

IOM IRAQ Iraq Crisis Response



SITUATION REPORT #15: UPDATE FOR 26/3 - 16/4

Displacement

According to Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) data collected by IOM Rapid Assessment and Response Team (RART) from January 2014 - March 26 2015







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

Emergency Relief Distribution

As of 16 April, 2015

Family non-food item Litres of kerosene (NFI) kits .549.200 1.807

Winterized shelter*

9.765

* Winterized shelter includes tents, prefabricated housing and sealing-off kits

IOM continues to respond to the current crisis in Irag through non-food item and shelter distribution, livelihoods assistance, and health and psychosocial support, in order to assist the most vulnerable displaced persons and host-communities.

In response to acute health needs in northern Iraq, nine IOM mobile medical teams in Erbil, Sulaymaniyah, Dohuk and Kirkuk conducted more than 4,500 primary health care consultations for displaced persons from March 27 - April 16. The IOM health clinic in Esian IDP Camp in Dohuk received over 2,500 patient visits.

According to IOM's most recent Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM), ongoing military operations in Salah al Din governorate caused intra-governorate displacement and displacement to surrounding governorates of Kirkuk, Ninewa and Baghdad. Recent clashes in Anbar have also caused mass displacement to Baghdad governorate.

IOM Rapid Assessment and Response Teams (RART) staff distributed 950 NFI kits over the March 27 - April 16 period in Baghdad in the areas of in Al-Adhamiya, Kharkh - Al-Risala, and Abu Ghraib, mainly to newly-arrived displaced persons. In Kirkuk, 500 NFI kits and 125 tents were distributed, also mainly in response to new displacement. The tent distribution took place in Dagug district in coordination with the Kirkuk Provincial Council IDP Committee.

Additional NFI distributions took place in Erbil, Dohuk and Divala. Family non-food item kits (NFI) include mattresses, pillows, blankets, towels, heaters, cooking stoves, plastic cabinets, hygiene kits, carpets, and kitchen sets.



Displaced beneficiaries receive family non-food item kits at Abu Hanifa Mosque in Baghdad | 2 April 2015



Fadil's Family

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Fadil and his family decided to leave their home in Baiji, Salah al-Din governorate, when they heard shelling in the distance. "We heard ISIL were coming closer, so we decided to leave the city. We paid a minibus to take us away, and as we were all in one vehicle together, we couldn't take much with us. When we came here to Baghdad, we had nothing." The family of nine lives together in an unfurnished two-room apartment, and none have gainful employment.

"My son had a very good job working at Baiji Oil Refinery, but when we left we lost that source of income. He has been unable to find work elsewhere. We have needs. I'm sorry to say that our son dropped out of high school to support us and now he is selling tea on the street. No one else can find work. Our rent is around \$400 per month, and with my mother and mother-in-law's health problems, we have no idea how we will get by. We spend everything we have on rent, and depend on the charity of strangers to feed ourselves.

"Our son had to move to Kirkuk to continue his studies, and we worry about him because he has to support himself and there is still fighting nearby.

"When we came to the apartment, we didn't have

Fadil's family in their apartment in Baghdad

anything. No furniture, nothing. We didn't even have electrical outlets, even though we had nothing that needed to be plugged in." The family non-food item kits that IOM distributed to Fadil and his family alleviated their conditions somewhat.

Fadil paused when asked how his family had survived the winter. "We've been displaced since June 2014, but this was the first time we've received aid from anyone. It was very difficult to get through the winter. We slept close to one another and covered our children with jackets to keep them warm.

"After we received aid from IOM, we now have blankets and carpets to sleep on. We hope to continue receiving aid from IOM, as summer is approaching and we do not know when we can go back."

As a response to continuing displacement, IOM Iraq has distributed more than 3,500 non-food item kits to displaced families in Baghdad since January 2015.

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

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