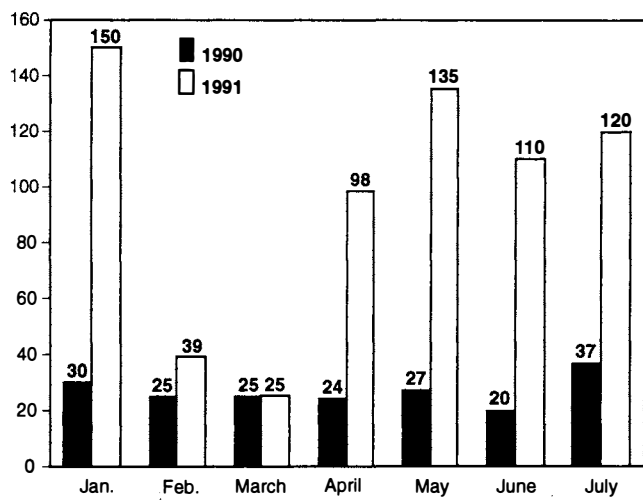


FIGURE 4
Reported in-hospital incidence of malnutrition in children under five Babel Pediatric Hospital
 (number of cases)



Source: Babel Pediatric Hospital

3) weight for height. According to internationally accepted practice, children were classified as malnourished if they fell two or more standard deviations below the median reference values of the World Health Organization (Figure 4).

Nearly 29% of the children assessed were malnourished under one or more of these criteria. According to the World Health Organization, there are a total of 3.3 million children under five years of age in Iraq. Applying the 29% figure to this total number leads us to estimate that over 900,000 Iraqi children are malnourished.

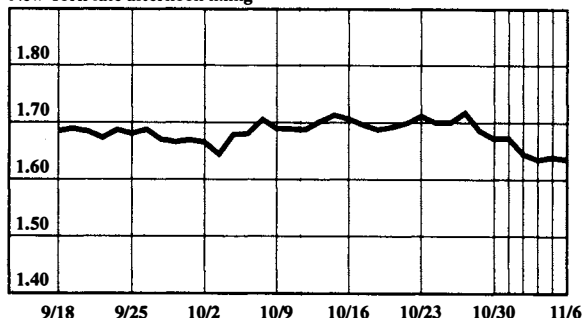
The third criterion used to assess child malnutrition, weight for height, is a measure of severe food deprivation or deficient utilization. In a layperson's terms, a child who falls two or more standard deviations below the median value for weight for height is moderately or severely malnourished, with a significantly increased risk of dying. About 3.6% of Iraqi children assessed were malnourished under this criterion. Applying this 3.6% figure to Iraq's total population of children under five leads us to estimate that 118,000 children are either moderately or severely malnourished and therefore at increased risk of dying.

The incidence of severe malnutrition appears greatest among children between one and two years of age (Figure 4). For example, 5.3% of these children measure two standard deviations or more below the median value for weight for height and therefore, are considered moderately or severely malnourished and at extreme risk. Moreover, over one-third of children of this age are malnourished according to one or more of the three criteria.

Currency Rates

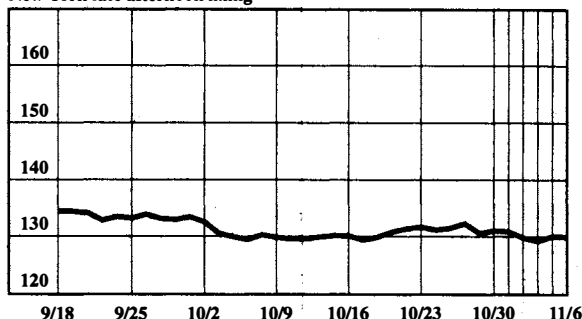
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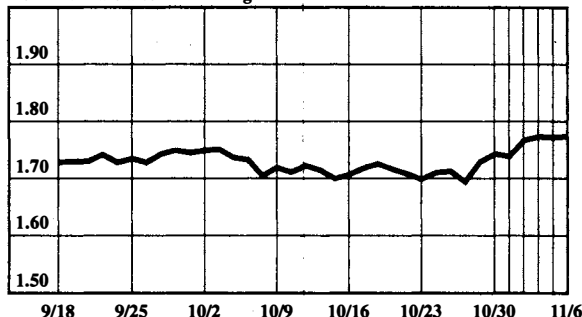
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