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## Highlights

The United Nations remains deeply concerned about the plight of trapped civilians in areas controlled by armed groups. Due to the security situation it is difficult to obtain accurate and verified information on the location and numbers of affected people. Agencies with specific information on populations at risk should email OCHA at [iraqinfo@un.org](mailto:iraqinfo@un.org).

## Humanitarian Situation and Response

### North

#### Dahuk

UNHCR reports that the number of IDP families arriving at the Peshkabour border point has stabilized with only 300 persons crossing into the Kurdistan region on 15 August. Within Dahuk Governorate IDP movements also appear to be stabilizing.

In Bajet Kandala, 450 tents were installed and occupied as of 15 August. The total population in Bajet Kandala is approximately of 11,000 individuals.

In Khanke, 535 tents were erected on 15 August, and by the end of 16 August another 150 tents will be pitched. By end of the day on 16 August, shelter will be ready and available for 700 families.

WFP and Barzani Charity Foundation provided meals to over 115,000 IDPs in its six communal kitchens.

UNICEF, with the support of school principals, initiated recreational and educational activities in 17 different schools and locations, of which six are in Shariya and nine are in Kankhe. A total of 17 recreational kits were distributed to those schools and 2,334 children are registered to participate.

UNICEF and NRC distributed 288 rapid response kits, including hygiene kits, buckets and drinking water to approximately 1,681 IDPs in Batel (Sumel District) and Qarakhola ( Zakho District).

#### Erbil

UNHCR reports that a total of 410 families are in Baharka camp as of 15 August. A reported 80 families arrived in Baharka on 14 August and a further 200 families are expected in the coming days. The Ministry of Displacement and Migration distributed cash grants of \$800 per family today in Baharka camp as part of the Iraqi Government's initiative to support IDPs. Approximately 271 students joined both recreational activities and refresher courses at UNICEF's classroom tents.

UNHCR confirms that no new IDP families have arrived in Sami Abdulrahman Park in Erbil City and that those who were previously staying in the park were moved to Baharka Camp.

UNHCR identified approximately 200 families who are staying in hotels in Erbil city centre near the citadel. The families have primarily not been able to obtain residency documents and are therefore unable to rent private houses.

A total of 200 tents have been erected at the Ministry of Agriculture Site as of 14 August and work is ongoing.

To date, UNHCR has approved 678 vulnerable IDP families for Emergency Cash Assistance in Erbil Governorate.

A further 300 core relief item kits (mattresses, blankets, jerry cans, etc. ) have been distributed by UNHCR to IDPs living in Ainkawa.

In Shaqlawa, 413 students participated in both catch-up classes to prepare for final examinations as well as refresher courses. In addition, the students had the opportunity to participate in painting and sports activities. The final examinations will begin on 16 August. However, refresher courses and recreational activities will continue.

## **Suleymaniyah**

UNICEF's partner CDO is establishing an agreement with Asia Cell mobile phone company. A server will be established, which will be run by CDO and has unlimited capacity to send SMS to cell phones of IDPs and refugees. The SMS will include general guidance on health, social and legal awareness and any other useful subjects. It is expected to be active within the next 2 weeks.

## **Central**

### **Babylon**

UNHCR reports that as of 15 August, 993 IDP families are in Babylon Governorate. More than half the families are from Ninewa Governorate.

## **South**

### **Baghdad**

Approximately 15 water storage tanks (5,000 litres each), with a total capacity of 75,000 litres were delivered to Al Nahrawan camp and installation started, benefitting approximately 3750 IDPs.

### **Basra**

The Government of Basra Governorate reported the arrival of 825 IDP families in addition to 15 Christian families, who arrived on 14 August from Erbil. Another wave of IDPs is expected.

Basra Governorate allocated land 25 kilometers east of Basra city, in Tannoma District. The total area of 6,000 square meters will serve as a formal settlement for the affected IDPs families who are currently hosted in informal settlements. 200 tents have already been pitched and an additional 1,000 tents are necessary. There is an urgent need for vaccines, lifesaving supplies, water storage tanks, as well as hygiene kits.

## **Disputed internal boundaries**

### **Diyala**

WFP and ACTED provided meals to over 9,000 IDPs in its two communal kitchens.