will consume the funds received to carry out its activities as part of its phase-out and closure from Iraq by 31 March 2019.

Response

- The ETC shared a list of its equipment with UN agencies to determine whether any items may be useful for their operations. The UN agencies that checked the list are: WFP, UNAMI, UNHCR, OCHA, UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, IOM, UNDSS, WHO.

- A comprehensive list of ETC equipment list will be presented to the Local Property Survey Board (LPSB) committee to determine what to do with the equipment after the ETC closure in Iraq.

- Based on UN Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI) recommendations, two of the ETC's technical assistants will continue to support operations after the ETC's closure for at least six months.

Services for Communities (S4C)

- A contract has been signed with a vendor for the provision of a queueing system to be installed by the ETC in the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Community Resource Centres (CRC) in East Mosul, West Mosul and Fallujah. The installations are expected to have in the third week of March.

Challenges

- The security situation remains volatile across the country. Movements of humanitarian workers are heavily restricted.

Meetings

- The next Global ETC Joint teleconference will take place on Wednesday 13 March 2019.

Information

- Information and Communications Technology (ICT) responders operating on the ground in Iraq are encouraged to share their contact details with Iraq.ETC@wfp.org to facilitate local coordination. For ETC support, please call +964 782 780 6767.

- A dedicated information-sharing space has been created on the ETC website www.etcluster.org/emergencies/iraq-conflict. Organisations involved in the ICT response are encouraged to share updates with the ETC community to support the overall humanitarian response. All documents related to the ETC operation in Iraq are available on the ETC portal.

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Acronyms

ACTED	Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development
CDO	Community Development Organization
COMCEN	Communications Centre
ETC	Emergency Telecommunications Cluster
HF	High Frequency
HRP	Humanitarian Response Plan
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
IOM	International Organization for Migration
ISIL	Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant
ISP	Internet Service Provider
IT	Information Technology
JCMC	Joint Coordination and Monitoring Center
KRG	Kurdistan Regional Government
LRT	Logistic Response Training
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
OCHA	Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
S4C	Services for Communities
UN	United Nations
UNAMI	UN Assistance Mission for Iraq
UNCT	UN Country Team
UNFPA	UN Population Fund
UNHCR	UN High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	UN Children's Fund
VHF	Very High Frequency
WFP	World Food Programme

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