



IRAQ SITUATION

UNHCR FLASH UPDATE

15 June 2017

KEY FIGURES

415,986

Internally displaced Iraqis verified as being currently displaced from Mosul and surrounding areas since military operations to retake the city began on 17 October 2016¹

530,000

IDPs, returnees and members of the host community from Mosul and surrounding areas assisted by UNHCR since 17 October 2016.

190,472

Individuals (39,407 households) impacted by military operations to retake Mosul since October 2016 are currently enrolled in

ASSIST, UNHCR's assistance tracking tool

3 million

IDPs since January 2014²

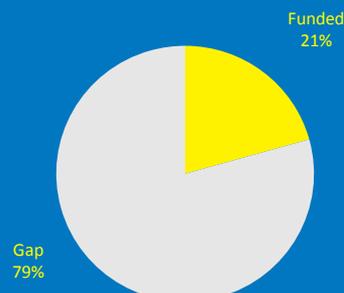
253,992 Iraqi refugees

hosted in countries in the region, and **19,968** Iraqis received in Al Hol camp in Syria since 17 October 2016

FUNDING

USD 578 million

requested for IDPs and Iraqi refugees in the region in 2017



¹IOM-DTM Emergency Tracking since 17 October 2016.

²IOM-DTM as of 13 April 2017.

³IOM-DTM Emergency Tracking since 25 February 2017.

POPULATION MOVEMENTS

At least 70,000 persons were reportedly displaced from Mosul and surrounding districts in the first half of June. Internally displaced persons (IDPs) arrived mostly from west Mosul, where intense fighting has been ongoing in and around the Old City since the beginning of the month. According to IDPs interviewed by UNHCR's protection partners, Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) have established routes out of west Mosul, allowing IDPs to access the floating bridge connecting west Mosul to east Mosul. Between 10 and 13 June, over 7,000 IDPs from west Mosul were reportedly been received at the mustering point/screening site located near Mosul Woods in east Mosul.

A significant number of IDPs report going back to their homes in west Mosul to check on belongings and property. Improved security conditions in a number of retaken neighbourhoods is reportedly encouraging brief 'go-and-see' visits to west Mosul by IDPs sheltered in surrounding areas. According to local authorities, in the morning of 14 June, at least 18 buses reached Scorpion Junction screening site, all of them transferring IDPs back towards their areas of origin for monitoring visits. On the same day, UNHCR's protection partners interviewed a number of IDPs at Mosul Woods screening site: most of them were currently living in east Mosul, and coming back after checking on their property in west Mosul.

SITUATION UPDATE

Although most of Mosul city is reportedly under Government control, the security situation remains extremely volatile. On 14 June, armed opposition groups launched [a large-scale attack](#) involving dozens of suicide bombers, targeting retaken neighbourhoods in the southern areas of west Mosul. On the same day, indirect fire reportedly impacted three residential neighbourhoods in east Mosul. Civilian casualties were reported in both instances. The attacks, which targeted areas previously considered relatively secure, may impact returnees and humanitarian access.

RESPONSE UPDATE

The Shelter cluster is planning an assessment of damaged shelters in order to inform humanitarian partners' response. It will initially be launched in Mosul city before being rolled out country-wide. The assessment will help to provide an overview of the main shelter needs in post-conflict areas, while facilitating a coordinated response and allowing partners to track assistance provided to each household, including shelter repairs.

Humanitarian partners work closely with authorities to achieve the reunification of five families separated since October 2016. Following persistent advocacy with relevant authorities, eleven IDPs who had been staying in Debaga camp (Erbil Governorate) for over seven months were reunited with their families on 14 June. UNHCR arranged transportation for the IDPs to be reunited with their families, who are currently sheltered in three camps in Kirkuk Governorate.

Of UNHCR's overall funding requirements to continue providing protection, shelter and camp coordination and camp management assistance to IDPs, [USD 126 million are urgently required](#) to meet critical needs of vulnerable children, women and men displaced from, and returning to, Mosul, until the end of the year.