

IRAQ

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Key figures

987,648 IDPs in Ninewa (including as a result of the Mosul military operation)¹

110,478 IDPs currently displaced due to military operations in Hawiga (Kirkuk) and Shirqat (Salah al-Din)²

67,026 IDPs currently displaced due to military operations in west Anbar²

709,000 IDPs, returnees and members of the host community from Mosul and surrounding areas assisted by UNHCR since 17 October 2016.

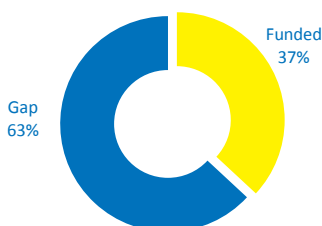
561,013 Individuals (117,990 households) currently enrolled in **ASSIST**, UNHCR's assistance tracking tool,

3.2 million IDPs since January 2014¹

262,758 Iraqi refugees hosted in countries in the region, with 29,015 Iraqis in camps in Hassakeh, Syria

Funding

USD 578 million requested for IDPs and Iraqi refugees in the region in 2017



¹IOM-DTM as of 15 October 2017

²IOM-DTM Emergency Tracking

Situation update

Of the 5.3 million Iraqis displaced since June 2014, over 2.2 million have returned². Ninety-five percent of returnees in Iraq are living in their habitual residence. However, a small number of families had to move in with relatives or in rented houses, or are temporarily living in public or unfinished buildings, waiting for their habitation to be repaired. On 8 November, the Ministry of Migration and Displacement (MoMD), confirmed in a statement that each returnee household would receive IQD 1.5 million (about USD 1,300) to support families re-establish themselves in their areas of origin.

Armed extremist groups perpetrated international crimes during the nine-month military campaign to liberate Mosul City in Iraq, concludes the United Nations in a report published this month. According to the joint United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq and United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights report, at least 741 Iraqi civilians were executed by extremist groups while trying to escape the city. At least 2,521 civilians were killed during the battle, mostly from extremist attacks. The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights report stated that during the course of the operation to retake Mosul city “thousands of civilians were subjected to shocking human rights abuses and clear violations of international humanitarian law (...) Those responsible must answer for their heinous crimes.”

Population movements

Returns to recently retaken Hawiga district (Kirkuk Governorate) are ongoing. Reportedly, an average of 100 families are returning to Hawiga, in particular to villages in Al Zab and Abassy sub-districts, on a daily basis. Basic services and infrastructure remain largely non-functional in the district. Hawiga city has not been cleared for returns yet.

Response update

UNHCR's partner provides shelter assistance to over 35,000 vulnerable families (some 210,000 people) in Mosul district. With winter approaching, and temperatures already dropping significantly at night, UNHCR is distributing emergency shelter kits and sealing-off kits to vulnerable families in Mosul, including IDPs, returnees, and members of the host community. Since July, over 35,000 vulnerable families received a voucher for a kit to pick up at the closest UNHCR partner warehouse in east or west Mosul. In addition, UNHCR's partner has started assessing severely damaged shelters with a view to providing “refugee housing units” to the most vulnerable families, a housing unit specifically designed for temporary shelter, in partnership with IKEA foundation. Over 500 shelters were assessed this week, in villages west of Mosul.

Humanitarian partners join efforts to enable newly displaced families to access up-to-date information about shelter in camps, after they reach Hammam Al-Alil Transit Site, south of Mosul (HAA TS). UNHCR, the Protection Cluster, the Camp Coordination and Camp Management Cluster, and the Communication with Community Task Force, are working together to widen the scope of information newly displaced families have access to. Upon arrival at HAA TS, IDPs receive an information package, which provides an overview of location and services available in camps around Mosul. This enables families to make an informed decision about where they would like to move onwards to. UNHCR's partner managing HAA TS conducts regular intention surveys among new arrivals, and ensures IDPs who prefer to move to camps are transferred to the camp of their choice. Over 500 IDPs have arrived at HAA TS since 3 November - most are originally from Anbar.