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Iraqis who fled the military offensive in west Mosul and arrived at UNHCR's newly established Hasansham U2 Camp receiving core relief items (CRIs). © UNHCR/Saif Hameed Altatooz

HIGHLIGHTS 239,639 72,218

Syrian refugees registered as of 30 April 2017 IDPs reached with protection monitoring in April

12,718

Persons of concern received cash assistance in April (7,638 IDPs/5,080 refugees)

90,190

IDPs received Shelter and CRI assistance in April

Population of concern

A total of 6.13 million people of concern:	
	Total
IDPs (~3.0m IDPs since 2014* + ~1m IDPs since 2006/2007)	4,065,112*
IDP Returnees	1,737,138*
Syrian Refugees	239,639
Non-Syrian Refugees	43,438
Stateless	48,500
* IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM)	

from January 2014 to 27 April 2017

UNHCR Presence

Staff:

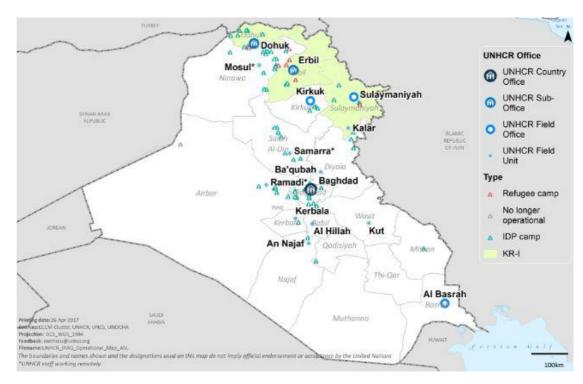
291 national staff 134 international staff

Funding in 2017 USD 557.1 million requested:

Offices

6 offices located in: Baghdad, Erbil, Dahuk, Sulaymaniyah, Kirkuk, and Basrah. UNHCR also has field presence in Hilla (Babylon), Ba'quba (Diyala), Kerbala (Kerbala), Najaf (Najaf), Samarra (Salah al-Din), Kut (Wassit), and Khanaqin (Diyala) based in Kalar (Sulaymaniyah).

88%



WORKING WITH PARTNERS

- UNHCR is directly engaged in the inter-agency emergency response plans for Mosul and its surrounding areas, western Anbar, and Hawiga (in Kirkuk Governorate).
- UNHCR leads the Protection, Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM), and Shelter/non-food items (also known as core relief items or CRIs) clusters, as part of the cluster coordination mechanism for IDP response. UNHCR is also co-leading with UN Habitat the Working Group on Durable Solutions for IDPs within the Resilience and Recovery Framework (RRF) for Iraq.
- Through the Regional Refugee Resilience Plan (3RP), UNHCR leads the humanitarian response for Syria refugee in coordination with authorities.
- UNHCR also collaborates with authorities in the Central government and the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KR-I) to assist non-Syrian refugees and asylum-seekers, and on statelessness prevention and response.

MAIN UNHCR ACTIVITIES

Protection

- IDPs IDP protection is a significant part of UNHCR's work in Iraq. Direct interventions are undertaken with local, regional and national authorities to ensure that those displaced can access safety in camps and in non-camp locations. Protection monitoring teams have been deployed to identify protection and assistance needs, which directly inform protection responses, including provision of legal assistance on a range of issues such as missing civil documentation; prevention and response to gender-based violence (GBV); child protection; reuniting separated families; advocating for sponsorships in urban areas; and other critical protection support.
- IDP Returns Ensuring that returns are voluntary, safe and in dignity is a strategic priority for UNHCR and the humanitarian community in Iraq. UNHCR monitors the return of displaced persons to their areas of origin and intervenes with authorities when there are incidents of barred returns; risks of forced or pressured returns to areas which are still not safe due to personal protection risks; contamination with explosive remnants of war (ERW) and improvised explosive devices (IED); presence of militias; proximity to conflict areas; widespread destruction of property; and/or the absence of critical infrastructure and basic services.
- Refugees UNHCR coordinates the response for Syrian refugees with all local and international partners. These
 activities include registration, protection monitoring and advocacy, psychosocial support, child protection, and GBV
 services. Resettlement to third countries is pursued for a small number of refugees with acute vulnerabilities.

Shelter and NFIs

- UNHCR provides shelter assistance and CRIs, and coordinates with humanitarian actors to complement the work
 of local authorities to improve the living conditions of vulnerable IDPs in camp and non-camp situations throughout
 Iraq.
- 91 IDP camps in Iraq host approximately 690,000 IDPs. 51 of these camps are located in the Centre/South, and 40 camps are in KR-I. UNHCR has built or rehabilitated 38 camps (20 in the Centre/South and 18 in the KR-I). UNHCR is also engaged in the provision of assistance to non-camp IDPs.
- 97% of Syrian refugees in Iraq live in the KR-I, of whom 38% stay in 9 camps, with the remainder living in urban and peri-urban areas. Shelter priorities for Syrian refugees include the improvement and upgrading of shelters due to wear and tear. Of the 19,000 plots in refugee camps in the KR-I, over 95% have been improved with concrete bases for the tents and an individual kitchen, latrine, and shower. Over 65% have been upgraded with solid houselike structures.

Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM)

 As the CCCM Cluster lead, UNHCR works with local authorities and humanitarian actors to provide coordinated services to IDPs. In camps, this translates to ensuring adequate shelter, delivery of food and water, presence of education and health facilities in camps, and capacity building for camp management actors and service providers. The CCCM Cluster supports efforts to identify suitable sites for camps and ensure that services are readily available upon arrival of IDPs. Mobile teams from partners provide CCCM services to camps and out-of-camp settlements throughout Iraq.

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