

To safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees, internally displaced persons, asylum seekers, returnees and stateless persons

2010 Objectives

Return

Shelter: Rehabilitation and reconstruction of **25,000** units for refugee and IDP returnees with particular focus in the Central region where higher number of returns occur. Vulnerable IDPs also benefit from this project.

Community-based projects (related to shelter): WatSan projects linked to shelter depending on ongoing needs assessments in areas of return.

Protection: a) Establishment of **16 Return, Integration and Community Centers (RICCs)**, six in Baghdad and additional ten centers in Salah Al-Din, Diyala, Anbar, Kerbala, Basrah, Missan, Ninewa and Kirkuk.

b) Systematic border monitoring in Trebil (at Iraqi-Jordanian border) and Al Waleed (at Iraqi-Syrian border) crossing points. Additional six border monitoring points are planned in different locations in Iraq.

c) Support to the government Return and Assistance Centers (RACs) in Baghdad.

Support to communities: Multi-sector micro-projects directly targeting returnee communities as well IDP-hosting communities through the NGO Partnership Scheme, a network of **400 national NGOs**.

IDPs

Non-food items (NFIs): Distribution of NFIs and hygiene packages to **75,000** vulnerable families; IDPs, returnees, refugees and asylum seekers. Maintenance of contingency NFI stock for 100,000 persons

IDP settlements: improve the conditions and protection assistance for some 450,000 extremely vulnerable IDPs in settlements Iraq-wide.

Protection and Assistance Centers (PACs): 15 centers and 36 mobile teams conduct protection monitoring and provide legal counseling and support to some 20,000 IDPs and returnees throughout Iraq. Some selected PACs will be phased out in areas where RICCs are established.

Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Pending durable solutions through voluntary returns, resettlement to third countries or local settlement, protection and material assistance for some **40,000** refugees will be provided in camps, settlements and individual urban refugees. UNHCR has 13 refugee camps and settlements in Iraq, the major ones are in Western Anbar (Al Waleed camp for Palestinians, Iranian Kurds and Ahwazis); in Erbil (Makhmour for Turkish Kurds and Kawa for Iranian Kurds); and in Dohuk (Barika settlement for Iranian Kurds). Targeted assistance is provided to scattered urban refugees Iraq-wide.

Government's Return Assistance Grant

As at 11 January 2010, the Ministry of Displacement of Migration (MODM) reports that 45,742 families have received returnee cash grant of one million Iraqi Dinars (approx. 850 USD)/family, as part of the Government of Iraq's support to returnees.

UNHCR and its Humanitarian Partners for Iraq

Partnership: In close collaboration with MODM and BDM (Bureau of Displacement and Migration - KRG), UNHCR will establish direct and indirect* partnership with UN agencies, International and National NGOs.

(*indirect partnership will be established with a range of national NGOs through an international umbrella NGO)

Protection and Shelter Sector Outcome Teams: *Protection:* UNHCR (lead) & UNAMI Human Rights Office and UNICEF (deputy leads); *Shelter:* UN-Habitat (lead) & UNHCR (deputy lead). IDPs and returnees are part of Iraq country team's strategic humanitarian priorities under the Inter-agency Consolidated Appeals Process (CAP).

Presence

UNHCR Iraq has its main office in Baghdad, Sub Office in Erbil, a Field Office in Basrah and 14 field locations in Al Waleed, Ramadi & Trebil (Anbar), Baquba (Diyala), Karbala, Najaf, Samara (Salah Al-Din), Kirkuk, Dohuk, Mosul (Ninewa), Sulaymaniyah, Amara (Missan), Nassiriyah (Thi-Qar) and Kut (Wassit), and two support offices in Amman and Kuwait. Presence is underway in Hilla (Babil).

137 international and national staff work for UNHCR Iraq, out of the approved 213 posts for 2010.

Population of Concern

Internally Displaced Persons

Timeframe	Individuals
Pre. 2003	1,021,962
2003 - 2005	190,146
Post-Feb. 2006	1,552,003
Total	2,764,111

UNHCR return update January 2009

Registered Refugees in Iraq

Origin	Individuals
Palestine	12,011
Syria	750
Iran	22,915
Turkey	11,844
Others	6
Total	47,526

UNHCR statistics at January 2010

Asylum-Seekers Hosted in Iraq

Origin	Individuals
Iran	10,868
Syria	658
Turkey	1,880
Others	32
Total	13,438

UNHCR statistics at January 2010

Verification Process for UNHCR Iraq's POC is ongoing, thus figures of refugees and asylum seekers may fluctuate during the coming months

Durable Solutions

I) Resettlement of non-Iraqi refugees

Status	Cases	Individuals
Submitted	53	182
Departed	27	88

II) Voluntary Return of Iraqis in 2010

Period	IDPs	Refugees
2008	221,260	25,370
2009	204,830	37,090
Total 2008/2009	426,090	62,460
January 2010	8,780	2,820
Grand Total for January	11,600	

UNHCR Iraq Country Budget

Year	Total Budget
2009	\$ 264,285,225

Country budget is part of the UNHCR Iraq Global Appeal of USD 508.166.791