1. Up to 11 May the Joint Coordination and Monitoring Center (JCMC) reported a total of 21,215 families displaced in and from Anbar governorate, and also noted that 7,401 IDP families have returned to Anbar Governorate. The International Organization for Migration’s (IOM) Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) team has currently has assessed Ramadi displacement figures at 22,184 families, reporting a net decrease of 211 families, with limited verified returns. So far an estimated 16,440 individuals have returned to Markaz Ramadi sub-district.

2. Fighting is continuing in Al Karma Region, in the north of Falluja District in Anbar Governorate. According to IOM between 25 April and 8 May, 7,876 families have fled to Falluja and Abu Ghraib Districts.

3. Media sources report that the situation in Al Nakheeb continues to be tense.

4. Local sources reported that at the beginning of the week 200 families have displaced from Baiji to the east bank of the Tigris River arriving in al-Alam Sub district, Salah al-Din Governorate. The displacement is due to military operations near Baiji refinery in Salah al-Din Governorate. Local authorities report that the families are in urgent need of food and non-food items.

5. Increased security measures, including road closures and checkpoints, are expected in Baghdad over the period of 10-15 May. This may hamper some humanitarian responses in Baghdad. A curfew may be announced from 12 April to 15 April.

6. According to United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR), the government is intending to establish two camps for returnees from Baghdad in Ameriyat al-Falluja and Abu Ghraib.

7. According IOM an estimated 1,200 IDP families in Kerbala Governorate (including recently displaced families from Anbar), will be relocated from hotels to a caravan complex in Karbala. On 11 May the authorities in Kerbala agreed to extend the initial 20 May deadline for an additional two
months and are working to complete basic services, including electricity and sanitation networks.

8. On 10 May, the JCMC started a one-week strategic planning meeting in Baghdad that focuses on developing a contingency plan and a 90-day stabilization plan for newly accessible areas.

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9. On 7 May the Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) consortium, through the implementing partner Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), distributed RRM kits, which include the United Nations Children Fund’s (UNICEF) drinking water, hygiene kits, a bucket and the World Food Program’s (WFP) Immediate Response Rations (IRR) for 500 IDP families in Ameriyat al Falluja.

10. On 10 May, as an RRM response UNICEF, with the support of IOM, distributed 8,000 RRM kits, including adult hygiene kits, water containers and drinking water to newly displaced families in Ameriyat al-Falluja. The IDPs are living mainly in improvised or shanty shelters, tents, and unfinished or school buildings.

11. As part of its response to Ramadi displacement, WFP is planning to distribute monthly Food Family Rations (FFR) to the IDP families in Khalidiyah Sub-district and the surrounding areas. WFP is also assessing the possibility of distributing monthly parcels to settled IDPs/returnees in Habaniya, Ameriyat Al Falluja, Wafa and Rahaleiya.

12. On 9 May the World Health Organization (WHO), jointly with the Director General of Anbar Directorate of Health (DoH) and members from the Anbar Provincial Council, visited the Maternity and Pediatric Hospital in Ramadi City to assess the damage of the hospital’s infrastructure and equipment. The primary focus of the rehabilitation will be on the Emergency Services and Labour Rooms. The hospital lacks the medical staff and supplies, in particular anesthesia materials, to fully resume operations, and is presently only providing morning services to outpatients.
13. UNICEF is continuing to support water trucking to a total of 357,000 liters of safe water daily in 10 locations in Falluja District, benefitting more than 19,000 individuals. Additionally, UNICEF installed 12 mobile latrines and 12 mobile showers in Al Bahouri Al Ihremat Area in Ameriyat al-Falluja Sub district, benefitting an estimated 1,300 IDPs. 360 IDPs are assisted through daily desludging of sanitation facilities in Habaniya Sub district and 632 IDPs are benefitting from daily solid waste disposal in Habaniya and Khaldiyyah sub districts.

Humanitarian Response - Baghdad Governorate

14. On 6 May NRC distributed some 500 RRM kits, on behalf of UNICEF and WFP, to approximately 374 families at the Bzbiz Bridge Camps and an additional 425 kits to 338 families residing in Kamirh Mosque and Radwania.

15. UNHCR reported that only 12 of the 500 tents in Abu Ghaiba Camp, established by the Ministry of Displacement and Migration (MoDM), are occupied. UNHCR has been approached with a series of official requests to assist in the site development.

16. UNHCR has received an official request from the Anbar Provincial Council to establish two camps, each with a capacity of 1,000 tents, for the IDPs who have returned to Anbar, but could not return to their places of origin. Many of them are currently residing in Ameriyat Al-Falluja and Khaldiyyah sub districts.

17. The construction of Scout Camp in Baghdad, with up to 200 tents, has been started by UNHCR’s implementing partner Iraqi Salvation Humanitarian Organisation (ISHO). The construction is expected to be finalized within 45 working days.

18. UNHCR, and their implementing partner Muslim Aid, have started installing partitions in two new collective centers in the Baghdad Governorate (Al-Khier and Al-Rahman Al-Rahieem mosques).

19. On 8 May UNICEF started a 5-day training workshop in Abu Ghaiba District
for teachers, many of whom are displaced from Anbar Governorate. The workshop covers psychosocial support, progressive pedagogy and school governance.

20. UNICEF assisted 1,620 IDPs in Al-Ghazalia Quarter through the provision of 20 Family Water Kits, 200 toilet jugs, 222 baby diaper packs, 200 insulated coolers (14 litres) and the provision of garbage bags for solid waste management. In Al Jamia’a Collective Center UNICEF supplied 100 insulated coolers, benefitting an estimated 564 IDPs. More than 1,400 IDPs, living in Al Naser Wassalam abandoned local council building in Abu Ghraib District, were assisted with 20 family water kit, 200 toilet jugs, 28 packs of baby diapers, 450 rolls of plastic garbage bags and 200 insulated coolers. 2,800 IDPs from Anbar and Salah al-Din Governorates, currently staying in Al Takia Camp, benefitted from UNICEF’s supply of 600 toilet jugs, 600 insulated coolers, 600 packs of detergent, 700 insulated coolers, and 90 family water kits.

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21. The RRM consortium, through the implementing partner Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED), distributed RRM kits in Quaratu IDP Camp, Sulaymaniayah Governorate for 84 newly arrived IDP families.

22. 65 IDP families from Anbar, residing in Dhuluiya Sub-district, Salah al-Din Governorate, were assisted by UNICEF with hygiene materials, including baby diapers, detergent, toilet soaps, buckets, and jerry cans, and benefitted from hygiene awareness sessions. Additionally, UNICEF installed mobile latrines and showers for 18 IDP families settled in caravans in same sub-district.

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