

Mosul Neighborhood Snapshot: Al Masarif

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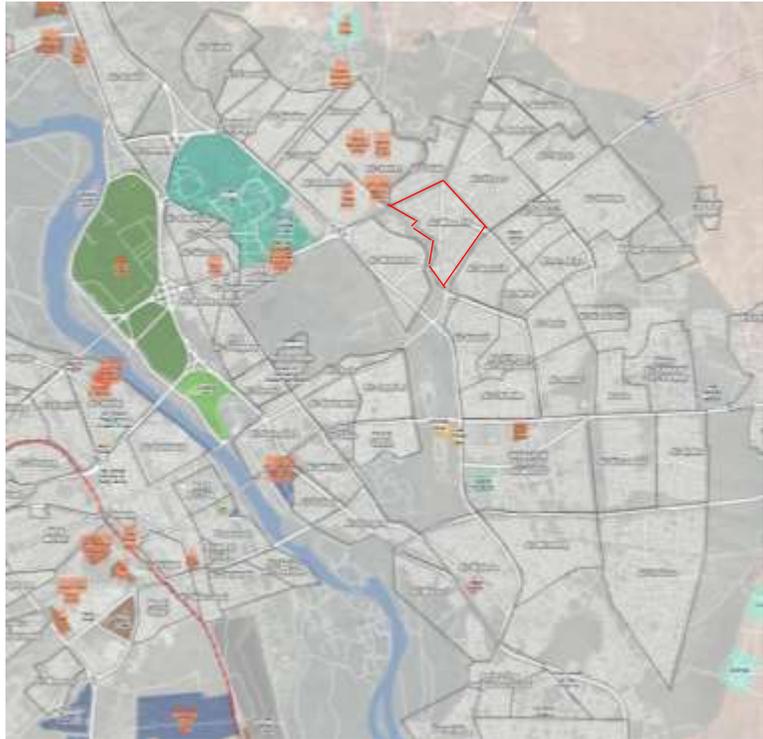
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Highlights

- While markets and shops are functional, due to a lack of cash in households, very high unemployment, and a lack of available jobs, **food** is reported as a top community need followed by **cash** and **jobs**.
- **WASH** needs are deemed a top priority need by informants, a reflection of the limited access to clean drinking water for the neighborhood's residents.
- Informants note that access to **electricity** is one of the top priorities, with the current electrical network destroyed.
- Informants report that some food and NFI assistance are being provided by the MoDM, the Alayad Arrahima Organization and UNICEF. However, these services are only covering a some of the needs of about a quarter of the residents.



Map of Eastern Mosul City, Al Masarif Neighborhood
Courtesy of REACH

Situation Overview

The city of Mosul in northern Iraq has been under ISIS control since June 2014, this period has been characterized by repression and human rights abuses. As the last remaining ISIS stronghold in Iraq, the battle to retake Mosul began in October 2016 and Iraqi Security Forces and their allies have now successfully regained control of the section of the city east of the Tigris River. While military operations to regain control of the western portion of the city continue, humanitarian space in the eastern part of Mosul city is now opening up and there is access to provide humanitarian relief. With much of the city's inhabitants having remained in the city during the battle or now returning, the provision of key services is vital to maintaining living standards, preventing the outbreak of disease and assisting on the path to recovery.

Neighborhood Needs Snapshot



With active conflict continuing only 7km to the west, there is still a fear of a resurgence of armed conflict within the neighborhood. The neighborhood has been reported to be decontaminated from UXOs and IEDs.

Local Leadership: Most informants identify the local leadership structure as the Iraqi Army. This system is described as moderately functional and somewhat representative of the neighborhood. At the time of data collection, informants reported that there was no Mukhtar in the neighborhood.

Demographics, Migration and Intentions

The neighborhood of Al Masarif is made up of around 9,000 residents, with the large majority (90%) being Host Community members who stayed throughout IS control. The remaining 10% is composed of about 6% returnees who began arriving in late January 2017, 1% of new IDPs who arrived beginning in mid-December 2016 from other neighborhoods throughout Mosul City, and 3% of Old IDPs who arrived before East Mosul was retaken. The make-up of the residents of this neighborhood is primarily Sunni Arab, Sunni Turkmen and Sunni Kurd.

Informants report that those who travel from their area of origin to this neighborhood generally travel via private car or by foot, and travel through a checkpoint managed by the Iraqi Army near the entrance to the neighborhood.

Short and long term stay intentions for both the Host Community and Returnees is to stay in the neighborhood, as although they somewhat fear a resurgence of the conflict, they also feel relatively safe in their homes. For new IDPs, the short term intention is to move back to their areas of origin and if they remain in Al Masarif for some time, their longer term intention is to move back to their original area. Most old IDPs short term intention is also to move from Al Masarif to return to their area of origin while others plan to remain in the area. If they are not able to return in the near future, they plan to return as soon as possible to their areas of origin.

Humanitarian Needs

Shelter

- Host Community/Stayees and returnees are residing in their own houses, renting houses, or living with friends and relatives despite these structures experiencing significant structural damage. They are sharing these spaces with other Host community and returnee families.
- Old IDPs are also residing in rented houses or their own homes. They are reported to be sharing their shelter with other families.
- New IDPs are residing in rented houses, unfinished buildings or being hosted by other community members, with most new IDP families sharing shelter with other families.

Early Recovery

- It was reported by informants that around 12% of houses/buildings in the neighborhood had been destroyed, 10% more sustained heavy damage, with the rest, 78%, having received minor damage or no damage.
- Specific damage reported to houses: broken windows (90%), broken doors (20%), plumbing damage (35%), cracked walls/floors (20%), and destroyed roofs (10%).

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- It was additionally reported that about 30% of households would require a moderate amount of outside help to assist with repairs and rebuilding.

NFI Non-Food Items

- There is a lack of available and sufficient NFIs within the neighborhood such as cooking sets, cooking gas/kerosene, stoves, household items, clothes etc. especially among IDPs.
- There is a lack of available winterization NFIs such as heating fuel, blankets, insulation materials etc.
- The majority of households are reported to have access to fuel and/or kerosene.

Food Security

- Informants reported that all families and households' access to staple foods is very limited due to poor purchasing power.
- Household food stocks were said to be able to last, on average, **8 days**.

8 days
Household food stocks will last
in Al Masarif

Health

- It is reported that a significant portion of neighborhood residents have serious medical conditions or diseases, in addition to those who have been physically injured or wounded during the battle or during displacement/return. Furthermore there is a high prevalence of people suffering from trauma (signs of psychological distress).
- Informants report that there is limited access to healthcare for residents of Al Masarif and no health clinic in the neighborhood.

Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

- There is limited access to clean water with the primary water source being **unprotected boreholes**. One respondent lists protected boreholes as a water source as well.
- There is a sewage system in place and no evidence of open defecation or black water.
- There is no solid waste management system, and some garbage is evident in the street.
- The majority of residents have access to bathing facilities, which do offer privacy and safety for women, however there is insufficient access to basic hygiene products (soap, toothbrush, washing powder).
- A low prevalence of water borne diseases (e.g. diarrhea) was reported by informants.

Protection

- The neighborhood is host to particularly vulnerable people including: Female-headed households, Persons with serious medical conditions, Persons with Disabilities and the Elderly.
- Informants reported that there are no unaccompanied and separated children within the neighborhood and there is no violence against children.
- There are no safe spaces for children and youth to learn and play (CFS/YFS).
- Reports stated that there are a large number of children who are suffering from trauma (signs of psychological distress), with no access to psychological support and case management services.

Education

- For the approximately 3,000 school aged children (6-13yrs) in the neighborhood, it is reported that 90%+ are either attending school or registered to attend one of the 3 primary schools in the neighborhood, all of which are functioning.
- There are 2 school shifts in each primary school and approximately 85 teachers in each school.
- Stationary is the primary need in schools, followed by drinking water, electricity and school renovations.
- There is 1 secondary school in the neighborhood which operates in 1 shift and has about 44 teachers.
- Stationary supplies and drinking water are listing as the top secondary school needs followed by electricty and school renovations.



Emergency Telecommunications

- The electricity network within the neighborhood was destroyed.
- Informants noted that all residents have access to mobile phones, as well as TVs, radios and the Internet.



Livelihoods

- Residents have no cash or savings with them in their homes but they do have access to formal Hawala/money agents as well as access to informal money transfer systems.
- Respondents consider the purchasing power within the neighborhood as being **normal**.
- There are a variety of shops and markets open (General grocers, Veg/Fruit stalls, Butcher, Bakery, fast food, tailor, hair dresser, medicine shop, Mobile shop, kerosene shops, clothing shops, household items, furniture, water shop) and they are described as sufficient to meet the basic needs of the community.
- Unemployment is extremely high throughout, around 70%, due to a lack of job opportunities, with only around 30% of the neighborhood employed.
- The average wage for manual labor in the market or in the construction sector was reported as being around 8,000 dinars per day. The average wage for skilled labor (e.g. plumber or bricklayer) was reported as being around 15,000 dinars per day.
- The current coping strategies by residents, as well as future coping strategies, to garner some source of income for their household includes: the sale of non-productive assets, such as TVs, furniture, personal belongings etc, the sale of productive assets, moving the household in an attempt to find work, searching for a job, having children leave school, borrowing money from family, friends or a money lender, taking a loan from a bank, begging, selling their house, depleting their savings and relying on remittances.

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Unemployment rate within
Al Masarif