

IRAQ SITUATION

UNHCR FLASH UPDATE

17 January 2017

KEY FIGURES

160,836

Internally displaced persons (IDPs) from Mosul and surrounding areas since the military offensive began on 17 October¹

17,224

UNHCR kits of core relief items (CRIs) distributed to families (assisting some 98,000 people) displaced from Mosul and surrounding areas

10,105

Family plots (for some 54,000 people) in UNHCR built camps are ready to receive IDPs displaced from Mosul corridor, of which **5,679 (56%)** are currently occupied

3 million

IDPs since January 2014²

239,077

Iraqi refugees hosted by neighbouring countries in the region, with

8,836

Iraqis received in Al Hol camp in Syria since 17 October

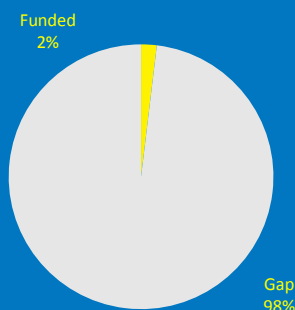
¹IOM-DTM Emergency Tracking. Improved access to Gogachly allowed IOM to verify the presence of an additional 6,000 IDPs (1,000 families) currently sheltered in the area. The DTM ET for Mosul was updated accordingly on 15 January.

²IOM-DTM as of 22 December 2016

FUNDING

USD 578 million

requested for IDPs and Iraqi refugees in the region in 2017.



POPULATION MOVEMENTS

Mosul: Since the intensification of the military offensive in and around Mosul after 29 December, the number of new arrivals to camps northeast of Mosul has sharply increased in the past two weeks, reaching 5,164 IDPs, significantly surpassing arrivals in the previous months: 1,576 IDPs in December and 4,660 IDPs in November. While Qaymawa camp is full, new arrivals are able to find shelter nearby in recently opened Nargizlia 1 camp, where over 1,500 plots are still available. Qayyarah Airstrip extension also opened on 16 January and over 3,000 IDPs (540 families) from Mosul and its environs were received the same day.

Return movements continue to take place from camps east of Mosul. According to camp management, over 1,100 persons left Khazer M1, Hasansham U2, and Hasansham U3 camps between 14 and 16 January. Families returned to Mosul city, Gogachly on the eastern outskirts of Mosul, and Qayyarah in the south of the Governorate.

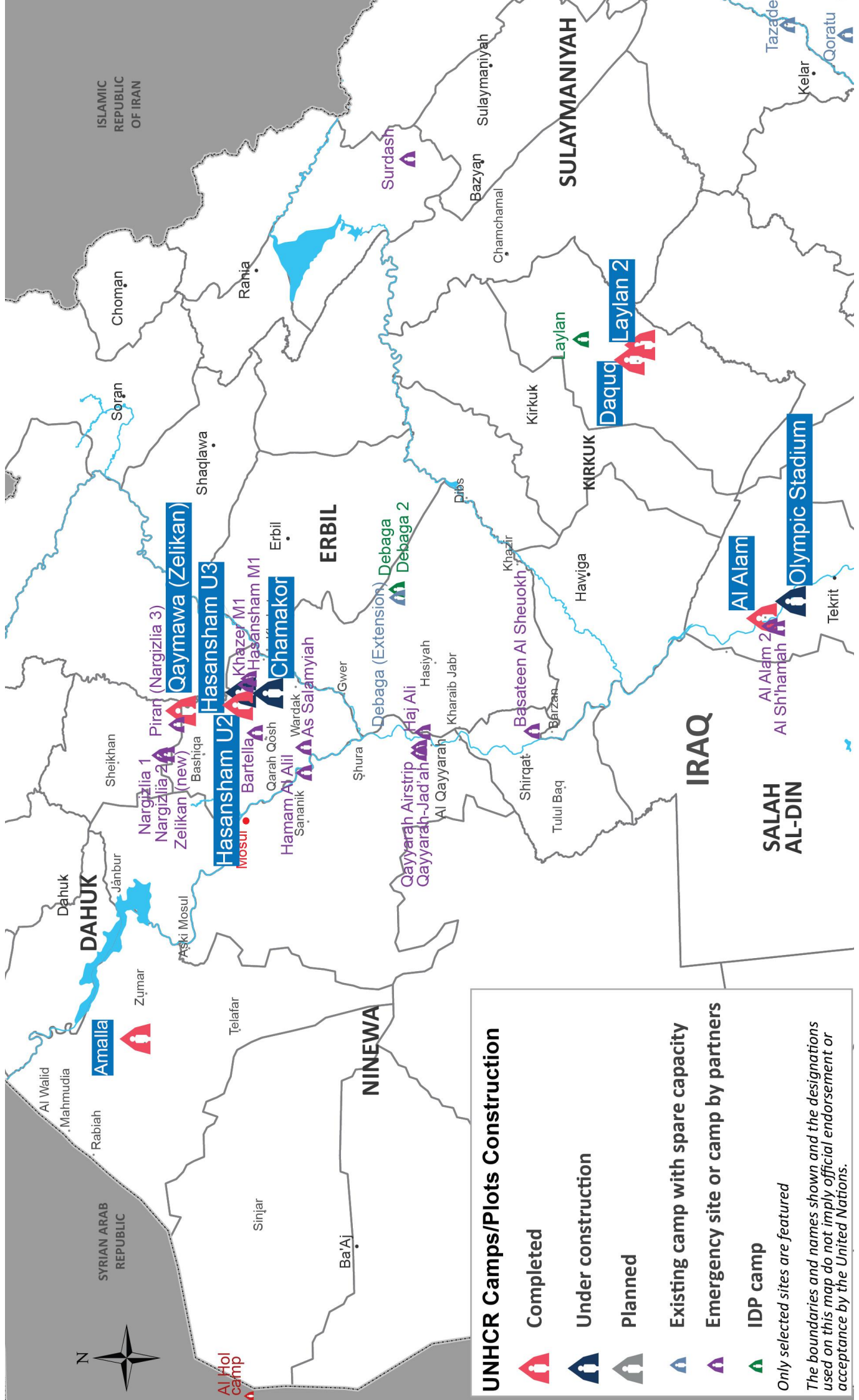
Hawiga: The military offensive to retake Kirkuk Governorate's last district still under extremists' control is imminent, according to central authorities. IDPs continue to leave the district, and are exposed to very serious risks during their flight. IDPs report the presence of IEDs and mines along the way, and families being attacked or kidnapped as they escape. Over 16,000 persons have fled the district during the past two weeks. Most of them are accommodated in camps in Kirkuk, which are now full, while others reached Salah al-Din Governorate, where they are sheltered in Al Alam 2 camp (built by the Iraqi Government), and in the host community.

UNHCR RESPONSE UPDATE



As displacement from Hawiga increases, UNHCR has prepared an additional 500 emergency plots in camps in Kirkuk, with a total capacity of 1,100 plots. Camps in Kirkuk currently shelter over 36,800 IDPs, 90 per cent of them in four UNHCR camps: Daquq, Laylan 1, Laylan 2, and Nazrawa camps. Close to 2,700 IDPs, most of them from Hawiga, were received in the UNHCR's camps since the beginning of the month. All camps in Kirkuk are now full and UNHCR has prepared temporary plots and started to pitch additional tents in existing communities in camps to shelter new arrivals. Over 4,300 tents and 3,500 kits of essential household items are prepositioned in the camps and in the UNHCR warehouse in Kirkuk to provide emergency assistance to newly displaced families.

Since the beginning of the Mosul emergency response, UNHCR protection partners have conducted over 3,300 household level assessments, reaching some 16,000 IDPs in Khazer M1, Hasansham U2, and Hasansham U3 camps, east of Mosul. Through protection monitoring, UNHCR identifies vulnerable IDPs and refers cases to partners for immediate assistance. Identified vulnerabilities include, amongst other cases, IDPs in need of medical assistance, cases of disability, lack of identification documents, separated families (including unaccompanied children), and cases of detention.

UNHCR has started distributing essential seasonal household items to over 600 families in Jad'ah camp. The camp, built by the Iraqi government south of Mosul, is equipped with non-winterised tents. The tents are pitched directly on the ground with no flooring to provide insulation from the cold. As temperatures drop close to zero, UNHCR is working hard with camp management to ensure the timely distribution of much-needed insulated mats, heating stoves, blankets, and mattresses to families who need them. Over 3,000 mattresses, along with more than 600 heaters and blankets have been distributed since 12 January.



UNHCR Camps/Plots Construction

-  Completed
-  Under construction
-  Planned
-  Existing camp with spare capacity
-  Emergency site or camp by partners
-  IDP camp

Only selected sites are featured

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