

OCHA Flash Update

Iraq Crisis – Ramadi Displacement

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Situation

1. Approximately 400 children in the towns of al-Rutbah, al-Qa'im, Anah and Rawa, Anbar Governorate have been kidnapped by Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) over the span of a week, a member of the Anbar Provincial Council reported, according to media reports on 30 May.
2. ISIL continues to disrupt access routes into Anbar Governorate, as well as disperse Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) away from Ramadi City itself, into the town of Al Karma, east of Falluja and in neighbouring governorates, sources say.
3. Between 28 and 29 May, ISF closed all routes into and out of the city and are advancing northwards through the outskirts of Ramadi, while Popular Mobilization Forces continue operations east of Falluja District, according to Anbar Operations Command.

Displacement

4. 237,786 individuals (39,631 families) have been displaced from and within Anbar Governorate to date, according to the International Organization for Migration's (IOM) Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM). This is a significant increase over 25 May, when IOM estimated over 180,000 people had fled Ramadi District since the launch of military operations in Anbar Governorate on 8 April.
5. Between 15 and 29 May alone, 103,878 individuals (17,313 families) were displaced from Ramadi District. Of these, 62 per cent stayed within Anbar Governorate, approximately 19 per cent travelled to Baghdad and approximately 16 per cent travelled to Erbil Governorate, IOM reported.
6. Restrictions on IDP movement through the Garmyian check points continue in Sulaymaniyah Governorate. Some 270 families are reportedly awaiting entry to the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KR-I) at various check points. Humanitarian organisations on the ground continue to provide them with emergency assistance. Around 15 families were allowed into Sulaymaniyah Governorate over the last 24 hours, since they accepted to relocate to Quarato IDP camp.

Response

7. The United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) installed 102 tents at the Al Salam Collective Centre and 29 tents in Latifiya City in Baghdad Governorate since 20 May, benefitting an estimated 786 internally displaced persons (IDPs). These activities will be finalized in June 2015. Over the past two days, UNHCR completed the installation of 210 tents, sufficient to shelter 1,260 IDPs at the Quarato IDP Camp in Sulaymaniyah Governorate and distributed 55 core relief item (CRI) kits, benefitting 330 IDPs in the camp.
8. Between 26 and 27 May, IOM distributed 490 full summer non-food Item (NFI) kits to IDPs in Anbar, Basrah, Baghdad, Missan, Qadissiya, and Thi-Qar governorates. Furthermore, on 26 May, IOM installed 25 tents at Bzbiz Bridge and 25 tents at the Kuerish IDP camp in Baghdad Governorate.
9. The United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF), with the support of IOM, distributed to displaced families 8,500 Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) kits, including water, a bucket and hygiene kits, assisting an estimated 59,500 vulnerable IDPs on the move in Salah al-Din and Baghdad governorates.
10. On 30 May, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) transported 2,870 dignity kits (DKs) to Babylon Governorate, and an additional 1,100 DKs to Ramadi District in Anbar Governorate for distribution.
11. Over the past three days, UNICEF dispatched emergency water, sanitation and hygiene supplies to several locations in Baghdad Governorate, including eight water tanks, nine shade cloths, one tent, 10 mobile latrines, 25 water kits, 250 water cool boxes, 4,250 packs of baby diapers, 250 toilet jars and

40 boxes plastic garbage bags. The assistance will benefit approximately 3,100 IDPs recently displaced from Anbar. In addition, the third round of distribution of 24,000 liters of bottled water started in Al Habbaniya Tourist City in Anbar Governorate, providing an estimated 10,200 IDPs with safe drinking water.

12. Since 28 May, UNICEF distributed 2,000 sets of clothes to women aged 18 to 40 years and 625 sets of clothes to children under one year of age, residing in the Takiya, Dora, Yousifiya, Hay al-Jamia'a and Khadra'a IDP camps or collective centres in Baghdad Governorate.
13. Since 28 May, UNICEF has supported 60 health promotion teams throughout the national polio immunization campaign to increase community awareness on immunization. Additionally, UNICEF provided the Anbar Directorate of Health with furniture to support the establishment of three primary health care centers in areas with a high number of IDPs.
14. UNICEF, through its partners, enrolled an additional 418 children in six newly established child friendly spaces (CFS) at IDP camps and collective centers in Baghdad Governorate, raising the cumulative total to 618 children. Throughout the reporting period, 535 children attended the CFS activities offered, including 328 children, who received psychosocial support.

The information in this note was compiled by OCHA Iraq based on a variety of sources, including the Government of Iraq, local authorities, UN agencies, international non-government organizations, media reports, and key informant interviews.

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