

## AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK – SITUATION OVERVIEW

Food security, agricultural production and Livestock are severely threatened by the escalating conflict in Iraq and according to the crisis that had been occurred in Diyala province AL-Muqdadiya region and the ISIS attacks on this region therefore; it requires immediate attention. Displacement, loss of assets and income opportunities, together with disruptions across the food chain from farms to markets, is

Diyala: Al- Muqdadiya Region /map



exposing a large number of poor people to food insecurity. The current escalation of armed conflict in Iraq particularly in Central region of Iraq resulted in a precarious and dangerous humanitarian situation leading in deterioration of both accessibility and the quality of essential services. An estimated 2,100,000 Iraqis have been displaced since the beginning of 2014 as a result of the ongoing conflict in Iraq. In addition, many people still staying in conflict affected areas and host families are either already food insecure or at risk of becoming food insecure very soon as the impact of the conflict worsens. On Rural Women Livestock is one of the pillars of economic fundamentals in the agricultural sector. The most important assets found in Diyala are cattle, sheep, goats and buffaloes. The livestock sector has been affected to a great extent by the current events in Diyala. Insecurity and fighting, together with difficulties faced.

The allocation of rural women international attention and national special stems from the fact that rural women are most workloads bear in the fields and in the home and in animal husbandry as they are more affected by the results of under nutrition or malnutrition, which is still in a lot of countries around the world are working without pay in frame field of agriculture wife are farmers, not a farmer working in paid agricultural production that achieves physical

Recommendations from the Ministry of Agriculture and government officials In Diyala province on the importance of agriculture and livestock.

## Effects of the crisis on agriculture and livestock

Muqdadiya is located in Diyala province, about 90 km northeast of Baghdad and 40 km northeast of Baquba. The city of Muqdadiya stretches over fertile agricultural land with an area of more than 200,000 dunums. Diyala affected by events in Iraq. Perhaps the most important thing is the introduction of a call to these areas where livestock and agriculture were affected to a large extent because this area has been completely damaged and that the infrastructure of this region has collapsed and damaged completely. There has been significant displacement in this area, forcing



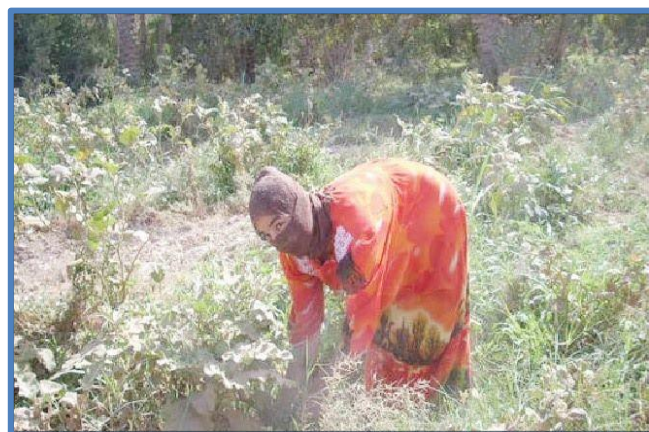
displaced farmers and livestock breeders to leave their land and leave crops, livestock, sheep, etc. This displacement caused the deaths of hundreds of livestock and the destruction of vast areas of agricultural crops, while this region is a food basket for Diyala and Baghdad, as well as the export of all kinds of vegetables and fruits to the center of Diyala province and Baghdad as well. Displacement has therefore had a major impact on the region's core resources, namely, agriculture and livestock.

## Food Security and Livelihoods Program

The Food Safety and Livelihoods Program of the Bothoor ALkhaer Organization focuses on two main tracks: rapid response and development projects.

### Development Projects:

Bothoor ALkhaer works to support agriculture in several areas of Iraq, supplying the most needy farmers with key inputs with the best available standards, and providing technical training to beneficiaries on good agricultural practices.



To support the recovery of the livestock sector, the Bothoor ALkhaer Organization distributes the necessary inputs for livestock breeders, including livestock, feed, medicines and technical training.

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The Bothoor ALkhaer also support various food processing projects to support income at the household level, especially in which income-earning women depend.

In addition, the organization carries out several projects in the rehabilitation and restoration of fields and food security facilities and their return to the production chain through the cash-for-work program for the most vulnerable families, seed and fertilizer distribution programs, wells drilling and the distribution of advanced drip irrigation systems.

### **Rapid response:**

Bothoor ALkhaer quickly identifies the needs and immediate response of returning and displaced families through the distribution of ready-to-eat rations, and supports bakeries to distribute bread and monthly food baskets either directly or through food support vouchers, Through warehouses contracted by the Goodwill Foundation within communities

### **RECOMMENDATIONS: FOOD SECURITY RECOVERY (Needs)**

In this report, we would like to refer to the food security which includes livestock and agriculture in Al-Muqdadiya Region, because of the vitality of this area and because it is a basic source for many of its residents, who have been forced to leave their property, including cattle and agricultural land. Therefore, we would like to present the most important needs of this region and we, as B.A.O.R.D have an extensive study on the important needs in this region as well as a study on all food security facilities in this region.

As mentioned above, the needs related to food security (agriculture and livestock) should be paid attention by the organizations. These needs should be provided to the professionals by supplying them with fertilizers for the rehabilitation of agricultural lands, as well as supplying them seeds, plastic houses and tractors to plowing the lands. Most of the population is engaged in agriculture and animal labor Cash-for-work programs in rehabilitating intention to revive lost livelihood agricultural projects .