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Highlights

At least three flights carrying aid arrived in Erbil on 20 August containing the following: 100 tonnes of material for UNHCR (tents, plastic sheets, jerry cans), 45.5 metric tonnes of goods for WFP (transported by the UK), and 12 tonnes of nutrition biscuits from the Netherlands.

A total of 14 camp sites have been identified by authorities across the Kurdistan Region of Iraq.

Humanitarian Situation and Response

South

Baghdad

IOM reported the arrival of 360 IDP families from Ninewa. They are living in rented houses, with relatives and in schools.

UNHCR distributed 120 core relief items kits among new IDP families inhabiting public buildings in Baghdad, who are displaced from Ninewa and Anbar.

Basra

According to the Ministry of Displacement and Migration (MoDM), the total number of IDP families in Basra has reached 1,123. Waves of IDPs continue to arrive in the southern governorate. MoDM registered 75 new IDP families on 20 August.

Missan

According to MoDM, the total number of IDP families in Missan has reached 629. IRC in Missan distributed 57 core relief item packages to the new IDP families.

Muthana

According to MoDM figures the total number of IDP families in Muthana has reached 391. MoDM registered 20 families in Muthana.

Thi Qar

According to MoDM, the total number of IDP families in Thi Qar has reached 933. MoDM registered 40 families on 20 August. UNHCR in Thi Qar distributed 384 core relief item packages to new IDP families in Nasriya city center and Chibayesh district.

Disputed Internal Border Areas

Diyala

To date the Ministry of Displacement and Migration (MoDM) has registered 1,404 IDP families. MoDM distributed cash grants to 450 families. A new list of 124 families from Falluja was prepared by MoDM to receive cash grants.

North

Dahuk

At Pesh Khabour border crossing UNHCR reports the arrival of 210 individuals from Syria bringing the total number of IDPs who transited via Syria and crossed into the Kurdistan Region since 6 August to 121,506. The majority of arrivals on 19 August were Yazidi Kurds fleeing Sinjar. On 19 August, only 40 IDPs went back

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Coordination Saves Lives

to look/trace missing family members in Sinjar.

According to IOM, the number of newly arrived displaced families from 17 August to 19 August are as follows: Dahuk centre, 1,600; Amadiya 120; Sumel 600; Zakho 950; Akre 90; Shekhan 150; Bardarash 180.

UNHCR, UNFPA and UNICEF are supporting IDP registration conducted by the Statistics Directorate. It is reported that registration is 98% finished and data entry will take several more days. Two UNHCR staff and 23 staff of implementing partners are assisting with either data entry or registration at the Department of Migration and Displacement (DMC).

In Khanke, 650 tents have been erected in one part of the camp site. Slabs construction has started in the part of the site free from tents. DMC indicated there is more land available for an extension of the camp.

In Bajet Kandala, some 740 families are now settled in the newly developed camp. The actual IDP population at the site is of 1,438 families (approximately 9,377 individuals).

UNHCR provided counselling services to 350 individuals in Bajet Kandala. It was noted that the need for psychosocial support among IDPs is significant and many trauma survivors are in need of immediate support. The Department of Health has a mobile medical team deployed to the camp, composed of one child specialist, a sergeant, a general-nurse and one pharmacist.

Following a sand storm on 19 August, 17 communal tents installed in AFAD's Deraboun transit camp have collapsed and, or, have been damaged. According to local residents, the site is generally very windy and similar problems are likely to happen in the future. The issue was raised with the mayor of Zakho in order to identify an alternative location for the transit camp.

Camp Warge Didar currently accommodates 854 families, run by a private donor on his own land plot. Approximately 600 tents are available (400 received from the Red Crescent and 200 from the Municipality). The landowner has informed that he has more land available for the pitching of another 600 tents.

UNHCR completed distribution of 1,000 core relief item kits in Miserik and Batel areas of Semel district. There are currently 1,000 core relief item kits in Domiz which will be distributed to the families relocated to the Khanke site. From 5 August to 19 August, 8,572 families (approximately 52,000 individuals) have been reached by UNHCR's provision of kits.

As of 20 August, UNICEF is supporting the Dahuk Surrounding Water Directorate through water trucking. In Zakho, 22 trucks are providing water for 26,400 people, while 45 trucks in Dahuk, Sumel, Shekhan, Akre, Khanke, Amedi, Faida, and Sirsink are serving over 54,100 people in schools, settlements, unfinished buildings, and within the host communities.

UNICEF's partners distributed 520 hygiene kits benefitting approximately 3,120 individuals in Chamanki.

Water and sanitation interventions in Khanke camp are ongoing and 70 latrines have been received on site.

IOM distributed and set up 75 dome tents for Yazidi displaced families in Lalesh.

Erbil

To date, Baharka camp accommodates 445 families of 2,460 Individuals. UNHCR met with the Mayor of Baharka who informed UNHCR that on 21 August approximately 1,000 IDP families will be transferred from Khabat, Shari Zeitun and surrounding Erbil, to Baharka by government authorities. UNHCR will provide additional tents for the influx of IDPs.

At the Ministry of Agriculture Site, tents damaged during the windstorm on 19 August will be repaired in order to be ready to accommodate families planned to arrive over the weekend.

To date, 373 IDP families are registered in Basirma Camp by the local Assayish. Of this total, 46 families are new arrivals from Hamdaniya and Bashiqa (Ninewa).

UNICEF, with the support of NRC started the installation of latrines in Agriculture camp in Ainkawa. 20 latrines were fixed on 20 August, but piping is still outstanding.

UNICEF, through its partner NRC is conducting garbage collection, as well as cleaning and maintenance of 70 latrine and 51 bathing facilities in Baharka Camp. Due to the shutdown of electricity at the camp, 100,000 litres of water was provided through trucks.

Kirkuk

On 20 August, IOM distributed 250 non-food item kits and 40 UNFPA women dignity kits in Kirkuk centre.

Suleymaniyah

The Mayor of Dukan informed UNHCR that there are 470 IDP families (Yazidis) from Mosul and Sinjar who have arrived during the past seven days. Most of the IDPs are staying in 9 different schools in Dukan town and surrounding villages. Core relief items and food are said to be urgently needed.

UNHCR, Internews and World Vision UK conducted joint focus group discussions in Chamchamal with Yazidi and Shabak IDPs. The primary focus of the focus group discussion was to gauge access to information and means of communication of the IDPs - among themselves, with host community, and with service providers.

UNICEF's partner CDO distributed clothes in Makhmur camp, including 677 clothing items for children aged 0-16 years and the Committee of Haji Awa received 120 cans of dried milk, 36 pairs of children's shoes and 120 men's shirts to be further distributed on a needs basis.