



IRAQ SITUATION

UNHCR FLASH UPDATE

18 June 2017

KEY FIGURES

417,438

Internally displaced Iraqis verified as being currently displaced from Mosul and surrounding areas since military operations to retake the city began on 17 October 2016¹

535,000

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

213,278

Individuals (43,707 households) impacted by military operations to retake Mosul since October 2016 are currently enrolled in

ASSIST, UNHCR's assistance tracking tool

3 million

IDPs since January 2014²

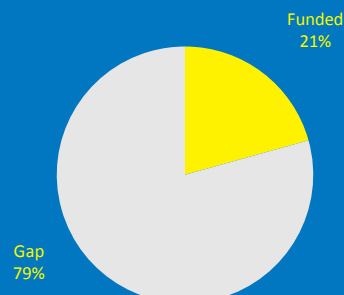
253,992

Iraqi refugees hosted in countries in the region, and **19,363** Iraqis received in Al Hol camp in Syria since 17 October 2016

FUNDING

USD 578 million

requested for IDPs and Iraqi refugees in the region in 2017



¹IOM-DTM Emergency Tracking since 17 October 2016.

²IOM-DTM as of 30 May 2017.

³IOM-DTM Emergency Tracking since 25 February 2017.

POPULATION MOVEMENTS

Displacement out of west Mosul has reportedly decreased by fifty per cent as compared to last week. Around 21,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) from Mosul and surrounding areas were transferred to main screening sites south and east of Mosul, between 11 and 17 June, compared to over 43,000 the previous week. An estimated 13,000 IDPs arrived at Hammam Al-Alil site, south of Mosul, during that period. A new screening site recently opened near Mosul Woods in east Mosul, and has been receiving between a few hundred and 3,000 IDPs on a daily basis since 10 June. At least 8,300 IDPs have reportedly arrived at the site between 11 and 17 June. IDPs undergo security clearance in Hammam Al-Alil or in east Mosul screening sites, then move onwards to camps or urban areas.

Returns to east and west Mosul are ongoing. Since October 2016, when Mosul military operations began, at least 606,000 persons have been displaced. At least 190,000 IDPs have now returned to their places or origin in and around Mosul¹.

SITUATION UPDATE

Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) have launched an offensive to retake [Mosul's Old City](#), where as many as 150,000 civilians may be trapped. The offensive reportedly launched today (18 June) focuses on this densely populated area where civilians' supplies are running short after an extended period cut off from assistance. Conditions in the Old City are reportedly "desperate" and the [UN expects](#) almost all civilians to try to escape as they become surrounded by heavy fighting. According to the state-run television channel, civilians were urged by the army to evacuate the city using five "[safe corridors](#)."

RESPONSE UPDATE

Camps built by the Government and humanitarian partners around Mosul are ready to immediately receive up to 58,000 IDPs. UNHCR stands ready to extend Al Salamiyah 2 camp for an additional 30,000 persons as needed. Since July 2016, UNHCR has built 13 camps in the Mosul corridor, including two camps in Kirkuk Governorate, for up to 24,700 displaced families. UNHCR is currently managing 24 camps for displaced families from Mosul and surrounding areas, where over 210,000 IDPs are sheltered, including 32,000 IDPs from Hawiga in four camps in Kirkuk.

Humanitarian partners continue enhancing communication with IDPs transiting through Hammam Al-Alil to facilitate informed onward movement. An information dissemination tent has been set up by humanitarian actors in Hammam Al-Alil transit site, near the area where assistance is distributed. Information on the [IDP hotline](#) and legal assistance available, along with general information about gender-based violence protection services, child protection, health, and family separation are shared with the families transiting through Hammam Al-Alil. Meanwhile, UNHCR's protection partner is also dispatching community mobilizers at Scorpion Junction mustering point, on the way to Hammam Al-Alil, in order to disseminate information ahead of the IDPs' arrival at Hammam Al-Alil.

Of UNHCR's overall funding requirements to continue providing protection, shelter and camp coordination and camp management assistance to IDPs, [USD 126 million are urgently required](#) to meet critical needs of vulnerable children, women and men displaced from, and returning to, Mosul, until the end of the year.