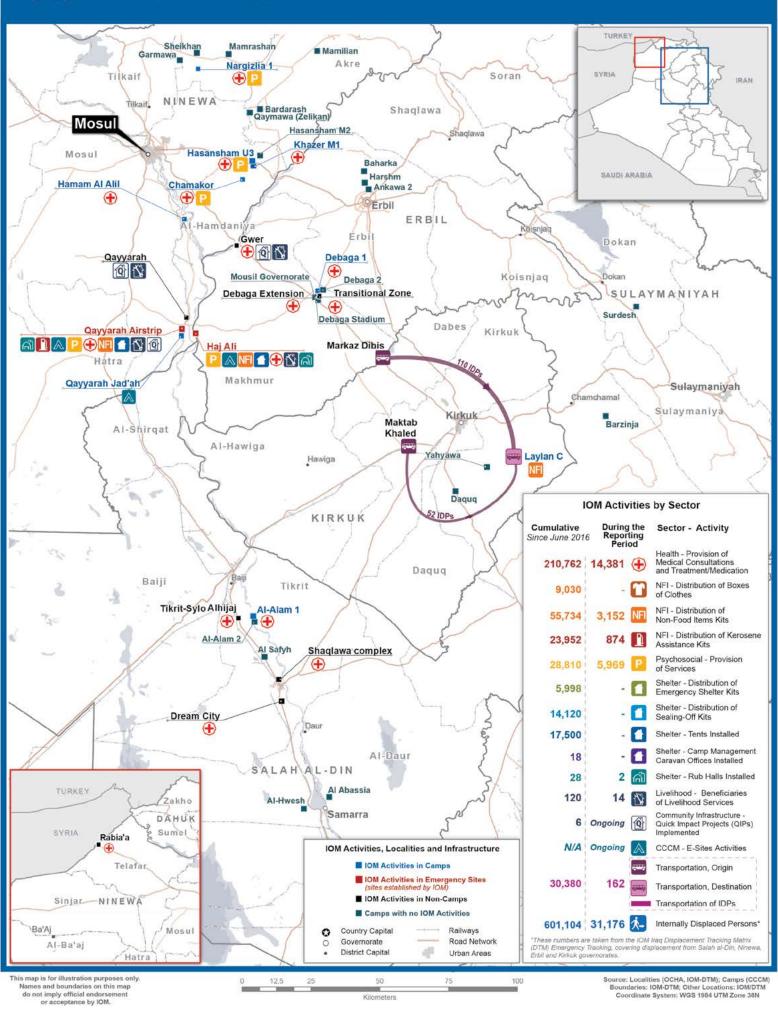


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Above: IOM distributed non-food item kits to recently displaced Iraqis in Qayara Airstrip emergency site. The kits were funded by the Government of Germany. The kits include mattresses, blankets, pillows, coolers, rechargeable fans and lights, gas cookers and other necessary items. (©IOM Iraq, 2017)



Above: IOM completed the construction of 80 shops at Qayara Airstrip emergency site and handed over the keys to beneficiaries on 24 April. These shops will host a range of stores from grocery, barbering and clothing stores and more. The stores will create income for the IDPs, provide essential goods and services to the camp population, and to promote social cohesion through meaningful work. The project is funded by the US Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) (©Nima Tamaddon/IOM Iraq, 2017)



Above: Every Thursday, IOM's Psychosocial Team brings together poets and poetry lovers in Qayara Airstrip emergency site to give them a podium to express their dreams, hopes, and longing. (©IOM Iraq, 2017)



Above: IOM-Department of Health (DoH) doctor checks a sick baby at Haj Ali emergency site. IOM medical clinic and mobile medical units in collaboration with DoH provide primary health care support and medication to 1,750 displaced Iraqis per week in Haj Ali emergency site. These health activities are supported by the Government of Kuwait. (©IOM Iraq, 2017)

Stories of Displacement: Iman

When Iman was born, she was in good health. Seven months later, she had high fever and medical tests showed that she had a brain medical condition and needed urgent surgery abroad. Her family was not able to afford the surgery; she had to take medication to stay alive.

In June 2014, ISIL took over Mosul. Soon afterwards, when the Iraqi forces started to surround ISIL, medical supplies fell short, causing a hike in prices. Iman's father, who worked in the security services before ISIL, had to stay in hiding.

Iman's mother explained: "Iman lived on two types of medication, but because of the shortages of medicine the specialist doctor stopped prescribing one. She was now taking only Tegretol, and soon ISIL banned that one too. I went through many ups and downs to get the medication. It was very expensive. We sold everything; her uncle even sold his car to help finance her medication and food. She is not able to take food; the only way she can eat normally is through bottle feeding, although she is almost 18 years old."

"After persistent harassment and repeated arrests, my husband fled. When ISIL found out that he had gone, they tried to arrest my son, who was only 15, instead. He ran away and ISIL gunmen chased him down. He went in the direction of the Iraqi forces, who covered him until he reached them.

"We had to stay with relatives until we finally fled Mosul at night. I am very thankful that we got out of there alive. We are living in the Qayara Airstrip site now, and thankfully Iman is receiving the required medicine. She is much better now.'

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