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**KEY FIGURES**

- 87,000 IDPs** <sup>1</sup>  
from Falluja and surrounding areas since May
- 53,700 IDPs** <sup>2</sup>  
from Mosul and surrounding areas since March
- 88,500 IDPs** <sup>3</sup>  
from Shirqat, Al Qayyarah and surrounding areas since June
- 3.385 million IDPs** <sup>4</sup>  
since January 2014
- 233,900 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 **38% funded** including recent announcements and projections

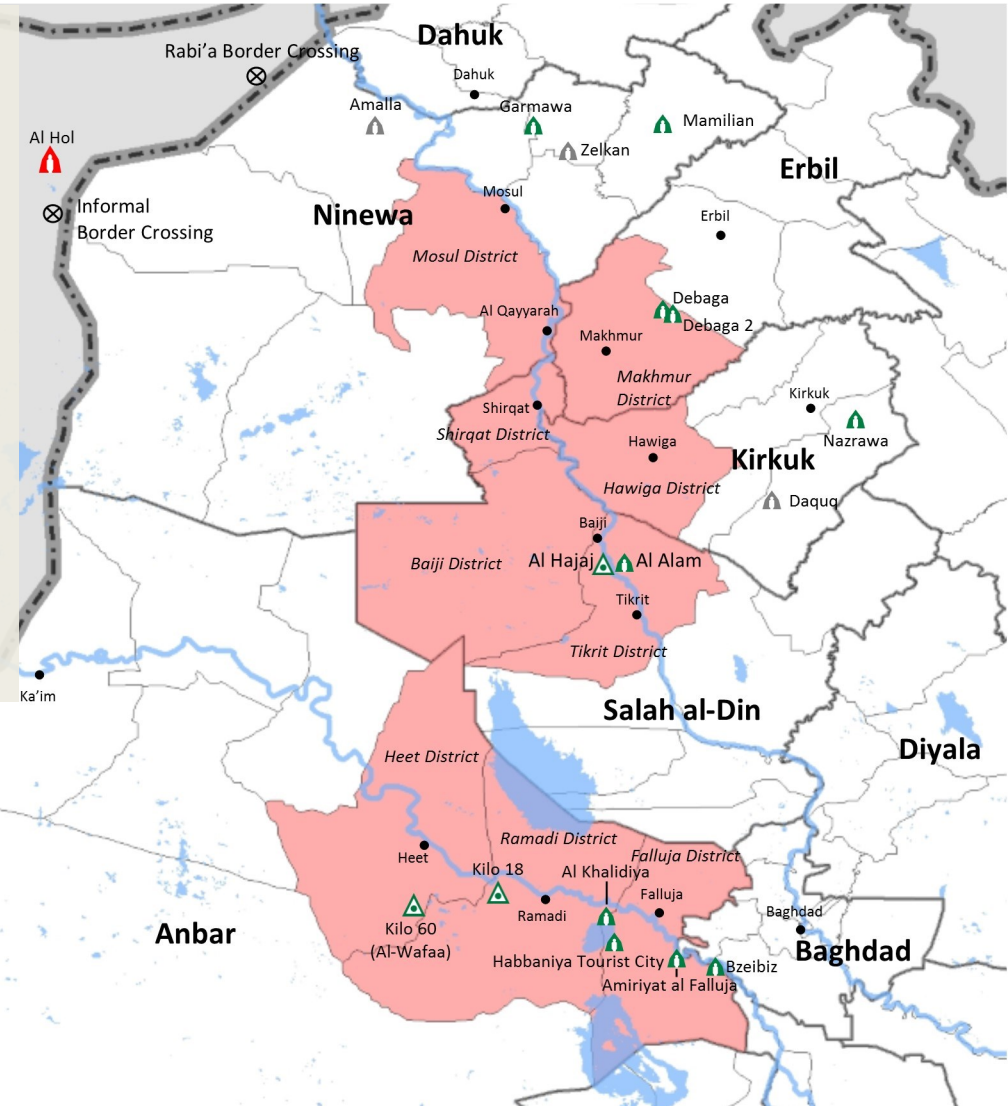


# IRAQ: FLASH UPDATE

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## MOSUL CORRIDOR

- UNHCR advocates that returns should be voluntary, safe and non-discriminatory, and is concerned that authorities in Kirkuk have begun notifying IDPs to leave. They are reportedly confiscating IDs of IDPs originating from Salah al-Din, Anbar and Diyala governorates currently in the Laylan and Nazrawa camps. There has been no prior consultative process or information enabling an informed choice, and there are safety risks and lack of services in the places of origin.
- 965 IDPs departed Debaga Camp on 1 September and returned to Al Qayyarah despite the uncertain security situation, lack of water, electricity and services there. Authorities facilitated the clearance and provided transportation.
- 400 IDPs are stranded at Maktab Khalid checkpoint since 1 September awaiting approval to enter Kirkuk.



● City	⊠ International Border
○ Village	▭ Governorate Border
▲ IDP Camp	▭ District Border
▲ IDP Transit Centre	■ District of interest
▲ Refugee Camp	— River
⊗ Crossing Point	■ Lake
▲ Planned Camp	

Note: Only selected camps and transit locations featured.

1. IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) from 23 May to 20 June + UNHCR Field estimates for Jazerat Al Khalidiya
2. UNHCR Debaga/Garmawa— Iraq and Al Hol Camp—Syria
3. IOM DTM from 16 June to 3 September
4. IOM DTM from 1 January 2014 to 3 August 2016
5. Iraqis registered with UNHCR in Egypt, GCC, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Turkey as of 31 July 2016

## ANBAR CORRIDOR

- Armed groups attacked a water station 20 kilometres east of Rutba on 3 September, resulting in a shutdown of the water supply in the district, thereby hindering returns.
- Over 200 IDPs on 3 September fled ongoing fighting opposite Ramadi on the north bank of the Euphrates River in Albu Diab and arrived in Al Khalidiya Camp.

### Returns to Al Qayyarah

- IDPs reported that they had decided to return after consulting family members who had remained. The majority had been residing in the camp reception centre, mosque and school, where living conditions might have motivated early return, while those residing in tents in Debaga Stadium and Debaga 2 Camp have largely opted to wait until services resume and security is guaranteed.

### Providing documents for IDPs

- The Head of the Civil Affairs office for Makhmur conducted a mission to Debaga Camp on 4 September to establish procedures for issuance and replacement of documents for IDPs originating from Makhmur and surrounding villages. Officials from the office will be present in Debaga three days a week to attend to cases.

### Risk of disease outbreak

- Last year there was a serious outbreak of cholera across Iraq and the risk is anticipated to be highest this year between September and November. UNHCR met in Erbil with Health and WASH cluster partners on 4 September concerning diarrhoeal disease preparedness and to update the cholera response and preparedness plan; attention was drawn to the increased risks in Debaga Camp due to the overcrowded conditions, inadequate WASH facilities and poor hygiene.

### Dangerous flight from Hawiga

- UNHCR has received reports of armed groups preventing IDPs from fleeing Hawiga in Kirkuk Governorate. Those that manage to flee, at grave risks to their safety, are further at risk along the routes to safety. On 1 September, two children were killed by an explosive device while fleeing from Hawiga toward Makhmur in Erbil Governorate.

Women and children boarding a bus in Debaga Camp on 1 September as they prepare to return after two months to their homes in Al Qayyarah. © UNHCR/Teddy Leposky

### Continued threats to the safety and security of returnees

- As Iraqi Security Forces continue their offensive to retake Jazeerat al Heet and Jazeerat al-Ramadi, armed groups launched a mortar attack on Heet on 1 September, which killed a mother and her three children. Another attack on 3 September resulted in four deaths and two injured.
- A returnee in Ramadi was killed on 1 September while cleaning the street in front of his house in the north of the city. This follows an explosion on 31 August that killed two medical workers and a personnel from the Iraqi Security Forces while clearing a hospital to the east of Ramadi.

### IDP Returns to Karma

- On 1 September, nearly 150 families took part in the initial return to Al Karmah north east of Falluja, and 100 families returned to As Saqlawiyah norther west of Falluja. Authorities provided transport from camps in Amiriyat al Falluja and Abu Ghraib.

