

**Question for written answer E-009575/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Calls from humanitarian organisations in Iraq

According to Unicef, a number of humanitarian organisations are preparing to launch an appeal for a fund of USD 500 million to counter the crisis in Iraq.

Again according to Unicef, 8.2 million Iraqis have been displaced by combat in the country and are in urgent need of humanitarian aid.

The ongoing combat is, unfortunately, likely to result in a further one million displaced persons between now and the end of 2015.

Since the Iraqi Government is financially incapable of meeting these needs, the USD 500 million should cover emergency aid for the next six months.

Does the Commission have the same information?

If so, does it intend to increase its humanitarian intervention in order to alleviate the catastrophic situation experienced by displaced persons in Iraq?