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Highlights

The UN and INGOs, in partnership with the local authorities in Dahuk Governorate are continuing to scale up the response and assist large numbers of IDPs. However, due to fluidity of the situation and the movement of the displaced in Dahuk, more needs to be done to secure government approved accommodation sites, as well as to deliver essential services directly or through local partners.

Delivery of assistance on Dahuk continues, with over 2.5 million meals have now been served in communal kitchens in Dahuk since 4 August.

The national immunization campaign against polio has been extended for an additional three days in order to reach all the children who could not be immunized because of displacement.

Humanitarian Situation and Response

North

Dahuk

A significant decrease in the numbers of new arrivals) was reported from PeshKhabour border crossing point (300 individuals reported on 15 August). Authorities at PeshKhabour reported that the number of people who crossed since 6 August is 118,000.

Khanke camp site preparation by DMC is close to finalization. Demarcation and construction is progressing and 650 tents should be erected by 17 August. This camp will host 9,000 individuals.

The plot demarcation of BajetKandalais near finalization and tents continue to be set up. About 612 tents have been pitched and already occupied by IDPs staying in the older section of the camp. Tent allocation was managed by DMC team based on beneficiary cards introduced in the camp.

As part of a joint UNHCR-PWJ project, PWJ installed 20 toilet cabins in unfinished buildings hosting IDPs in Zakho. Similarly, there are plans to install 20 toilets each for Dalal and Bedari areas, both in Zakho.

DMC management is identifying additional sites for camp construction. The total number of sites, including the ones under development is 14.

In a meeting between the Dahuk Department of Health (DoH), UNICEF and WHO, it was agreed that the Governorate will undertake a measles immunization campaign within the next 30 days. DoH had initiated measles and polio immunization for all IDP children under 5 years old entering through its borders, but with the rapid increase of influx vaccination turned out to be challenging. UNICEF will support with the provision of vaccines and technical support.

In Zakho, hundreds of families living in buildings under construction have almost no services except some water supply provided by the local authorities. Sanitation remains a huge need and gap, and UNICEF and its partners are trying to meet the most urgent and critical needs in the new camps, informal settlements, and in public buildings. More actors are needed on the ground.

UNICEF, with the support of ACF installed one 10,000 litres tank with a tap stand at Dalal camp in Zakho city. UNICEF with ACF also distributed 691 hygiene kits and 570 jerry cans, benefitting approximately 4,775 IDPs. Approximately 25,000 litres of water was distributed to two schools and latrine cleaning was conducted in one school in Dalal camp.

In Zakho, 5,685 people were assisted with immediate response rations (parcels of ready-to-eat food, sufficient to sustain a family of five for three days).

Over 121,000 people were served two hot meals across six field kitchens in Dahuk (BajetKandala, Khanki, Shariya, Lalish, Batel and Semel), in conjunction with WFP's partner BCF.

Erbil

UNICEF with the support of NRC distributed 9,000 litres of drinking water and 400 hygiene kits in Um Alnoor Church and Ainkawa high school, and started the construction of additional toilets in the Bishop's compound. To date, UNHCR has approved 678 vulnerable IDP families for emergency cash assistance in Erbil governorate.

The municipality of Ainkawa proposed three pieces of land (located near to each other) that can shelter 600 families. An assessment will be conducted on 16 August by the UNHCR and UNICEF technical teams. At the Ministry of Agriculture site a total of 296 tents have been erected as of 15 August and work continues. The church in Ainkawa is planning to accommodate up to 600 IDP families in an unfinished three level mall owned by the church, located directly opposite the church. A further 300 core relief item kits (sleeping mat, jerry can, blanket, kitchen set, and hygiene kit) and shelter items (plastic sheets) have been distributed by UNHCR to IDPs living in Ainkawa.

Ninewa

Reports were received on 14 August of 30 families returning to Khazir camp. After consultation with the authorities, these reports remain unverified.

WHO coordinated with health officials in Sinjar District the re-opening of Al- Kabosia and Bleej primary healthcare centre with six paramedics. Supplies of medicines will be provided to the two health centres from the Sinjar Hospital store.

WHO also reports the opening of Sinjar General Hospital by a number of paramedics. The hospital is managing a daily average of 15 minor emergency cases. Severe cases are currently served in Telafar and Bleej hospitals.

Suleymaniyah

Local authorities announced that as of 17 August Syrian refugees from Arbat transit camps will be transferred to a permanent camp while the transit camp will now be used for IDPs.

Three prefab showers were installed in Arbat Old School benefiting 250 IDPs. The second shipment of 30,000 litres of bottled water was distributed throughout the Governorate benefiting 10,000 IDPs.

Central

Anbar

WHO is coordinating with the Anbar Department of Health to continue the polio immunization campaign for the next couple days to vaccinate additional children. The total number of vaccinated children under 5 years old in Anbar governorate as of 14 August was of **218,105** out of **231,933** targeted children.

Additionally to ongoing garbage collection in Heet District, benefitting approximately 3,225 IDPs, UNICEF initiated daily solid waste disposal activities in Ramadi District.

Salah al-Din

WHO is coordinating with the Kirkuk Department of Health (DoH) the dispatch an additional *25,000* polio vaccine doses to be administered to children under 5 years old in Beiji District beginning of next week.

South

Najaf

In Najaf City, 800 IDPs were reached by UNICEF and partners through the provision of 2,400 litres of drinking water and 10,000 IDPs received water family kits in informal settlements in Najaf city.

Disputed internal boundaries

Diyala

WFP partner ACTED is operating two field kitchens in BahariTazir and Alaa, serving approximately 9,200 people. In Nawdwman (Khanqin), 1,550 people were assisted with immediate response rations.