

### SITUATION REPORT #25

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IOM distributes non-food item kits to 1000 displaced families in Amirat al-Falluja

As the Eid al-Adha holiday approaches in Iraq, mass displacement continues as a result of ongoing conflict across the country. Between 24 August and 5 September an additional 1,805 families have been displaced from their homes due to fighting around Kirkuk.

The most recent DTM data also identified 11,864 families who returned to their homes in Diyala governorate. Returning families often find their homes damaged, looted or destroyed. With the support of USAID-OFDA, IOM Iraq has conducted assessments on damaged homes across eight governorates, mainly in the south and central regions of Iraq and has identified 300 such damaged homes for rehabilitation.

IOM continues to distribute non-food items to displaced persons across Iraq. Supplementary kits are distributed to previous aid recipients, and include seasonal items such as cool boxes, rechargeable fans, light blankets and towels. Since 1 September, 2,000 supplementary kits and 250 full kits were distributed to displaced persons in Salah al Din, Kirkuk, Baghdad, Anbar, Thi Qar, Babylon and Muthanna governorates.

IOM staff spoke with Mubarak, an elderly man who was displaced from Salah al Din governorate 20 days ago. "My three sons were killed by ISIL before my eyes. They were killed because they worked with the army." Mubarak and his wife and daughters are now living with

## Displacement

IOM/ Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) January 2014-September 2015

IDP Families



**530,456**

Individuals



**3,182,736**

To access the IOM Iraq DTM, please visit:

<http://iomiraq.net/dtm-page>

## Emergency Relief Distribution

Family non-food item (NFI) kits



**179,064**

Emergency shelter



**13,853**

his relatives. "We fled so quickly after the killing of my sons that we didn't manage to bring anything, not even basic necessities. Thank you for these items. They will help us."

## Sa'eed's Story

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IOM staff spoke with Sa'eed at a recent non-food item kit distribution in Baghdad. One-hundred and fifty families received family non-food item aid with the support of the Japanese government. “These items will make my mother so happy,” Sa'eed told staff. “We are in need of everything. We used to have so much, but lost everything in our displacement.”

Sa'eed and his family are from Baiji, in Salah al Din governorate. Located 150 miles north of Baghdad, the city, known for its oil wealth, has witnessed incredible violence since the beginning of the crisis in January 2014.

“I was working at my family's shop when we heard gunfire, and rumours were circulating that ISIL had entered Baiji. I left work and went to tell my family. We made the decision to stay for a while to see what would happen. We had a house, a farm and our shop in Baiji and didn't just want to leave it behind at the first sign of trouble.”

After months of fighting, Sa'eed and his family were among the few left in Baiji. The fighting was becoming worse, and shelling was coming closer to the house, so they decided to leave. “In October 2014, we took our car and some money; we left our property and our lives behind. We went to the outskirts of Mosul because it was closer to us than Baghdad, and we heard the fighting around Mosul had stopped. We used all our money on rent and living expenses. When we ran out of money, we sold our car. My father died soon after of a broken heart. Then fighting escalated again around Mosul, and we could hear shelling again. We realized that going to Mosul was the wrong decision.”

Knowing that his older brother had gone to Baghdad, Sa'eed decided to reunite his family there. They hired a minibus and driver to take them to Baghdad. “We spent the last money we had leaving Mosul and arrived in Baghdad with nothing. We depended on the charity of our family, friends and even strangers. Of course, these items we received today will help us a lot. We are grateful to IOM.”

When asked about the future, despite his multiple-displacement and loss, Sa'eed tries to appear positive. “I want to start my college education this year. My brothers and sisters are all in high school. We know that having an education is the only way we can find work. We want to support ourselves; we don't want to ask people for help anymore. In this way, education is extremely important for us right now.”



Sa'eed with his NFI kit in Baghdad | 8 September 2015

IOM is responding to life-threatening needs in a rapidly changing environment, in addition to monitoring movements on the ground.

