Iraq: Humanitarian Access (as of 9 Sep. 2014)

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Levels of Access

Defining difficulty of access is a combination of access of humanitarian actors to the affected population as well security and physical constraints. The presence of multiple security and access indicators as described below under each access level define humanitarian access in a district.

Extremely Difficult Access

Area with presence of ISIL and their affiliated AOGs, ISF and US airstrikes, heavy presence of ERW, snipers and explosive devices in recently abandoned towns, bureaucratic constraints (denial of travel permits, closure of roads/checkpoints and travel restrictions on civilians) engagement with security forces and government is required to facilitate access.

Some Access Constrain

Areas within range of the 'front line' but under control of security forces, destruction of key bridges, presence of explosive devices and booby traps and vulnerability to short notice attacks by militants, areas hostile to the presence of foreigners, extreme kidnap threat warnings, under control of militia groups, bureaucratic (denial of travel permits to Arab staff, refusal to permit convoys or lengthy delays)

Accessible Area

Areas subject to normal (and at times, heightened) security protocols and bureaucratic procedures (possession of letters of authorisation for inter-provincial travel), some delays may occur in response to short notice security issues or the presence of religious pilgrims or VIPs on a route or within an area