

IRAQ

UNHCR IDP OPERATIONAL UPDATE

16 – 30 September 2014

KEY FIGURES

530,000+

IDPs provided with shelter and core relief items since January

369,905

IDPs reached through protection monitoring

11,029

Families identified for cash assistance

8,173

Children received psychosocial support

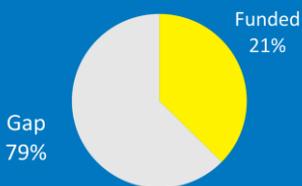
15,008

people provided with legal assistance

FUNDING

USD 315.1 million

requested for the operation

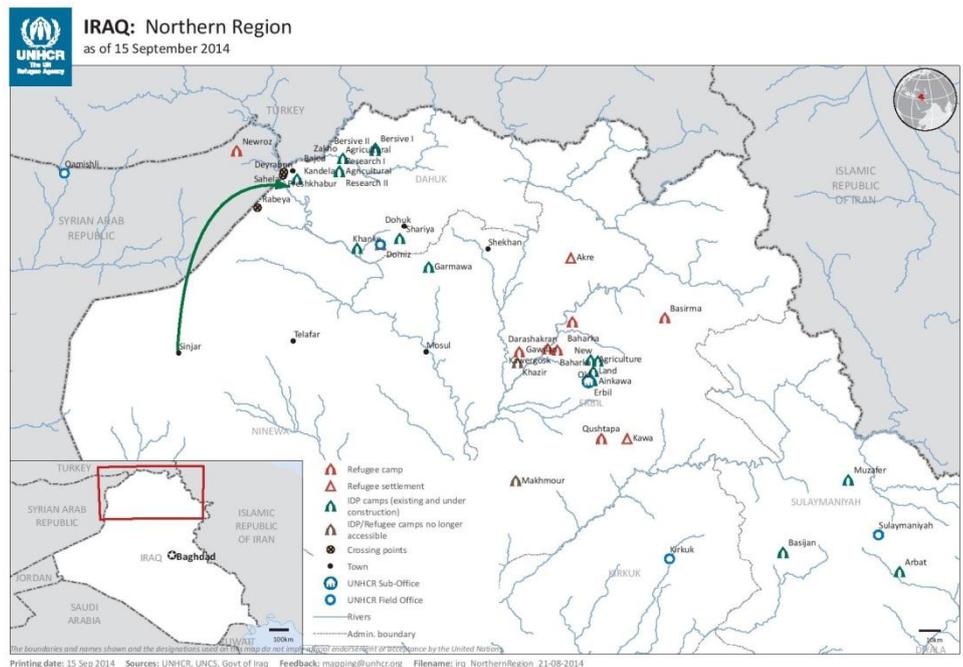


PRIORITIES

- Registration and needs profiling
- Increase access to legal assistance
- Prioritize the most vulnerable
- Reduce risk of SGBV
- Provide essential CRIs
- Winterization support
- Service providers in camps
- WASH facilities in camps

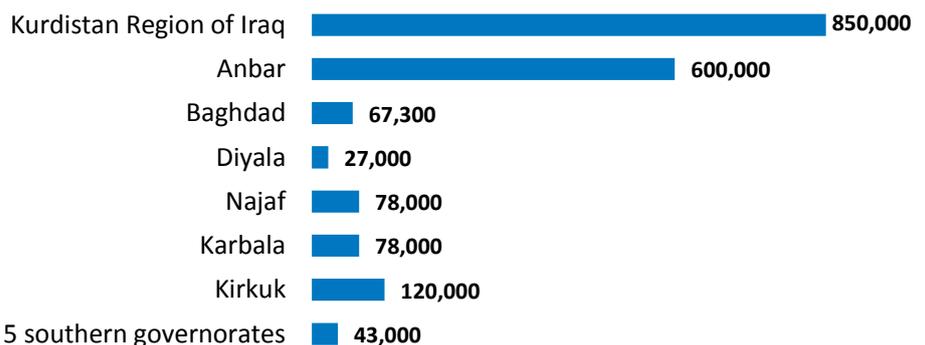
HIGHLIGHTS

- The Government of Iraq appointed Mr. Riyadh Fadhil, Director General of the Department of Follow-up and Coordination, as the primary government focal point for UN agencies.
- As of 30 September, the protection monitoring teams of UNHCR and its partners have reached a total of 369,905 individuals across Iraq, to determine their needs, including vulnerabilities, registration status, basic demographic information, and family accommodation situation.
- UNHCR continues to support camp construction, as well as increasing collective centre development and non-camp shelter rehabilitation options across Iraq.



Population of concern

A total of **1,800,000** people of concern



UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS

Operational Context

The current estimated number of Iraqis displaced since January 2014 remains 1.8 million. IDPs have settled in more than 1,500 locations across the country. Approximately 850,000 of them are in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KR-I).

- The General Secretariat of the Council of Ministers of Government of Iraq appointed Mr. Riyadh Fadhil, General Director of the Department of Follow-up and Governmental Coordination as the primary government focal point for UN agencies.
- Airstrikes continue across Iraq and Syria with more countries joining the coalition against ISIS.
- More than 150,000 Syrians have crossed into Turkey, of whom 450 people then proceeded to enter Dohuk Governorate, in Iraq.
- The conflict in Iraq continues to cause multiple population displacements in east governorates and in Anbar.
- IDPs are reporting that they have limited access to safe areas, particularly those attempting to enter Erbil and Khanaqin. There has been somewhat improved access to Kirkuk for IDPs entering from the south.
- Some IDPs are reportedly returning to their home communities after the withdrawal of armed groups in areas around northern Iraq as well as in Falluja and Ramadi in Anbar. There is a decrease in movement across all borders, as poor security conditions near the border checkpoints deter crossings.
- As cluster lead for Protection, CCCM, and Shelter/NFI Clusters, UNHCR contributed to the development of key country-wide humanitarian response strategies. The Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) was released on 25 September, and the revised Strategic Response Plan (SRP) will follow in early October. The HNO is available online at the following link: <http://humanitarianresponse.info/operations/iraq/document/iraq-humanitarian-needs-overview-25-september-2014>

Achievements

Protection

- Protection monitoring teams, comprising UNHCR and partners staff, have reached a total of 369,905 individuals across Iraq, to determine their needs, vulnerabilities, registration status, basic demographic information and accommodation.

CAMPS

Achievements and Impact

- In **Dohuk**, protection monitors contributed to winterization activities through fire safety awareness campaigns and community mobilization.
- Protection monitors conducted a rapid assessment of communities living in Arbat Camp in **Sulaymaniah** to improve inter-community relations. Focus group discussions were held with women and girls with a view to enhance access to psychosocial support services.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- Road safety between the two Bajet Kandela camps in **Dohuk** is of concern. The situation is being addressed by UN agencies.
- Accessible WASH facilities are urgently required in camps.

NON-CAMP

Achievements and Impact

- As at 24 September 2014, UNHCR and partners approved some 11,029 cases across **Iraq** for cash assistance (7,496 for centre and south), and referred 15,008 cases for legal assistance as well as 5,414 cases for special needs support. Psychosocial support has been provided to 8,173 children and 124 victims of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV). 13,713 dignity kits have been distributed.
- UNHCR is setting up four mobile registration teams to support government-led registration activities for all IDP locations in **Sulaymaniah**. UNHCR is providing both technical and logistical registration support to the government.
- Protection monitors across **Iraq** continue to work with the community to identify vulnerable persons, share information on protection and camp services and identify key protection issues.
- At **Basra** Collective Centre, UNHCR and partners conducted a capacity-building workshop for 30 women aimed to raise awareness on human rights, Iraqi law and SGBV.
- Mobile teams conducted rapid needs assessments in **Nassariya** and for 2,130 families who returned to Al Qosh, **Ninewa**. Those families are in need of assistance with core relief items (CRI) kits, shelter repairs, hygiene kits, clothing and rental support.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- In the **KR-I**, IDP children without access to Arabic schools are at risk of losing out on the academic year.
- Access to safe areas remains a challenge, as some IDPs are being prevented from entering **Erbil Governorate** and **Khanaqin** city.
- Freedom of movement in **Erbil** remains a challenge for some IDPs lacking residency documentation.
- 1,000 families who returned from **KR-I** to Al Qosh, **Ninewa**, after the withdrawal of armed groups are in need of food, WASH facilities, CRIs and electricity.

Shelter and NFIs

CAMPS

Achievements and Impact

- In **Sulaymaniah**, land preparation began for Chamchamal camp, which will provide shelter to some 6,000 people.
- In **Dohuk**, Berseve II camp construction is progressing with site preparation complete. Internal roads are 85 per cent complete, while 352 concrete tent slabs (used to raise tents off the ground and provide wind protection) and 152 kitchen blocks have been built. The camp will provide shelter for some 10,000 people.
- In the **KR-I**, UNHCR and its partners have reached almost 69,000 families (more than 414,000 IDPs) with CRI. In **Central** and **Southern Iraq**, 19,430 families (more than 116,000 IDPs) have been reached and assisted with CRI. CRI kits include

mattresses, jerry cans, kitchen sets, hygiene kits, blankets, plastic sheeting and stoves. In total, some 13,990 tents have been distributed across Iraq, providing shelter for 83,940 people.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- IDPs families need accessible shelter options for family members with disabilities.
- IDP families need shelter improvements and winterization support.



A young girl and her family receive a blanket during distribution of core relief items in Sulaymaniah. UNHCR/K. Ali

NON-CAMP

Achievements and Impact

- IDPs transferred from an **Erbil** church to a three story unfinished building (Ainkawa Mall Collective Centre), which UNHCR had divided into 121 individual family living units. UNHCR is in the process of renovating two collective centres in **Shaqlaw** hosting 950 families.
- UNHCR conducted post-distribution needs-assessments for 13,516 people in **Dohuk** to assess any urgent CRI needs.
- On 24 September, UNHCR's Assistant Representative for Operations and UN Habitat's Shelter Expert visited **Kirkuk** to assess the possibility of supporting the renovation of Badwa Settlement houses and to monitor the development of Laylan Camp, where demarcation and well-digging is almost complete.
- Airlifts of NFIs donated by Austria and Canada arrived in **Erbil**. Meanwhile, procurement for winterization needs is ongoing.
- UNHCR and UNICEF conducted a joint assessment of **Basra** Collective Centre, where they will cooperate in improving water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) facilities and in WASH awareness-raising campaigns.



IDP families move into Ainkawa Mall Collective Centre. UNHCR subdivided the mall into individual family living spaces. UNHCR/H.Salam

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- As many IDPs continue living in schools, unfinished buildings and in the open, shelter is a key humanitarian priority. IDPs living in schools in **Ninewa** have been requested by armed groups to vacate schools by early October. In **Dohuk**, schools are scheduled to open on 15 November. Many IDPs will not have alternative shelter available and will be prioritized for shelter support.
- IDPs in **Anbar, Kirkuk, Salah Al-Din, and Ninewa** are in need of CRI and shelter. However, ongoing conflict prevents humanitarian access to many of these areas. Across Iraq, IDPs report the need for winter clothing and cash to prepare for the upcoming harsh weather.
- In areas controlled by armed groups, humanitarian access remains a gap, as some IDPs report the need for CRI, kerosene and medical supplies.



Camp Coordination and Camp Management

Achievements and Impact

- The CCCM Cluster led by UNHCR, will, in coordination with IOM and REACH, launch a rapid assessment of IDP sites across Iraq in mid-October. It will provide information on the site quality and accessibility of services with a view to determine future shelter activities, improve communication with the IDP community and site monitoring.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps

- There is a need to identify management or service providers for many camps under construction, particularly in **Dohuk**.

Working in partnership

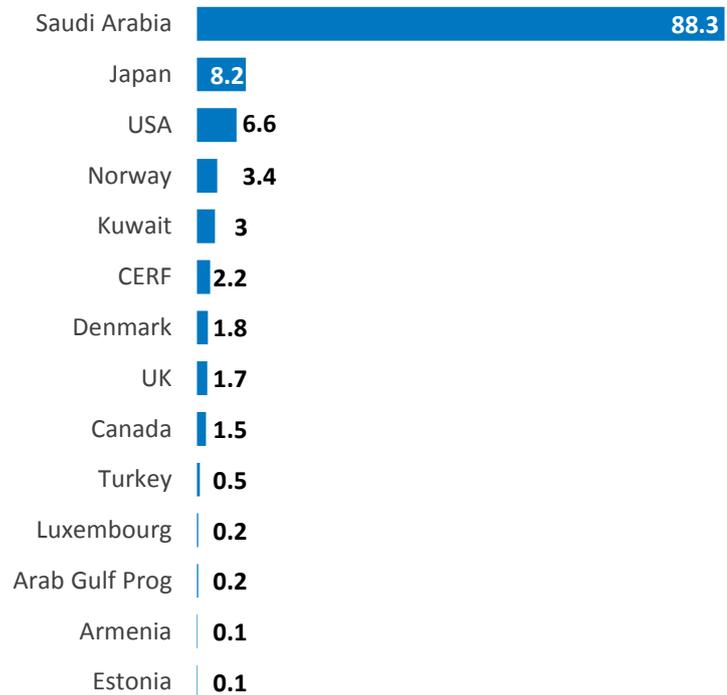
- The British Ambassador visited Baharka Camp in **Erbil** on 24 September.
- Two representatives of the US Foreign Affairs Congressional Committee visited the Ministry of Agriculture Camp in **Erbil** on 27 September.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to some **US\$ 117.74 million**.

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