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Highlights

Sunday's update covers agency activities from Thursday (21 August) to Saturday (23 August).

UNHCR reports the arrival of 268 individuals from Syria at the Pesh Khabour border crossing in Dahuk Governorate, bringing the total number of IDPs who transited via Syria and crossed into the Kurdistan Region since 6 August to 122,585 people. There was no movement of IDPs reported from Kurdistan into Syria. A total of 182 Syrian refugees have returned to Syria from Dahuk bringing the total number who returned since the beginning of August to 4,743 individuals (21,710 individuals have returned since the beginning of January 2014).

The Ministry of Education will hold a conference on 2 and 3 September to determine how to resume classes for students as over 1,000 schools remain occupied by IDPs throughout the country. This conference supported by UNICEF will bring together government authorities from five affected Governorates as well as other partners. The postponed final examinations for IDP students of grades 6 and 12 are progressing. More than 7,750 are participating in Dahuk and Suleymaniya Governorates.

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

UNICEF, in coordination with local partners, finalized a plan to assist over 3,000 IDPs hosted in informal settlements, with hygiene kits, bed sheets, high energy biscuits, buckets, water family kits and other consumable supplies.

Najaf

According to the Ministry of Displacement and Migration, the total number of registered IDP families in Najaf has reached 11,951. The majority of IDP families are from Mosul.

Kerbala

A wave of hot weather hit Kerbala and the south of Iraq in where temperatures have exceeded 50 C°.

The primary healthcare clinic in the in Hilla District is now working 24 hours a day with physicians, laboratory, pharmacy and two male/female emergency rooms with 8 beds each. It serves the local community as well as IDPs living inside and outside the city.

Qaddisaya

Families continue to arrive to Qadisiya from different governorates, the majority from Ninewa but also some families are from Anbar and Salah Al-Din. The Ministry of Displacement and Migration (MoDM) began distributing food baskets to 200 IDPs while 950 families received cash assistance. The total number of IDPs who are officially registered by MoDM reached 2,170 IDP families.

Disputed Internal Border Areas

Diyala

In Khanaqin, two communal kitchens in Alyawa and Bahari Tazer are assisting approximately 9,200 people every day. WFP is partnering with ACTED on this project.

UNICEF, with the support of partners, is trucking 50,000 litres of safe water on a daily basis to Aliyawa camp (Khanaqin District), serving 3,000 IDPs. UNICEF also installed ten latrines and two showers serving 480 families.

Central

Anbar

A new ambulance was supplied to Heet District hospital by the Anbar Department of Health.

A new rehabilitation centre for disabled patients was opened by the Ramadi Department of Health. Wheelchairs, other instruments and medications were also supplied to the disabled. The Ramadi Teaching Hospital reports a shortage of fuel and personnel.

Salah Al-Din

The extended polio vaccination campaign concluded in Baiji District with 23,874 children under five immunized (target was 23,800 children).

North

Dahuk

UNHCR visited a border town near the Turkish-Iraqi border and met with IDPs and officials who confirmed that many IDPs are crossing into Turkey illegally despite security precautions taken by authorities.

Six field kitchens across Dahuk (in Kandala, Khanake, Shariya, Lalish, Batel and Sumel) assisted approximately between 107,000 and 119,000 people every day.

The size of Deraboun transit camp was reduced to 36 reinforced communal tents (approximate capacity of 1,200 individuals) after a sand storm destroyed many tents on 20 August.

UNICEF, with the support of its partners initiated water trucking in the new Bajet Kandala camp extension and installed two bladder tanks, with the total capacity of 60,000 litres for a minimum of 3,000 IDPs. UNICEF and partners also distributed 1,408 jerry cans to 983 families, repaired 25 latrines and installed eight new latrines and continued solid waste collection, water quality monitoring, and hygiene promotion.

UNICEF distributed a total of 1,100 rapid response kits (one kit contains 6 litres of water, a bucket, soap, etc.) to 747 IDP families living in seven different villages near Batel and Derabon village.

The Directorate of water started building the water network in Khanke camp and UNICEF, with the support of FRC, completed the installation of 12 latrines and 12 showers that will serve 100 IDP families.

UNICEF deployed a team of technicians to erect tents for UNICEF's implementing partner ACTED who is initiating psychosocial support to children in six schools in Shariya and Khanke. Additionally UNICEF erect three tents in Bajet Kandala/ Zakho District, to be used by DMC and ACTED as child friendly spaces.

UNICEF, with the support of Save the Children started psychosocial activities for children in seven locations in Dohuk City and Zakho.

In Bardarash, 12,000 people were assisted with immediate response rations (portable, ready-to-eat food for families on the move, sufficient to sustain a family of five for three days). This distribution was carried out in partnership with the Barzani Charity Foundation on 20 August.

In Tilkabar, 13,140 people were assisted with immediate response rations. This distribution was carried out in partnership with ACTED on 20 August.

In Sumel, 250 people were assisted with family food parcels (basic essentials for families with cooking facilities, sufficient to sustain a family of five for 30 days), in partnership with ACTED. WFP also assisted 14,500 people with family food parcels in Serseng. In Shaladzi, 2,500 people were assisted with family food parcels.

Erbil

To date, Baharka Camp accommodates 479 families of 2,666 Individuals. Some 16 families who recently arrived are accommodated with relatives in the camp. Accessible water and sanitation facilities for people with special needs and lighting of the compound at night are priority needs. The initial plan to move 1,000 IDP families from various locations of Erbil into Baharka is on hold. The authorities postponed this movement until capacity of the camp's infrastructure is expanded to accommodate additional families. When Baharka is expanded, the families will be allocated their own tents. KURDS has almost completed the shaded sitting areas in the camp. Approximately 2,500 people are receiving daily hot meals from WFP and BCF's communal kitchen. Three new tents have been set up by UNICEF to replace those destroyed by a sandstorm, benefitting approximately 300 students from grade 1 to 6, who are participating in educational activities funded. UNICEF, with the support of partners, installed 5 water storage tanks in the agricultural research site and completed the installation of 40 latrines. Water trucking every day of 70,000 litres to Baharka serving over 2,700 people is continuing due to the power outage of the boreholes.

At the Ministry of Agriculture site, the contractor is installing latrines. Four water tap-stands have been connected to the water tank and are operational. Tents have been erected and ready to receive families, after the graveling of roads is complete.

In Koya, 2,555 people were assisted with family food parcels distributed by WFP's partner BCF. In Soran, 750 people were also provided with food parcels by ACTED.

In Shaqlawa, various sports, drawing and painting activities continued in Zewer school, with the support of UNICEF and INTERSOS, for a total number of 125 students. So far, 231 students have received learning materials. In an effort to register more children in recreational activities, two teams will meet with families and students in Shaqlawa.

Kirkuk

MoDM reports there are 55,000 families in Kirkuk, although some duplication in registration has been reported. Approximately 2,200 families were assisted with the distribution of the government's cash grants.

In Kirkuk city, 2,400 people were assisted with family food parcels, distributed by IRW.

Suleymaniya

The relocation of 147 Syrians, from Arbat Transit camp to Arbat Permanent camp has been completed. UNHCR handed the site to the Deputy Mayor for the authorities in order to accommodate 1,000 IDPs. Almost 200 tents, plus WASH facilities, just vacated by the refugees, are ready to host IDPs.

In Old and New Halabjah, 450 people were assisted with immediate response rations.