

Integral Disaster Response Alert for the Iraq Humanitarian Crisis

Immediate Release



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Integral raised a Disaster Alert for the growing humanitarian crisis in Iraq on 12th August 2014. To date Integral has hosted seven teleconferences in order to facilitate Members sharing their operational and communication activities in the region.

Currently 13 Integral Members have joined together for this response: CEDAR Fund (Hong Kong), Food for the Hungry (US), Integra (Slovakia), Medair (Switzerland), Mission East (Denmark), SEL France, Tear Netherlands, Tearfund Belgium, TEAR Fund (New Zealand), Tearfund (UK), Transform Aid (Australia), World Relief (US), and World Renew (US/Canada).

Out of those, three Members are operational and are gathering teams for their intervention in this crisis; a further two Members are supporting a common partner in northern Iraq working with Kurdish refugees and all have launched fundraising campaigns in their respective countries.

Jan Eyre, Integral's Disaster Management and Programme Coordinator, says; "Being part of this Integral response means that Members can share information and communication resources on our dedicated website. The aim of this increased coordination is to see if we can work on a common strategy that will leverage more funds for our Members. The Integral Disaster Relief process also enables those without direct field contact to launch fundraising appeals in their own countries and consider seconding staff. It is undoubtedly the case we can achieve more together than as single organisations."

Mark Screeton, Medair's International Director says, "In response to the present needs, Medair teams are preparing to quickly distribute 8,400 emergency food rations and more than 2,000 emergency family kits, including mattresses, blankets, jerry cans, plastic sheeting, floor mats, pillows, ropes, buckets, laundry soap and hand soap, to affected families. Being part of a global Integral response means that we can send more resources to where they are most needed with the aim of assisting more people, particularly as colder weather approaches. When faced with such immense need in a very challenging operating environment it becomes even more important to work together to maximise our individual responses."

The United Nations estimates that there are 1.8 million displaced people in northern and central Iraq. Many are seeking refuge in construction sites, schools, or makeshift shelters scattered around the cities. The need for humanitarian assistance grows daily as fighting continues and human rights violations persist particularly for the country's minority groups (source and more info [here](#)).

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All Integral Members sign up to the [Red Cross Code of Conduct](#) and [Sphere Standards](#), and Integral has developed an agreed [Quality Standards Statement](#) amongst its 19 Members.

Integral's website: www.integralalliance.org

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MORE INFORMATION ABOUT INTEGRAL

Integral has 19 Members who work in over 85 countries and currently fund over 1100 projects in more than 30 sectors. Our Members have a combined income of over \$675m USDs and are:

[CEDAR Fund](#) - **Hong Kong**

[Food for the Hungry](#) – **USA**

[Integra](#) - **Slovakia**

[MAP International](#) - **USA**

[Medair](#) – **Switzerland**

[Missions Alliance](#) - **Norway**

[Mission East](#) - **Denmark**

[SEL France](#) - **France**

[TEAR Australia](#) – **Australia**

[Tear-](#) **Netherlands**

[Tearfund](#) – **Belgium**

[TEAR Fund](#) – **New Zealand**

[Tear Fund](#) - **Switzerland**

[Tearfund](#) – **UK**

[Transform Aid International](#) – **Australia**

[World Concern](#) - **USA**

[World Relief Canada](#) - **Canada**

[World Relief](#) – **USA**

[World Renew](#) - **Canada & USA**

The Integral Disaster Relief Process:

Integral Members have developed a collaborative strategy for responding to disasters as Integral, with the Disaster Response Process co-ordinating the emergency activities of its Members. The aim of the Integral DR process is to combine resources to ensure that as many people as possible are reached with the assistance they need.

In disaster situations Integral Members have previously collaborated in:

2014: South Sudan, CAR, Syria, The Philippines (Typhoon Haiyan), Kenya unrest, Iraq

2013: Cyclone Mahasen (Bangladesh), North India Flooding (Utterakhand), Syrian Crisis, and Tropical Cyclone Phailin (East India), Typhoon Haiyan (The Philippines)

2012: South Sudan (displacement), Philippines Flooding, Democratic Republic of Congo (displacement)

2011: Cote d'Ivoire, Libya, North Korea, South Sudan, Japan earthquake, Middle East, East Africa food crisis

2010: Haiti earthquake, Sahel food crisis, Indonesia earthquake, Guatemala Hurricane, Pakistan floods

2009: Sri Lanka (internally displaced people), Pakistan floods, Asian disasters

2008: Kenya Unrest, China Earthquake, Myanmar Cyclone, Democratic Republic of Congo, East Africa Food Crisis, India floods

2007: Bangladesh Floods, Zimbabwe Humanitarian Crisis

2006: Indonesia Earthquake

2004: Indonesia Tsunami, Sri Lanka Tsunami

Integral Vision:

- Integral's vision is a world without poverty.
- Our mission is to work in collaboration as national relief and development agencies committed to maximising the holistic impact of our Christian response to the poor worldwide. Integral's main focus is on working together when disasters happen, and to find opportunities for our Members to collaborate and so maximise our resources and impact following a disaster.

On Integral Collaboration:

- Integral's goal is for all its Members to become more effective and efficient in their work and to see greater impact and reach as a result of working collaboratively. This means making sure that Integral Members share information and play complementary roles with the resources they have available when an emergency happens. The Integral Secretariat plays a co-ordinating role to facilitate better communication between all Members in disaster situations with the aim of increasing support and avoiding duplication.

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