

IRAQ SITUATION

UNHCR FLASH UPDATE

4 July 2017

KEY FIGURES

818,238

Internally displaced Iraqis verified as being currently displaced from Mosul and surrounding areas since military operations to retake the city began on 17 October 2016¹

558,487

IDPs, returnees and members of the host community from Mosul and surrounding areas assisted by UNHCR since 17 October 2016.

240,624

Individuals (49,546 households) impacted by military operations to retake Mosul since October 2016 are currently enrolled in

ASSIST, UNHCR's assistance tracking tool

3 million

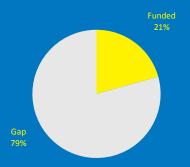
IDPs since January 2014²

257,476 Iraqi refugees hosted in countries in the region, and 21,124 Iraqis received in Al Hol camp in Syria since 17 October 2016

FUNDING

USD 578 million

requested for IDPs and Iraqi refugees in the region in 2017



POPULATION MOVEMENTS

Ongoing arrivals to Hammam Al-Alil (HAA) screening site. Approximately 608 individuals (90 families) arrived to HAA on 3 July, mainly from Al-Mayadin, Atmarat, Al-Makawi, Suq Al-Sheharrin, Bab Al-Bid, and Al-Sergekhana. Another 1,408 persons (200 families) departed west Mosul, crossed Victory Bridge and entered east Mosul directly without transiting through HAA. Some 608 persons reportedly departed HAA screening and transit sites for other locations in the HAA and Qayarrah areas. Displaced individuals reported fleeing indiscriminate shelling, harassment, and fear of being used as human shields.

No new arrivals at Ninewa Hotel (NH) screening site. Only newly arrived IDPs are now being allowed to cross Victory Bridge to arrive at the NH screening site. IDPs who are moving back and forward between east and west Mosul to check on conditions will have to take Meneira Bridge as a security precaution against infiltrators. Exceptions will be made for emergency cases to access to NH screening site for a transfer to a hospital.

Elderly people at particular risk from heat. On 3 July, a 70-year-old woman traveling with her adult nephew was transferred to Dary Clinic for suspected heat exhaustion, malnutrition, and bacterial poisoning. Shortly after her arrival, the woman passed away; the fourth confirmed heat-related death. Children and the elderly continue to be at risk of malnutrition, and are further impacted by the heat.

SITUATION UPDATE

Suicide bomber kills 14 in Kilo 60 IDP camp in Anbar. The <u>United Nations</u> condemned the attack on 2 July a suicide bomber at the Kilo 60 transit site, west of Ramadi, where 14 people were reportedly killed and 13 injured. The head of the local council said that the camp would be closed following the attack and that the residents were being moved to <u>Kilo 18 camp</u>. Security in some parts of Iraq will likely worsen as Iraqi forces are now in the final stages of the battle to retake Mosul, with a return to insurgent-style bombings and hit-and-run attacks by the extremist groups expected.

RESPONSE UPDATE

Efforts ongoing to erect tents in Al-Salamiyah 2. As part of Phase I to build 5,000 plots, UNHCR completed a further 170 plots in the last two days, bring the total to 4,752 plots completed. The new plots were immediately given over to 165 families who arrived mainly from Al Ba'aj. 54 plots are available in UNHCR's Hammam Al-Alil 2 and UNHCR is preparing to begin Phase II to add a further 2,500 plots.

Of UNHCR's overall funding requirements of USD 212 million in 2017 to provide protection, shelter and camp coordination and camp management assistance to IDPs in Mosul, <u>USD 126 million are urgently required</u> to meet critical needs of vulnerable children, women and men displaced from and returning to Mosul.

¹IOM-DTM Emergency Tracking since 17 October 2016.