

OCHA Flash Update

Iraq Crisis – Ramadi Displacement

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1. The Iraqi Government estimates that 19,058 families (about 114,000 individuals) have been displaced from Ramadi District and surrounding areas in Anbar Governorate as of 23 April (10:00). Of these, approximately 2,000 families have been displaced within Anbar Governorate, 13,251 families to Baghdad Governorate, 1,000 families to Babylon Governorate, and 2,807 families to Sulaymaniyah Governorate.
2. Currently assessed figures by humanitarian partners suggest 17,489 families (about 104,934 people) displaced from Ramadi District and surrounding areas in Anbar Governorate. This figure also includes some 230 families in Diyala Governorate, 54 families in Wassit Governorate, 34 in Najaf Governorate and about 400 families in Erbil Governorate.
3. Approximately 1,800 families have returned to the town of Ramadi, the Anbar Provincial Council announced. They have situated themselves mainly in the residential sector of Ramadi, known as Soccer Field.
4. The two main hospitals in Ramadi remain closed, with resulting implications on the referral and treatment of serious cases from clinics and health centres which are currently providing services.
5. Humanitarian partners have assisted almost 80,000 people with Immediate Response Rations (IRRs) and Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) kits as of 22 April.
6. More than 16,000 people have benefitted from the distribution of over 2,600 core relief item (CRI) and non-food item (NFI) kits.
7. Mobile medical units are positioned at IDP locations and in transit areas to provide primary health care services.

Anbar Governorate

8. On 23 April, a convoy with IRRs to assist 4,400 families in Haditha District and 1,300 families in al Baghdadi town left Baghdad. The convoy is also carrying medical and surgical kits as well as reproductive health kits for health facilities in Haditha and al Baghdadi.
9. On 23 April, UNHCR partners commenced distribution of CRIs to about 3,300 people (550 families) in Habaniya Sub-District and to 2,100 (350 families) in Ameriyat Al Fallujah Sub-District.
10. Iraqi Red Crescent and ICRC have provided NFIs and food parcels at the 300-tent camp in the area of the Bzbiz Bridge.

Baghdad Governorate

11. On 23 April, UNHCR are in the process of conducting a technical shelter assessment at the Um Al Qura Mosque in the Al Ghazalyia area and Al Jabar Mosque in the area of Al Akhadhraa.
12. On 22 April, UNHCR distributed CRIs to 1,872 people (312 families) in six locations.
13. On 23 April, UNHCR commenced the distribution of CRIs to 2,034 people (339 families) in Abu Ghraib, Yousifiya and Radhwaniya districts.
14. On 22 April, WFP partners distributed IRRs to 600 families at three locations in Abu Ghraib District. On 23 April, partners provided 2,100 families with IRRs at two locations in Abu Ghraib. This includes 1,500 IRRs for the Abu Ghraib IDP camp.

Diyala Governorate

15. On 22 April, some 200 families were prevented from crossing the Kalaju checkpoint into Sulaymaniyah Governorate. UNHCR partners assisted families with drinking water and hygiene kits. WFP partners provided IRRs to 197 families at the check point on 22 and 23 April. Security forces did not permit the families to enter into Sulaymaniyah other than to buy essential supplies of food and water.
16. Permission was granted to enter Sulaymaniyah Governorate for those in need of urgent medical attention.

Sulaymaniyah Governorate

17. Authorities are preparing the lists of IDPs that may locate to Quaroto Camp. The first families should be ready to start moving on Sunday, 26 April. The list includes recently displaced families from Ramadi, as well as families displaced some time ago.

The information in this note was compiled by OCHA Iraq based on a variety of sources, including the Government of Iraq, local authorities, UN agencies, international non-government organizations, media reports, and key informant interviews.

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