

# SYRIA CRISIS RESPONSE

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## UPDATES

### OVERVIEW

45 Iraqi returnee families from Syria in Qadissiya governorate received NFI assistance and participated in a health awareness session.

### ASSESSMENTS

#### ASSESSMENT DATE

**31 March**

#### PURPOSE OF ASSESSMENT

To identify those families who are eligible to receive NFI assistance, to assess their conditions and identify their needs.

### KEY FINDINGS



### NFI DISTRIBUTION

#### DISTRIBUTION DATE

**3 April**

The 45 Iraqi families were selected for non-food item (NFI) assistance after IOM teams conducted a vulnerability assessment in the location.

#### ITEMS DISTRIBUTED

**full NFI kits:**  
blankets  
carpet  
stove  
pillows  
mattresses  
generator  
bed frames

### AWARENESS SESSION

These families also attended a health awareness session hosted by IOM. The representative of the Ministry of Health conducted the session, focusing on key health issues and advice for the newly returned families. Of particular focus were women's and children's health issues, especially the importance of check-ups and vaccines.



NFI distribution to Iraqi returnees from Syria in Qadissiya

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT: MAHMOUD



Mahmoud, an Iraqi returnee from Syria, and his mother

## Mahmoud\*, age 27, has been blind from birth.

He was born into a low-income family in Iraq, and in 2010 he emigrated to Syria in search of health care and a better life. For a while, Mahmoud received assistance with living expenses and medical care in Syria from UNHCR. However, as the violence in Syria escalated, Mahmoud felt that his life was in increasing danger and that it was no longer feasible to remain in the country given his disability. With the help of a friend, Mahmoud was able to return to Iraq. He moved back to live with his mother, who was living in Hay Al-Sadir, in the Qadisiya governorate. Mahmoud must now cope with issues such as poverty and psychosocial trauma, in addition to his disability. Mahmoud and his mother received non-food item assistance from IOM, and he hopes that support from IOM will continue in the future.

\*Name has been changed.

# TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

Education sector support through transportation assistance is ongoing, in coordination with the Department of Education, camp management, UNICEF, and UNHCR.

As of April 8, 43 students ages 15-18 are being transported from their homes in Waar City, Dahuk to schools in Domiz and then back home again at the end of the day. Currently, 743 students aged 6-18 are benefitting from IOM's education sector support in the Kurdistan Region. IOM Iraq, in total, has contributed to 1,293 Syrian refugee children's access to education in Dahuk since the beginning of the year.

# OVERVIEW IN NUMBERS

Overview of the assistance provided to Syrian refugee and Iraqi returnee beneficiaries in Iraq since April 2012.

## LIVELIHOOD

 1,460 beneficiaries

 2,362 services

## NFI

 101,884 beneficiaries

 594,082 items

## TRANSPORT

 59,411 beneficiaries

 5,869 buses

## SHELTER

 3,585 beneficiaries

 750 tents

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