IRAQ SITUATION FLASH UPDATE

8 November 2016

KEY FIGURES

34,860 IDPs \(^1\) from Mosul district and surrounding areas since the beginning of the offensive on 17 October

237,198 IDPs \(^1,2\) from Erbil, Ninewa, Salah al-Din and Kirkuk Governorates due to hostilities since April 2016

3.3 million IDPs \(^1\) since January 2014

Over 240,000 Iraqi refugees \(^3\) hosted by neighbouring countries in the region, with 1,071 Iraqis to Syria \(^2\) over recent weeks

FUNDING

UNHCR’s appeal of USD 584 million for IDPs and Iraqi refugees in the region is 43% funded

Of this, UNHCR requires USD 196.2 million for the Mosul emergency response, with these needs 48% funded

Populations Movements

- **Mosul displacement**: The number of people displaced from in and around Mosul city have doubled in the past week, increasing the total number of IDPs to nearly 35,000 since the beginning of military operations on October 17. The predominant direction of displacement continues to be east, the direction of UNHCR camps in Hasansham, Zelikan and Debaga. Formal camps currently host approximately 70% of the displaced population, with the remaining seeking shelter in host communities.

- **UNHCR yesterday evacuated 115 Iraqis** from the Rajm Slebi checkpoint near the Iraq-Syria border to Al Hol camp in Hassekeh governorate, Syria. This was the first time UNHCR gained direct access to the checkpoint, where a total of 1,200 Iraqis are estimated to be located. UNHCR is currently ready to provide emergency assistance to up to 15,000 people in Al Hol camp, with capacity soon doubling and eventually rising to 50,000.

- **Returns**: IDP movements to and from Shirqat continue despite insecurity. Six families from Tikrit reportedly returned on 7 November amidst the daily outflow. Returns also continue from UNHCR Debaga camp, where 27 families voluntarily returned to Tall Ash Shuayer and Dizawat villages in Al Qayyarah sub-district, and Mahana village in Makhmour district. Families expressed willingness to return to the retaken areas as they have reportedly been demined, even if not all services are currently available.

UNHCR Response Update

- **UNHCR and partners are assisting displaced families in response to the Mosul emergency**. Assistance includes protection monitoring; preparing camp sites; provision of tents and core relief items, including for winter; and provision of psychosocial support and legal assistance. More than 2,100 tents and 3,500 packages of core relief items have already been distributed. In addition to setting up camps, UNHCR has planned capacity to provide tents and core relief items for 50,000 newly-displaced families.

- **Families fleeing Mosul city and surrounds, continue to arrive to Hasansham**: UNHCR Hasansham camp received 450 families (more than 2,000 people) on 7 November. Some families have been travelling for several days, sometimes with elderly family members and children. New arrivals reported ongoing attacks by armed extremist groups and a lack of food, electricity and water as reasons for flight. Mobile medical teams are present in the camp and people with vulnerabilities, such as disabilities, serious medical conditions and pregnant women, are identified on arrival for assistance. UNHCR also provides core relief items such as blankets and mattresses, and legal assistance to people who are missing documentation. NRC has initiated an informal educational programme for children and youth in Hasansham camp. Response partners continue to ensure families have adequate food, access to drinking water and WASH facilities.

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1. IOM DTM, 2. UNHCR Field reports, 3. Iraqis registered with UNHCR in Egypt, GCC, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Turkey as of 28 October 2016.