

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 9,587 units for IDP 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 Sixteen "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 NFI and hygiene kit packages for vulnerable IDPs, and 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 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 12 August 2009, the Ministry of Displacement of Migration (MODM) reports that 32,135 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, DDM and its branch offices, UNHCR works with **30 national and 9 international partners in Iraq.**

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 Offices in Erbil and Barsah, 13 field locations in Al Waleed, Baquba, Ramadi, Karbala, Najaf, Samara, Trebil, Kirkuk, Dohuk, Mosul, Sulaymaniyah, Missan, and Nassiriyah, and two support offices in Amman and Kuwait. Presence has been extended in Kut and underway in Hilla. 137 international and national staff work for UNHCR Iraq, out of the approved 200 posts in 2009.

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 August 2009

Registered Refugees in Iraq	
Origin	Individuals
Palestine	13,485
Syria	532
Iran	10,781
Turkey	15,758
Total	40,556

UNHCR statistics at August 2009

Asylum-Seekers Hosted in Iraq	
Origin	Individuals
Iran	576
Syria	1,019
Turkey	395
Ethiopia	1
Total	1,991

UNHCR statistics at July 2009

Durable Solutions

I) Resettlement of non-Iraqi refugees

Status	Cases	Individuals
Submitted	7	31
Departed	10	32

Overview for August 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
TOTAL	114,930	27,900
Grand Total	142,830	

UNHCR Iraq Country Budget

Year	Total Budget
2009	\$178,279,095

Country budget is part of the UNHCR Iraq SB Appeal of USD 397 million



NFIs distribution to IDPs in Samawa,, Muthanna, August 2009



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