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Highlights

OCHA has issued a [flash update](#) on the sub-district of Amirli, in Tooz district of Salah al-Din Governorate, which been completely inaccessible by road since the beginning of July, surrounded by ISIS forces occupying a radius 25 km deep. Amirli is situated 175 km north of Baghdad and 200 km south of Erbil. An estimated 15,000 to 20,000 people remain inside Amirli, primarily Turkoman Shiites.

Humanitarian Situation and Response

North

Dahuk

The Pesh Khabour border had several IDP families crossing from Syria into the Kurdistan Region where IOM buses were available to transport the newly arriving IDPs. UNHCR Protection Assessment teams reported that nearly 150 IDPs were travelling back to Sinjar via the Peshkhabour crossing to trace the whereabouts of their missing family members or bring members that were left behind. On 16 August, 240 Syrians returned from Kurdistan to Syria. On 17 August, 287 Syrian refugees returned to Syria bringing the total number of Syrian returns since the beginning of August to 4,005 individuals, of which the majority were registered with UNHCR.

Since 4 August, IOM transported a total of 16,547 IDPs to different destinations in Dohuk.

Approximately 1,200 families are currently staying in Warqa Dalal Camp in tents, without medical care or permanent doctor and no toilets. People are in urgent need of water, clothes, food, medicine and medical treatment and milk for babies. An estimated 3,200 individuals/700 families are currently sheltered under dire conditions in buildings under construction in Zakho, without doors, windows or electricity or fences. People are in urgent need of water for drinking and hygiene, toilets, hygiene items, and cash for medical treatment or medicine. Many of the IDPs say they would like to seek refuge in another country or be relocated to different facilities.

Over 121,000 people received meals at WFP and Barazani Foundation's six communal kitchens throughout the Governorate.

WFP and UNICEF have jointly distributed a one common immediate response kit to 1,500 families in Zakho. The kit was composed of water and sanitation items (water, hygiene kit, recreational kit and a bucket) and ready to eat food ration. Both agencies have agreed to continue distributions of this kit to recently arrived IDPs.

As part of UNICEF's rapid response mechanism, ACF distributed 45 cartons of high energy biscuits, 1,160 20-litre jerry cans, hygiene kits, 1,400 plastic mats as well as 700 blankets to a total of 6,960 IDPs throughout the Governorate.

UNICEF, with the support of FRC installed 2 water tanks and 70 mobile latrines in Khanke, benefitting approximately 3,500 IDPs and distributed 1,500 20-litre jerry cans, buckets and 360 boxes of cleaning materials and disinfectant, benefitting an estimated 9,000 IDPs.

UNICEF with the support of NRC installed 7 water tanks and 1,000 mobile latrines, benefitting an estimated 5,000 IDPs in Bajet Kandala and distributed 2,000 20-litre jerry cans, as well as 1,000 baby hygiene kits to approximately 12,000 IDPs in Dahuk city.

The Zakho Health Sector concluded a two-day extended polio immunization campaign on 17 August. Five mobile vaccination teams were working daily to vaccinate children under 5 children in IDP collective centres in Zakho.

The IDP Protection Working Group (PWG), led by UNHCR, met today and took the decision to establish a Task Force on abducted women and girls to follow up on reports coming in from protection monitors about families requesting assistance related to abduction cases. The Task Force will comprise UNHCR, UNICEF, and IRC.

At the Khanke IDP site, which will host 9,000 individuals, site preparation by the Development and Modification Centre (DMC) is nearly complete, demarcation and construction is progressing and 650 tents have been erected by UNHCR.

At Bajet Kandela, 700 tents have been installed by UNHCR and are occupied by IDP families. UNHCR's partner KURDS reports that all 1,000 tents will be set up by 18 August.

Turkey's AFAD is pitching 70 communal tents in Deraboun area, which is planned for up to 2,500 IDPs. Container showers and latrines were delivered to Deraboun on 16 August.

DMC management is identifying additional sites for camp construction. The total number of sites (including the ones under development) is fourteen. UNHCR technical team is assessing the sites in order to verify their suitability and facilitate potential prioritization.

Erbil

Approximately 420 families were accommodated in Baharka Camp. UNHCR met with the camp management and noted progress in camp conditions and organization. Authorities have agreed to expand the southern part of Baharka Camp to be used to accommodate additional families. The expansion will be made in phases of 500 families, as IDPs transferred from Koya District continue to arrive. On 17 August, IOM distributed 300 non-food items kits and 60 UNFPA women's dignity kits (hygiene items such as underwear and sanitary pads).

Approximately 296 tents have been erected by UNHCR and partners at the Ministry of Agriculture Site, and the shelter component of the site is ready to receive IDP families. According to information provided by authorities, the site will not be expanded.

On 16 August, UNHCR Protection monitors continued to identify extremely vulnerable families living in Erbil urban areas, and to provide case management services and support to vulnerable refugee and IDP families. Some individuals with medical conditions and specific needs were referred to the mobile clinic in Baharka Camp.

WFP partner Barzani charity foundation distributed 600 family food parcels in Soran and 250 family food parcels in Shaqlawa.

Approximately 271 children in Baharka camp and 141 students in Shaqlawa participated in educational and recreational activities as well as refresher courses offered by UNICEF and its implementing partner INTERSOS.

WHO organized a two-day training course for Erbil Department of Health Staff on the new early warning system to track diseases and outbreaks.

Kirkuk

As of 17 August, according to local authorities, 55,000 people are displaced in Kirkuk. UNHCR continues to collaborate with local authorities to establish a camp for IDPs.

Suleymaniyah

WFP with partner ACTED distributed with 70 family food parcels in Khalakan and 120 Family food parcels in Surdash.

South

Najaf

On 17 August, according to local authorities, 26 families arrived in Najaf bringing the total to 1,100 families, or some 6,600 people, primarily from Ninewa governorate.

To enhance hygiene awareness among IDPs hosted in informal settlements, UNICEF initiated a 4-day hygiene promotion training starting on 17 August until 20 August at the Najaf Human Resources training centre. All 30 trainees are from local NGOs in Najaf city and will act after the training as volunteers to raise awareness.