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Iceland contributes to the World Food Program's School Feeding Program in Iraq

The Icelandic Government recently decided to allocate 9 million Iskr to the World Food Program's School Feeding Program in Iraq, in accordance with a request from the WFP.

The project will focus mainly on girls from poor families. The objective is to raise the number of girls receiving education and to provide nutrition for them. The project will focus on areas where malnutrition is prevalent. The Iraqi ministries for education and health will run the project with local involvement.

The Icelandic government has in recent years been increasing its participation in projects run by the UN and its agencies. The decision to support this project is a further statement of that policy. In accordance with the Icelandic government's decision of 2003, 300 million Iskr are to be spent on emergency-, humanitarian- and reconstruction projects in Iraq. 100 million are designated for emergency- and humanitarian projects and 200 million are set aside for reconstruction. As of today, 91 millions have been spent on emergency and humanitarian aid. The funding of WFP's School Feeding Program will bring the total to 100 million Iskr.

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