

IRAQ SITUATION

UNHCR FLASH UPDATE

8 February 2017

KEY FIGURES

153,714

Internally displaced persons (IDPs) currently displaced from Mosul and surrounding areas¹

19,242

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

5,775 family plots are currently occupied out of 11,497 family plots (for some 60,000 people) in UNHCR built camps that are ready to receive IDPs displaced from Mosul corridor.

3 million

IDPs since January 2014²

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

11,451 Iraqis received in Al Hol camp in Syria since 17 October 2016

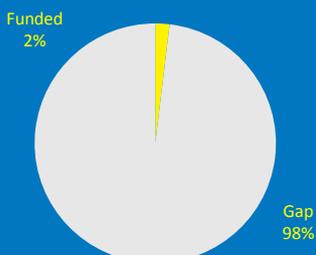
¹IOM-DTM Emergency Tracking since 17 October 2016.

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: 920 IDPs (170 families) arrived to Hasansham and Khazer camps between 4 and 5 February, having fled primarily from north and central neighbourhoods of east Mosul under fire from mortars launched from the west bank, and from various quarters in west Mosul and the western outskirts of the city. People from liberated quarters are also leaving due to the lack of food and basic services. During the same period, 1,630 IDPs (340 families) departed Hasansham and Khazer camps, while on 2 February, 619 IDPs (128 families) made up the first returns from Nargizilia camp to east Mosul neighborhoods.

IOM has reconciled its Displacement Tracking Mechanism (DTM) figures to reflect a reduction of 8,000 persons currently displaced from Mosul as of 7 February to reflect previously unrecorded return movements from Khazer M1, Hasansham M2, Hasansham U3 and Nagizlia 1 camps.

Shirqat: 280 IDPs (46 families) who fled fighting in eastern Shirqat reached safety across the Tigris River between 4 and 5 February, and are being hosted in government buildings.

Hawiga: 318 IDPs (53 families) fled Hawiga and arrived in Al-Alam on during the same period. Once they passed through Hamreen Mountain, authorities transported them to the Al-Shahama camp in Tikrit.

SITUATION UPDATE

The Governor of Salah Al-Din expressed concerns about the deteriorating security situation in the governorate. He demanded immediate intervention from the central government in the eastern part of the [governorate](#).

U.N. Mine Action Service (UNMAS) estimated it will cost USD 50m to remove mines, explosives and booby traps in and around Mosul. This is in addition to the estimated USD 50m it will cost to clear the rest of the contaminated area in the [country](#).

The World Bank plans to offer Iraq financial support in parallel with projects to foster reconciliation, in order to ensure that reconstruction after years of conflict is sustainable.

It has approved a new loan of USD 1.485 billion to help support Iraq's economic recovery following costly military interventions and low oil prices, bringing its total support to USD 3.4 [billion](#).

UNHCR RESPONSE UPDATE

Returns continue to outpace arrivals in IDP camps east of Mosul. In the camps east of Mosul city there are currently over 4,000 family plots available.

Inter-agency planning for the humanitarian response to displacement from west Mosul anticipates potential movements of 250,000 persons. With returns to east Mosul ongoing, UNHCR is on standby to receive new arrivals in UNHCR camps, to develop additional transit facilities and up to 10,000 plots if needed, and to assist 150,000 individuals (25,000 families) with CRIs.

