

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

2009 Objectives

Return

Shelter: Rehabilitation and reconstruction of **10,338** units for IDPs and refugee returnees with particular focus in the Central region where higher number of returns occur.

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, Basra, Mosul 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 registration center in Baghdad.

IDPs

Non-food items (NFIs): Distribution of **25,000** NFIs and hygiene kit packages on vulnerable IDPs, returnees, refugees and asylum seekers. Maintenance of contingency NFI stock for 100,000 persons

Shelter: **4,000** emergency shelter repairs for IDPs distributed as 1,800 in the center of Iraq, 600 in the north and 2,000 in the south.

Support to communities: Multi-sector micro projects directly targeting communities that host IDPs and returnees through a network of **103 national NGOs**

Protection and Assistance Centers (PACs): **14 centers and 35 mobile teams** conduct protection monitoring and provide legal counseling and support to IDPs and returnees throughout Iraq.

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 works with **90 national** (111 partnership agreements/contracts signed) and **11 international partners in Iraq** (24 partnership agreements signed). 76 of the National NGOs are embedded under the NNGO Partnership Program to implement 88 projects.

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 December 2009

Registered Refugees in Iraq

Origin	Individuals
Palestine	12,002
Syria	277
Iran	12,381
Turkey	10,167
Others	5
Total	34,832

UNHCR statistics at October 2009

Asylum-Seekers Hosted in Iraq

Origin	Individuals
Iran	1,284
Syria	303
Turkey	1,862
Others	8
Stateless	2
Total	3,459

UNHCR statistics at October 2009

Durable Solutions

I) Resettlement of non-Iraqi refugees

Status	Cases	Individuals
Submitted	11	37
Departed	5	33

Overview for December 2009

II) Voluntary Return of Iraqis in 2009

Period	IDPs	Refugees
January 2009	6,390	1,130
February 2009	15,810	2,970
March 2009	20,690	5,850
April 2009	11,020	3,890
May 2009	10,540	4,790
June 2009	14,750	3,660
July 2009	17,180	3,150
August 2009	18,550	2,460
September 2009	10,370	1,650
October 2009	15,850	3,000
November 2009	13,780	2,300
December 2009	12,810	2,240
TOTAL	167,740	37,090
Grand Total	204,830	

UNHCR Iraq Country Budget

Year	Total Budget
2009	\$178,279,095



NFIs distribution following blasts in Baghdad, December 2009

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