



World Food
Programme

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Country Strategic Plan for Iraq 2025 – 2029

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Opportunities:



Oil rich (with opportunities to diversify the economy beyond oil).



20% of the population is engaged in agriculture, with significant potential for agricultural development.



60% of the population is under the age of 24, representing potential for economic growth.



Existing social protection systems



Challenges:

85% of government budget from oil revenues



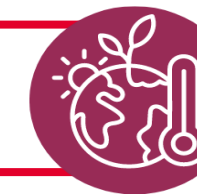
36% of youth unemployed, with high rates for women & people living with disabilities.



1.1 million Displaced persons in 2024; over 4.8 million returnees



2°C increase in temperature by 2050 causing significant stress to the food system.



30% of the population living in poverty, including over eight million children living in multidimensional poverty.



Governance Challenges



Outcome-Level Overview



Increased Transition
Toward Durable
Solutions

1

Crisis-affected populations are able to meet their food and other basic needs during/after crises.

2

Targeted populations have more resilient livelihoods and benefit from improved food systems by 2029.

3

Institutions have enhanced capacities to anticipate, prepare and respond to shocks through improved disaster risk management and more effective social protection systems.



Cross-cutting:

Promote empowerment, reduce inequality, support food systems and healthy diets

