

## UNHCR Emergency Response in Al Sadr City and Neighborhood 22 May 2008

**Al Sadr City, Iraq:** Since Al Sadr City became accessible as of 7 May 2008, UNHCR, through a local NGO as an implementing partner, started the distribution of emergency Non-Food Item packages (NFIs) on Thursday, 08 May 2008. A total of **450 NFI kits** were distributed in Al Sadr City among 450 families (**2,700 individuals**) affected by the latest violence and military operations that may have resulted in damaged properties or loss of belongings, as at 22 May 2008.

**520 IDP families (3,120 individuals)** will also be receiving NFI kits within the next few days, if the current security improvements are sustained.

Each family received the standard UNHCR NFI kit which includes items such as blankets (5/f), Mattresses (2/f), lanterns (1/f), heater stoves (1/f), kitchen sets (1/f), jerry cans (1/f) and hygiene items (1/f).



Sorting of NFIs by UNHCR's IP

As a response to an expected wave of displacement from Al Sadr City, the GoI/MoDM coordinated the preparation of three stadiums in Baghdad to host IDP families. The three stadiums are located in Rusafa. As at 19 May, approximately 39 families had sought refuge in the Capital's biggest Stadium "Al-Sha'ab". UNHCR's Implementing Partner visited the site and coordinated with the Ministry of Displacement and Migration (MoDM) the provision of **21 NFI packages to 126 individuals**. On its part, MoDM registered the families and provided them with tents. The stadium currently has tents to accommodate 50 families; however on 22 May, it was reported that most of the IDP families have returned with only 2 remaining. The displacement rate in the three stadiums that the GoI has organized was generally low; the other two stadiums remained utilized.

UNHCR's implementing partner has also distributed a total of **345 NFIs** to IDP families (**1,944 persons**)

in other parts of Baghdad also affected by the violence during the month of April, as follows:

**157 in Karkh**

**150 in Mahmoudiya**

**17 in Resafa (Al Sina'a complex)**



Distribution of NFIs to IDP families in Al Sadr

**126 Shelter kits for emergency repairs** were also provided to a total of **756 individuals** as 101 IDP families in Al Karkh as 15 in Rahmaniya and 86 in Shula (1 and 2) with an additional 25 in Resafa. Items distributed included glass, bricks, cement, tools and so forth.

**108 IDP families** are expected to receive emergency shelter assistance within the coming few days after finalization of the assessment phase.

Despite the cease fire agreement that was announced on 11 May 2008, it has been reported that there are minor military clashes still on going in some parts of Al Sadr City.

### Summary of NFI distribution:

157	Kadhumiya – Karkh
150	Mahmoudiya – Mahmoudiya
450	Al Sadr City – Resafa
21	Al Sha'ab Stadium – Resafa
17	Al Sina'a Complex – Resafa

### Summary of Shelter distribution:

15	Rahmaniya – Karkh
86	Shu'la (1 and 2) – Karkh
25	Al Sadr City - Resafa

### Summary of Planned activities:

520	NFI kits to 3,120 persons (520 families)
108	Emergency Shelter repairs

**According to the Ministry of Displacement and Migration (MoDM), out of the 4,805 families that were displaced by the conflict in Al Sadr City and other parts in Baghdad, 287 families still remain in displacement while 4,518 have already returned to their homes as at 22 May 2008.**