



IRAQ SITUATION

UNHCR FLASH UPDATE

15 November 2016

POPULATION MOVEMENTS

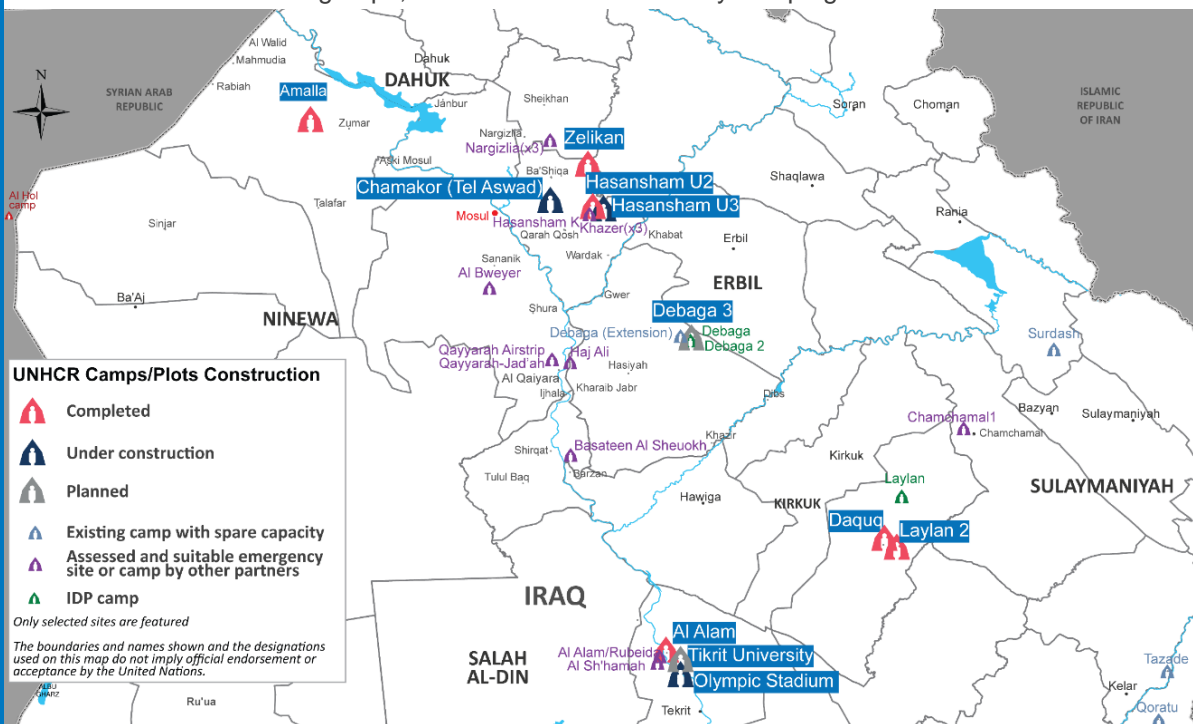
- Mosul:** More than 56,000 people¹ are currently displaced since military operations to retake Mosul city began – an increase of more than 35,000 (62%) since 1 November.
- Kirkuk:** Displacement from Hawiga continues; 73 families (380 people) arrived to UNHCR Daquq camp, which is sheltering more than 6,200 people, on 14 November while another 130 people arrived in Tikrit's Al Alam sub-district after travelling through the Hamreen mountains. Also yesterday, five families originally from Baiji district in Salah al-Din Governorate were expelled from Kirkuk Governorate and arrived in Tikrit to stay with relatives. Baiji has suffered a high level of destruction and is currently not considered safe for return. This brings the number of displaced families from Salah al-Din Governorate expelled from Kirkuk since October to 184.

UNHCR RESPONSE UPDATE

- UNHCR with BBC Media Action and Radio Nawa today launched an initiative to help newly-displaced families to access timely information through radios.** 2,000 small transistor radios are being distributed in UNHCR Hasansham camp. Radio Nawa, a Sulaymaniyah-based public service radio station operating a Kurdish and Arabic service across Iraq, has installed a new transmitter to reach the camp, which is accommodating more than 10,000 people. Families who have spent more than two years under the control of extremist armed forces have spoken of tight restrictions and lack of access to impartial information.
- UNHCR Zelikan camp received 195 families (955 individuals) who arrived at the Nargizlia screening centre on 14 November.** The majority of new arrivals came from north of Mosul and informed UNHCR staff that they fled with their families under the cover of darkness after extremist forces threatened to move women and children into the Mosul city centre to be used as human shields. All new arrivals received mattresses and quilts and were assigned to family tents. UNHCR is transporting additional core relief items to Zelikan camp to assist the new arrivals. Zelikan camp is currently accommodating 3,400 people, and has capacity for some 6,000 people. Humanitarian response partners are also working to respond to needs identified at the Nargizlia site, including the provision of diapers for babies, dignity kits for women and girls, and adequate lighting in all sanitation facilities.

SITUATION UPDATE

- Iraqi forces have reportedly retaken control of one-third of the eastern side of Mosul from extremist armed groups, four weeks into the military campaign.**



UNHCR Camps/Plots Construction

- Completed
- Under construction
- Planned
- Assessed and suitable emergency site or camp by other partners
- IDP camp

Only selected sites are featured

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KEY FIGURES

56,412
People displaced from Mosul district since the military offensive began on 17 October¹

5,705
UNHCR kits of core relief items distributed to families displaced from Mosul corridor

9,068
Family plots in UNHCR camps ready to receive IDPs displaced from Mosul corridor, of which **3,743 (41%)** are currently occupied

3.2 million
IDPs in total in Iraq

240,000 Iraqi refugees hosted by neighbouring countries in the region, with **1,017** Iraqis to Syria over recent weeks

¹IOM-DTM Emergency Tracking
² UNHCR field reports

FUNDING

USD 584 million requested for IDPs and Iraqi refugees in the region



Of which **USD 196 million** requested for the Mosul emergency response

