



A girl carries water in Ameriyat al Fallujah IDP camp ©UNICEF/Iraq/2016/Auob

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# Iraq Crisis

Flash Update:  
Anbar Governorate



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## Latest Humanitarian Developments

- As of 20 June 2016, the UN estimates that 85,000 people (over 14,200 families) have been displaced in Anbar governorate since 23 May. This doubles the number of IDPs arriving from Fallujah district since 12 June.
- New arrivals are being directed mainly towards the camps of Ameriyat al Fallujah (AF), Khalidiyah, and Habbaniyah Tourist City (HTC), although others are staying with relatives in nearby towns.
- UNICEF staff conducted field missions to assess and respond to the humanitarian WASH, Health, Child Protection and Education needs of newly-arrived IDPs on 5, 8, 18-19, 21 June in AF, HTC, Khalidiyah and Bzeibiz Bridge.
- Reports indicate that existing facilities and services are sorely stretched, with partners working at full capacity to ensure access to life-saving humanitarian assistance. Key priorities are: increased drinking water beyond minimum standards; improved sanitation; increased shelter; provision of food and healthcare services.
- Protection of civilians is a critical concern for people still caught in the midst of intensive military operations as well as those families who managed to flee. As many as 8,200 men and boys as young as 14 are subjected to intensive security screenings with potential for abuse and disappearance. Children are particularly vulnerable to family separation, exposure to IEDs and grave violations of their rights.

### UNICEF Humanitarian Response in Anbar

UNICEF has been responding to urgent humanitarian needs in transit sites, IDP camps and host communities across Anbar Governorate since military operations began in March. Between 1 and 21 June, UNICEF staff have undertaken multiple missions to affected locations to enable a timely and appropriate response across sectors.

### Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM)

- UNICEF has been responding to the immediate needs of newly displaced families in less than 72 hours of their arrival at displacement sites through its Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM), co-led by WFP in partnership with UNFPFA and a consortium of NGOs.
- RRM partners in Anbar, NRC and RIRP, distributed 14,039 RRM kits between 1 and 20 June, benefiting 79,991 vulnerable people on the move; of these an estimated 74,861 were newly-displaced from Fallujah and surrounding areas. RRM partners also conducted 122 rapid assessments in 42 locations within Anbar governorate, of which 106 assessments were in 5 locations for newly-displaced people. Over 8,000 information leaflets about family separation were distributed with RRM kits in Anbar this month.

### Water and Sanitation (WASH)

- Assessment visits by UNICEF staff have identified provision of additional drinking water and latrines as key priorities in AF, HTC, and Khalidiya beyond minimum standards in light of the high influx of additional people and hot summer temperatures.
- To increase available drinking water, 6 new Reverse Osmosis (RO) units with a total capacity of 200m<sup>3</sup> have been installed (4 in AF; 1 in Khalidiya; 1 in HTC), providing safe water for an estimated 20,000 IDPs. A further 19 units, with a total capacity of 400

## Affected Population in Numbers

**85,000** - # estimated people displaced recently Fallujah district and surrounding areas **approximately half are children under 18**

**79,900** - # of people supported through RRM distributions in June in Anbar governorate

**US \$5 million** – Amount needed to cover urgent needs in Anbar governorate

*Second Reverse Osmosis Unit providing 40,000 cubic litres of clean water per day in Ameriyat al Fallujah camp, sufficient for 1,000 IDP families (8 June) Photo: UNICEF Iraq*



m<sup>3</sup>, will be installed by July to cover the needs of 40,000 IDPs at a minimum rate of 10 litres of drinking water per person per day. Additional washing water provided by UNICEF jointly with partners and local authorities is reaching approximately 17,500 IDPs to meet the minimum rate of 20 litres per person per day.

- In the last month, 504 latrines and 252 showers were installed, improving access to sanitation facilities for 12,500 IDPs. This includes sufficient latrines, showers and water tanks in three new areas adjacent to existing camps in which UNHCR provided shelters for approx. 1,300 families. A further 850 latrines and 425 showers have been ordered; once installed these will cover the needs of 22,500 IDPs.
- UNICEF ensured an additional 51,200 sets of bottled water 3,000 adult hygiene kits, 4,000 baby hygiene kits, and 3,000 buckets were delivered to families in AF, HTC, and Khalidiya in collaboration with RRM partners to cover specific time-sensitive gaps.
- The four UNICEF-supported 'WASH Service Centres' in Anbar (operated by NGO partners in collaboration with local authorities) support the response through operations and maintenance of WASH facilities, hygiene promotion activities, critical water quality monitoring, and field level coordination of WASH activities.

### Education

- Of more than 45,000 people (over 8,300 families) currently residing in AF camp, approximately 18,000 are school-age children. At least 5,000 children are reported as 'out of school' (not enrolled in the previous academic year). Two sites have been identified for new temporary learning spaces in the camp for which tents will be provided at speed, with plans to upgrade to pre-fabricated containers before the start of the new academic year in September.
- Non-formal education activities will be initiated after Ramadan for 24 schools in Anbar targeting more than 10,000 children. Minor rehabilitation of 100 schools in Anbar will take place before September 2016, with partner RIRP.

### Child Protection

- UNICEF is supporting a Child Friendly Space (CFS) in Ameriyat al Fallujah camp operated by local partner Al Amal, with a second one under establishment; in the second week of June, two new CFS serving Al Wafaa and Kilo 7/18 locations have been agreed with a national NGO partner; four more CFS are under discussion with child protection partners to cover transit sites and other locations. Services in CFS include provision of psychosocial support to help children cope with their experiences and identification and support to unaccompanied and separated children. Other locations will be supported through in-kind supplies including recreation kits, tents, and first aid kits.
- The PSS centre previously supported by UNICEF and recently handed over to local health authorities in Habbaniyah Tourist City is being used as temporary shelter for newly-displaced populations given the sudden recent influx. Alternative shelter is being sought for this group but pending which PSS services for children have temporarily ceased.
- Dangers to children from unexploded ordinances (UXO) remain high. In June, two boys aged 10 and 12 were killed by an IED while trying to flee Fallujah city; another five children aged 5 to 13 years (4 boys and a girl) were injured while playing in an IDP camp in AF. Further reports of children being killed, both inside Fallujah and while fleeing the city, are being verified.
- Based on information from the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, as many as 8,200 men and boys (aged 14+) leaving Fallujah are detained in harsh conditions for security screening, of which up to 15 per cent may be minors. Cases of enforced disappearances have also been documented. UNICEF remains deeply concerned about potential abuse of vulnerable children and grave violation of their rights.

### Health and Nutrition

- Between 1 and 20 June, UNICEF has supported vaccination of 4,401 children under 15 years against polio, and 3,728 children between nine months and 15 years against measles, in catch-up rounds targeting newly displaced people from Fallujah. In mid-June UNICEF provided 5,000 doses of polio and 5,000 measles vaccines; ice-lined carriers; and cold boxes to the DoH Anbar. Supplies form a key part of the ongoing targeted vaccination campaigns in the area.
- Space for healthcare services has been strengthened through provision of 5 prefabricated caravans to the DoH Anbar; containers are installed in Khalidiya, Ameriyat al Fallujah and Bzebiz bridge (Baghdad side), operated by DoH staff, and offer space for general consultations, identification and referral to other medical services, and vaccination.
- A Rapid Nutrition Assessment began on 19 June (scheduled to last until 23 June), targeting all children under 5 arriving from Fallujah. When complete, results will be shared with health and nutrition partners to inform response.

### Humanitarian Coordination

UNICEF contributes actively to humanitarian coordination in Anbar Governorate with Government, UN and NGOs through leadership of the WASH Cluster and Child Protection Sub-Cluster, co-leadership of the Education Cluster and Rapid Response Mechanism, and membership in the Health and Nutrition Cluster.

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