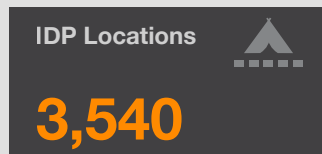
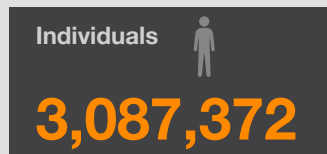


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Beneficiaries receive non-food item aid in Babil governorate | 8 July

Displacement



According to Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) data collected by IOM Rapid Assessment and Response Team (RART) from January 2014 to 4 June 2015

Emergency Relief Distribution



To access the IOM Iraq DTM please visit: <http://iomiraq.net/dtm-page>

As hot summer weather intensifies in Iraq, IOM continues to deliver aid. Currently more than three million Iraqis face the challenge of displacement. Families fleeing violence usually leave with little more than the clothes they are wearing, and require life-saving assistance. As mass displacement continues, there is a continued need for immediate humanitarian response.

The IOM Iraq Displacement Tracking Matrix has identified more than 20,400 people who were recently displaced from Salah al-Din governorate due to continued conflict in the area.

In response, IOM Iraq distributed more than 1,700 non-food item kits containing cool boxes, rechargeable fans, towels, mattresses, soap, toothbrushes, light blankets and plastic mats, in addition to other desperately-needed items.

According to IOM Iraq needs assessment data, there is a great need among the displaced for access to income.

Thanks to the support of the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection department (ECHO), IOM Iraq began to distribute cash assistance in Baghdad this week. Eligible families in the Baghdad area received IQD 435,000 (roughly equivalent to USD \$360) to meet their individual needs.

Thabit Shallal Fadhil and his family were displaced from al Garma in Anbar. He plans to spend his money on medical care for his family. "My family and I have been displaced five times now. After our last displacement, we arrived in Baghdad. We are living in our cousin's house, and I spent what little money we had left to buy some wood and build a small room in their garden.

"We are so fortunate to have my cousin support us in Baghdad, but this money brings much joy to my family. My mother is sick, and I will be able to take her to a doctor. With the money left over, we will be able to buy food on our own for several days."

Khaleel's Family

“ We went to bed the night before thinking the world would be the same when we woke up. ”



Khaleel receiving non-food item aid for his family in Baghdad | 8 July

IOM Iraq staff met with Khaleel at a recent non-food item kit distribution in Baghdad. Under the blazing July sun, he told us the story of his family's displacement. "We went to bed the night before we fled thinking the world would be the same when we woke up. We were wrong. It was 10 in the morning when we heard the sounds of the militants driving their cars on the street in front of our home, broadcasting from loudspeakers that they controlled Ramadi now."

His family, hearing terrible stories of what happened to others who lived under the rule of these armed groups, decided to take their identity papers and leave immediately.

"We are a big family, all 12 of us. We were lucky to have a car that we could all fit into."

After arriving to Bzibab bridge at the border of Baghdad governorate, Khaleel's family had to abandon the car and proceed on foot to the capital city, hiring taxis and minibuses when they could.

After their 15-day journey, receiving help from strangers along the way, they found an apartment to rent in Baghdad. "We received a million-dinar grant from the

government (roughly equivalent to USD \$850) and were able to rent a two-bedroom apartment. The rent is too high, but we were lucky we could find anything at all. I told my family that if the owner evicted us, we will go and stay in the desert by Bzibab bridge and wait for the road to open so we can go back to Ramadi. The rent is too expensive, and I'm worried we won't be able to pay.

"Of course, we can't afford to buy furniture. These mattresses and summer blankets received from IOM will be of great help to us. Before this, we just slept on the floor, on blankets our neighbors gave us. My son is old enough to receive his own grant from the government, which helped us pay the rent. My other son was engaged to be married just before we were displaced, and it's hard to live without furniture knowing that we left brand new furniture for his new house behind in Ramadi. We don't know what has happened to our house back home. The house next to ours was bombed and we know because of this that ours was seriously damaged, too.

"This Ramadan is difficult, but we are all praying and fasting. We line up together and pray to God that we will be able to go back to our home and that we won't have to stay in the street or be displaced again."

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

