Iraq

Operation Overview

Type of Emergency: Conflict

ETC Active Since: 2014

Situation Overview:
On 7 June 2014, heavy fighting between the Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) and the Armed Opposition Groups erupted in Mosul, in the northern governorate of Ninewa. The violence resulted in numerous casualties and takeover of the entire city by Armed Opposition Groups, Tikrit, was seized on 11 June by the Armed Opposition Groups. With violence and conflict raging across much of Iraq, the humanitarian situation continues to worsen. Relief organisations and emergency response teams are mobilizing resources to meet the urgent needs of the affected people.

Key Data

Number of Sites
11

Services Provided
- Internet Connectivity
- Security telecommunications (Radio)
- Radio training
- Coordination
- Information Management
- Services for Communities

Trainings Conducted
- Let’s Comm technical training

Number of Humanitarians Served (since 1 Jan 2017)
99+

Funding Status
- The ETC in Iraq is appealing for US$2.7 million to carry out its activities in 2017.
- US$1.47 million has been received so far.

Planned Activities
- The ETC plans to roll out Services for Communities projects in more camps to support affected communities.

Challenges
- Access to new IDP camps near Mosul.
- The security situation remains volatile.

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RESPONSE

- The ETC continues to provide security telecommunications (radio) and Internet connectivity services to the humanitarian community in 11x sites in northern Iraq.
- The ETC continues to carry out refresher radio training for humanitarian responders to ensure their safety and security.
- Regular Global and Local ETC meetings are held with partners to ensure coordination and to avoid duplication of efforts. Accurate Information Management products are developed and shared with partners on a regular basis.
- The ETC has established its first ever Services for Communities (S4C) project which involves providing Internet connectivity to the affected community in Domiz camp, Dohuk.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

- The ETC plans to roll out additional S4C projects to enable affected communities to access the Internet in other IDP camps following assessments.
- The ETC has preconfigured vital communications equipment to deploy in more sites if necessary to support the Mosul operation.

CHALLENGES:

- Access to new priority sites to support the Mosul response is a major challenge.
- The security situation remains volatile, particularly around the camps south of Mosul.
- Funding remains a challenge to the operation with the ETC just over 51% funded.

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- WFP
- World Food Programme
- UNFPA
- UNHCR
- FITTEST
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