



**UNHCR**  
The UN Refugee Agency  
مفوضية الأمم المتحدة للاجئين

**KEY FIGURES**

**87,000 IDPs<sup>1</sup>**

from Falluja and surrounding areas since May

**34,000 IDPs<sup>2</sup>**

from Mosul and surrounding areas since March

**25,284 IDPs<sup>3</sup>**

from Shirqat and surrounding areas since June

**3.4 million IDPs<sup>4</sup>**

since January 2014

**230,000 Iraqi refugees<sup>5</sup>**

in the region

**Funding**

UNHCR's overall appeal of **USD 584 million** for IDPs and Iraqi refugees in the region is

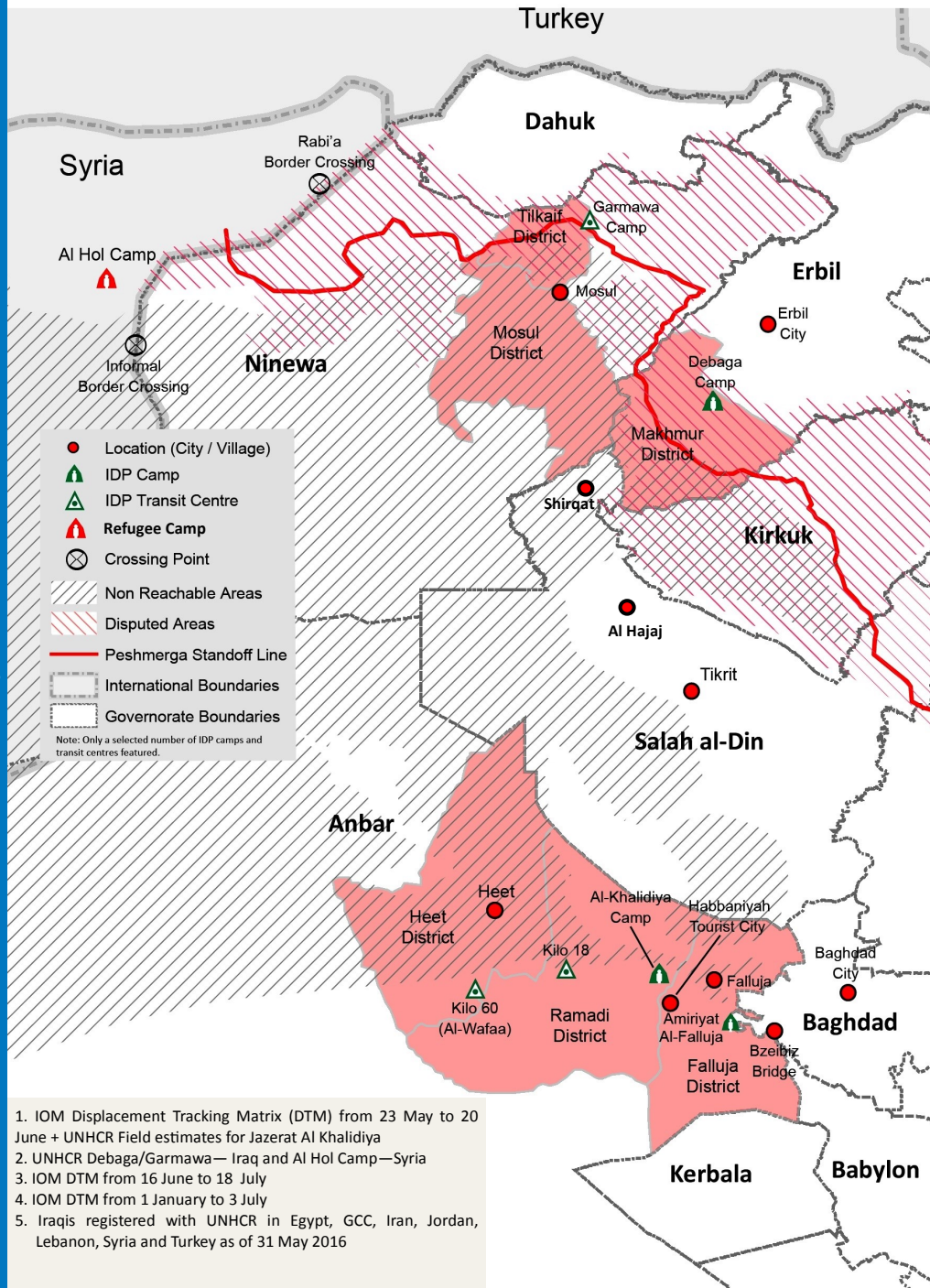
**37% funded**

including recent new announcements and projections



**IRAQ: FLASH UPDATE**

**21 July 2016**



**OVER 2 BILLION PLEDGED FOR IRAQ**

- A pledging conference on Iraq was held in Washington on 20 July, hosted by the United States in partnership with Canada, Germany and Japan, with the aim of raising new funds for the Iraq response.
- The United Nations was represented by the Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator for Iraq, who presented a Mosul Flash Appeal seeking funds to step up humanitarian preparation in anticipation of the Mosul operation.
- The US Secretary of State noted that over USD 2 billion was pledged at the conference, including some USD 450 million for the overall humanitarian needs in Iraq.
- See: <http://www.state.gov/secretary/remarks/2016/07/260315.htm>

**MOSUL CORRIDOR**

- Operations by Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) in Al Qayyarah continue in order to isolate Hawiga and Shirqat from Mosul. ISF is also making military progress from the western side of Shirqat.
- Displacement from the south of Al Qayyara and Shirqat continues with reports of a large number of IDPs being transported to a fertilizer plant in the north of Baiji for an initial security screening before being transported to the Al-Hajjaj Silo reception centre, north of Tikrit in Salah al-Din Governorate. According to the Ministry of Migration and Displacement (MoMD), 4,087 families have so far reached the reception center.

**ANBAR CORRIDOR**

- Iraqi authorities have announced that Al Doolab sub-district in Heet district has been entirely liberated
- UNHCR and UNMAS conducted a joint mission to Al Moskarat in Salah al-Din where UNHCR is establishing a new camp for displaced families. UNHCR has temporarily suspended establishment of Al Moskarat Camp following discovery of improvised explosive devices on the site.

1. IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) from 23 May to 20 June + UNHCR Field estimates for Jazerat Al Khalidiya  
 2. UNHCR Debag/Garmawa — Iraq and Al Hol Camp — Syria  
 3. IOM DTM from 16 June to 18 July  
 4. IOM DTM from 1 January to 3 July  
 5. Iraqis registered with UNHCR in Egypt, GCC, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Turkey as of 31 May 2016

## Operational Context

The main focus of Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) operations is currently the offensive against ISIL in southern Ninewa and northern Salah al-Din governorate where large numbers of families continue to be displaced.

### Trapped civilians in Shirqat lack food and medicine as ISF circles the city

- Civilians are trapped in Shirqat, northern Salah al-Din, as the ISF circle the town. The city is still under ISIL control and without access to food or medicine, the population's situation is growing desperate. Sources report that over seven persons died of hunger, including four children, in addition to reports of executions by ISIL of those trying to flee. Similar situations are reported in areas under ISIL control in Al Zab, Al Abassia and Al Riyadh villages in Hawiga district in the Governorate.

### 75% of groundwork for phase 2 completed in Debaga 2 camp

- One thousand tents are scheduled to be pitched as soon as groundwork is completed.
- UNHCR installed 26 latrines and showers in Debaga 2 Camp on 18 and 19 July along with a generator to provide electricity to the camp.
- Out of the 700 tents pitched between 15 and 19 July, 500 have been allocated to 460 families (2,555 persons) who are now sheltered in the camp. The remaining 200 tents will be allocated on 20 July.
- On 18 July, UNHCR distributed essential items such as kitchen utensils, blankets and mattresses and water jerry cans to all the 460 families transferred to Debaga 2 the same day, while UNHCR partners distributed a kitchen stove and 20 litres of kerosene for cooking to each household.
- There are 22,773 persons living in Debaga camps and transit sites including 10,108 newly arrived individuals in the reception centre. Decongesting the reception centre remains a high priority.
- A US delegation visited Debaga camp on July 19 to see the living conditions for the newly arrived IDPs and the work progress in Debaga 2.

### Government assesses situation for returns to some villages in Makhmur district

- On 18 July, a large government delegation comprised of various Ninewa directorates visited the village of Haji Ali, on the east bank of the Tigris River to assess the situation.
- Up to 4,000 Iraqis currently sheltered in Debaga could be allowed to return to Haji Ali.

## Operational Context

Preparations to rehabilitate Falluja have begun in anticipation for returns to start mid-September. Returns have been increasing in many areas retaken by the government, although there is continued risk of explosive hazards, lack of essential services and renewed attacks from ISIL.

### Preparations for returns in Falluja have started

- On 18 July, five specialized teams began mine clearance operations in Falluja.
- The rehabilitation works on the Falluja Hospital started on 18 July with plans to reopen by September.
- The Education Directorate announced the academic year will begin on 1 September in the centre and outskirts of Falluja.

### New area liberated in Heet district while high levels of insecurity persist in the district

- Qaryat al-Dolab (Heet district), located between Al-Baghdadi and Heet was retaken from ISIL by Iraqi Security Forces. The area was under ISIL control since December 2014 and, according to local authorities, more than 500 improvised explosive devices were cleared during the military operations. Security is still volatile in the district, including the city of Heet, with frequent attacks from ISIL.

### UNHCR concerned over reports of Iraqis displaced in Kirkuk and Kerbala Governorates forced to return to Anbar

- The Assayesh in Kirkuk has reportedly given displaced Iraqis from Anbar a notice to leave the governorate within 10 days and return to their areas of origin, with some displaced Iraqis reportedly forced to sign a commitment to that effect while their ID documents have been confiscated, and are to be returned to them upon departure.
- The head of Anbar Provincial Council (PC) requested authorities in Karbala to reconsider their decision of forcing displaced Iraqis from Anbar to return within 30 days. According to the head of Anbar PC, retaken areas in Anbar need some time to restore basic services, forcing IDPs to return within 30 days will put them under harsh circumstances. Anbar PC has requested authorities in Karbala to allow IDPs to stay until October 2016.