



*WFP Warehouses in the Warehouse Complex - Guware Road, Erbil, North Iraq [Photos: Hamza Mohmand, WFP Syria]*

## OVERVIEW OF WAREHOUSING – ERBIL, NORTHERN IRAQ

Erbil city in Northern Iraq is a logistics hub, with an international airport located 7 kilometres from the city. Several warehousing locations exist in the city, making it logistically viable as a corridor for aid transport from Iraq to Syria, security and access permitting. Commercial transport took place regularly before the conflict in Syria, but has decreased due to the current situation.

Storage providers in the area provide a variety of storage options (Covered/Open Storage, Cool/Cold Chain Solutions, Mobile Storage Units). Depending on organizations' particular needs and customs requirements it is possible to select the most suitable option for storage.

This assessment includes **the Main Warehouse Complex on Guware Road, near the new Erbil Silo; and the Warehouse Area on Gazna Road**. Please note that this is not an exhaustive assessment of all warehouses in the area, nor is it an attempt to evaluate the services provided by the companies listed. The Logistics Cluster is not in a position to endorse or comment on any company's suitability as a reputable service provider. The warehouse information provided is for general information only and the inclusion of a company/warehouse in the assessment does not imply any recommendations by the Logistics Cluster.

### ERBIL – WAREHOUSE COMPLEX (GUWARE ROAD, NEXT TO NEW ERBIL SILO)

The Warehouse Complex on Guware Road has more than 2,500 warehouses. The warehouses are generally constructed with the same specifications: **The basic unit is 450 m<sup>2</sup>**, with warehouses having different configurations. A warehouse may be two units (meaning 900 m<sup>2</sup>). The warehouse configurations also vary in whether they are 2 units in width/length thus allowing storage of different types of items, and maneuverability of varying sizes of trucks. The below table shows a sample of warehouses in the Industrial Area with contact numbers, and costs.

S. No.	Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Cost/ Yr	Cost Per Month (USD)	Contact	Current Status
1	900	19,200	1,600	Mr. Salar,	In use by WFP
2	450	N/A	N/A	Provided by the Government	In use by WFP
3	1,575	24,000	2,000	Mr. Tayab Abdullah, +964 7504543788	In use by WFP
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5	450	N/A	N/A	Provided by the Government	In use by WFP
6	450	9,600	800	Mr. Salar, +964 4094292	Available
7	450	8,400	700	Mr. Yousef Hassan, +964 7504451285	Available
8	450	9,600	800	Mr. Saeed Rahim, +964 7504462067	Available
9	450	8,400	700	Mr. Sarbest, +964 7504622775	Available
10	600	9,600	800	Mr. Sarbest, +964 7504622775	Available
11	450	4,800 – 9,600	400 – 800*	Mr. Taib, +964 7504543788 *(cost range depends on location and condition)	Available

**Technical features**

The majority of warehouses have windows near the roof for ventilation. Depending on the type of cargo to be stored, warehouses with ventilation fans are also available. Depending on the design configuration, some warehouses can be accessed from only one side, with others having truck entry points from the front and rear. Forklifts must be contracted with private operators. The current market rate for labour at the warehouses is 25 USD per day. For labour working out of the camps in a cash for work agreement the agreed rate is 22 USD per day.<sup>1</sup> For forklift services, the cost is approximately 3.5 USD per metric ton (mt). As per agreement with porters in the warehousing area, for break-bulk cargo, the cost is 12 USD per mt handled.

**Other Contacts for Logistics Services related to warehousing (forklifts, labour for loading/discharge, etc):**

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**Features of a general warehouse unit in the Complex:**

- Traditional warehouses with manual handling.
- Mechanical handling and palletizing are not provided.
- Rooms/offices are available in some cases.
- Security arrangements are in place.
- No pest control solutions and no generators for the warehouses.
- No cold chain solution.
- The warehouses are treated as private with no customs zone status. 'Import' and 'In transit' shipments can be stored in such warehouses, subject to approval from the relevant authorities.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Due to the recent weather conditions in the region, and the limited drainage capacity of the area, some roads between the warehouses have become flooded (see photo on the right, December 2013) resulting in difficult conditions for vehicle manoeuvrability. Roads outside, leading to the warehouse area are paved. However, this has not yet been completed for the roads inside. The authorities are planning to pave these roads in the coming months.

Some warehouses have a small office attached (see photo on the lower right). However, in most cases, pre-fab offices can be set up (paid for by the organization renting the warehouse).



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Bastura Company	Tahir, 9647504457243
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<sup>1</sup> Logistics Working Group Meeting Minutes – September 2013

**WAREHOUSE AREA – GAZNAA ROAD**

A large number of privately owned warehouse compounds are present on Gazna Road, about 20 minutes’ drive from the center of Erbil City. The warehouses here are recommended for organizations planning to transport large quantities of items in a short period of time, due to the ample parking space at each warehouse compound. Warehouses in this area are more spread out than those on Guare Road, and each compound generally has a large open area where several trucks can be parked at one time for loading/offloading.

The main challenge is that warehouse rental rates are higher on Gazna Road, mainly due to the recent influx of oil companies which has rapidly driven prices up.

A table of representative warehouse sizes and rates is available below for reference:

No	Space	Open Space	Monthly Cost (USD)	Contact
1	1,350 m <sup>2</sup>	2,000 m <sup>2</sup>	5,000	Mr. Ali/ Mr. Dashti +964750 4603472
2	900 m <sup>2</sup>	2,500 m <sup>2</sup>	10,000	Same as above
3	800 m <sup>2</sup>	N/A	4,000	Mr. Idrees, +964750 4458517
4	600 m	N/A	3,000	Same as above
5	600 m <sup>2</sup>	N/A	2,200	Mr. Sabah, +964 7504451125



Gaznaa Warehouse with large open area for parking of trucks



Security staff and generators are provided with some warehouses

**ADDITIONAL CONTACTS AND CREDITS**

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