

IRAQ SITUATION

UNHCR FLASH UPDATE

1 February 2017

KEY FIGURES

163,176

Internally displaced persons (IDPs) from Mosul and surrounding areas since the military offensive began on 17 October 2016¹

18,630

UNHCR kits of core relief items (CRIs) distributed to families in camps, assisting some 107,000 IDPs from Mosul and surrounding areas

10,105

Family plots (for some 60,000 people) in UNHCR built camps are ready to receive IDPs displaced from Mosul corridor, of which **5,882 (58%)** are currently occupied

3 million

IDPs since January 2014²

245,000 Iraqi refugees hosted by neighbouring countries in the region, and

11,036 Iraqis received in Al Hol camp in Syria since 17 October 2016

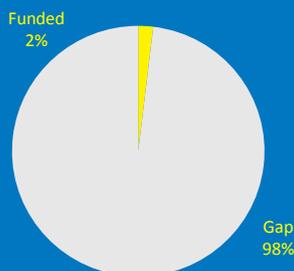
¹IOM-DTM Emergency Tracking.

²IOM-DTM as of 5 January 2017.

FUNDING

USD 578 million

requested for IDPs and Iraqi refugees in the region in 2017.



POPULATION MOVEMENTS

Mosul: Over 570 IDPs arrived to Khazer M1 camp, 370 IDPs to Hasansham M2 camp, and 400 IDPs to Nargizilia camp since the beginning of the week, having fled primarily from north and central neighbourhoods of east Mosul which have been under fire from mortars launched from the west bank. During the same period, over 1,300 IDPs departed Khazer M1 camp, some 500 IDPs from Hasansham U3 camp, and 500 from Hasansham M2 camp to neighbourhoods in and around east Mosul.

Shirqat: Attacks by armed groups on the west bank of Shirqat displaced some 80 families on 29 January. The families are staying with their relatives in Tikrit and Al-Alam, and reportedly intend to return to their areas of origin in a few days, once the area is secure.

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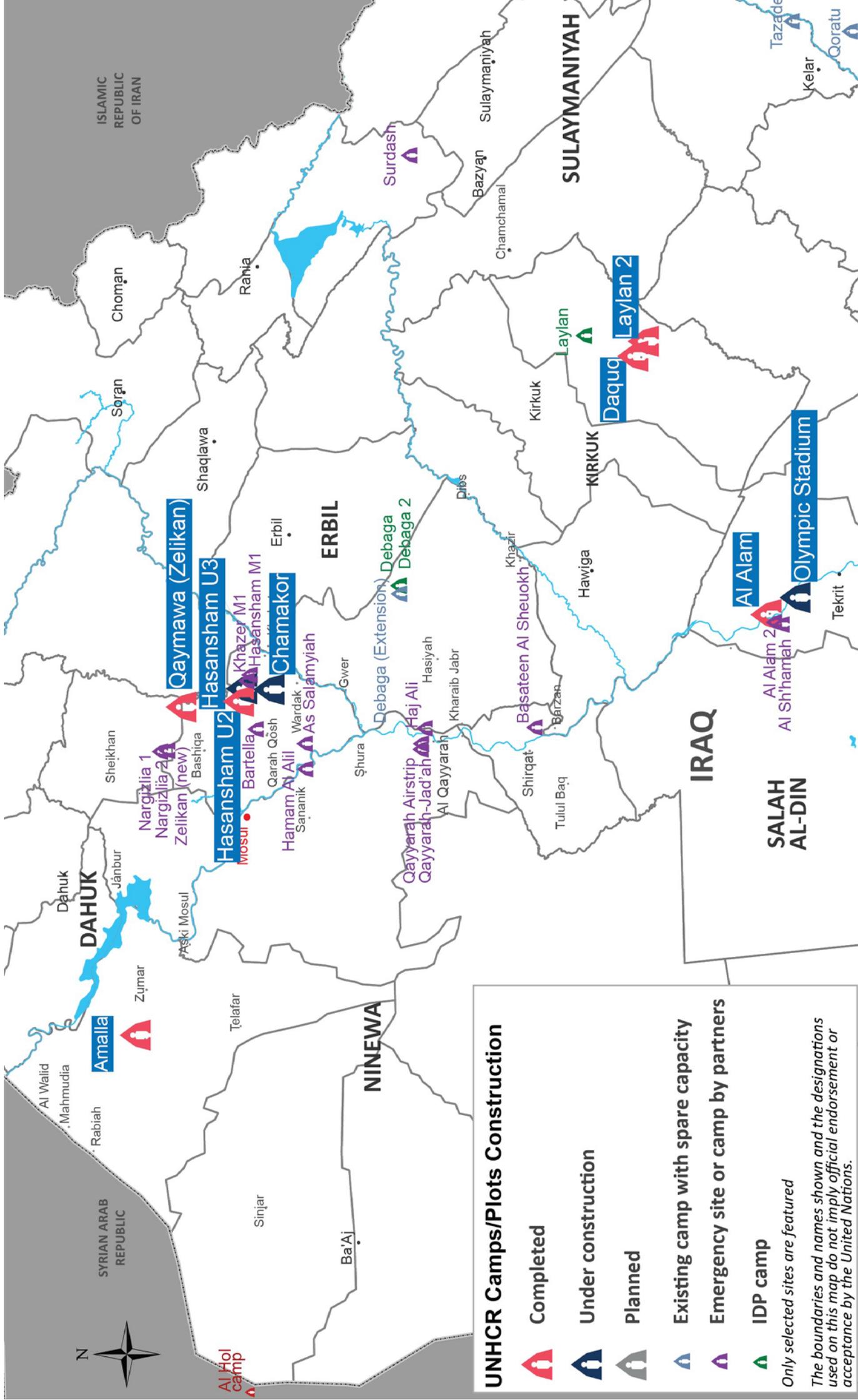
Conditions continue to worsen in west Mosul. New arrivals to Nargizilia camp from western Mosul reported having left their homes as a result of shelling, shooting, incidents of armed groups taking over houses, serious food shortages, as well as lack of medical care and basic services. Displacement is expected to accelerate when the military operation begins to retake western Mosul.

The Ministry of Education has provided formal recognition of the primary school (grades one to six) in Hasansham U3 camp. The school has started registration for classes scheduled to begin next week and already some 1,640 students have registered. The school consists of 12 tents, each of which can accommodate 60 children. There is, however, a lack of teachers. Due to the continuous departures from Hasansham and Khazer camps, it has been difficult to find the 20 teachers required to teach all of the classes. The school also lacks dedicated WASH facilities, stationery and curriculum books.

UNHCR RESPONSE UPDATE

UNHCR monitors registration for return by IDPs in Qaymawa and Nargizilia camps. Authorities have received requests for approval from over 200 IDPs planning to return to their places of origin, and have indicated that they plan to commence the return programme in the coming days. Families interviewed by UNHCR's protection partner indicate that they wish to return in order to resume work and education. They cite the lack of access to livelihoods or employment in areas of displacement, as well as fear of looting and their desire to reunite with relatives as other relevant considerations. Some IDPs from Al Qawseyat and Tilkaif areas, however, who had initially registered to return later approached the authorities to cancel their request after hearing of continuing insecurity in those areas. Others stated that their properties have been destroyed and they could not return at the moment.

UNHCR is advocating with the authorities for prompt reunification of families separated between camps. On 26 January, authorities approved the reunification of 15 IDPs in Hasansham U3 camp with their families in Qaymawa. In addition 18 IDPs (3 families) left the Qaymawa camp on sponsorship to join their families in Dohuk.



UNHCR Camps/Plots Construction

- Completed
- Under construction
- Planned
- Existing camp with spare capacity
- Emergency site or camp by partners
- IDP camp

Only selected sites are featured

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