

IRAQ SITUATION

UNHCR FLASH UPDATE

21 December 2016

KEY FIGURES

107,304

Internally displaced persons (IDPs) from Mosul and surrounding areas since the military offensive began on 17 October¹

14,267

UNHCR kits of core relief items (CRIs) distributed to families (assisting some 77,000 people) displaced from Mosul and surrounding areas

9,097

Family plots (for some 54,000 people) in UNHCR built camps are ready to receive IDPs displaced from Mosul corridor, of which **5,386 (59%)** are currently occupied

3.1 million

IDPs since January 2014²

239,077

Iraqi refugees hosted by neighbouring countries in the region, with

5,491 Iraqis to Syria since 17 October

¹IOM-DTM Mosul Emergency Tracking as of 20 December

²IOM-DTM as of 8 December 2016

³IOM DTM ET Mosul corridor as of 19 December

FUNDING

USD 584 million

requested for IDPs and Iraqi refugees in the region

Funded
43%

Gap
57%

Of which
USD 196 million

requested for the Mosul emergency response

POPULATION MOVEMENTS

- **Mosul:** over 302,000 individuals (50,497 families) are currently displaced from the Mosul corridor³. Displacements started in the end of March 2016, when the Government resumed military operations along the Tigris valley. Of these, over 107,000 persons (17,884 families¹) have been displaced from Mosul and its environs since the beginning of military operations to retake Mosul city on 17 October.
- **Hawija:** close to 1,000 IDPs from Hawija district were received in UNHCR's Laylan 2 camp in Kirkuk Governorate between 18 and 20 December. Another 240 IDPs fled south into Salah al-Din Governorate and are undergoing routine security screening before moving onwards either to urban or camps settings.

UNHCR RESPONSE UPDATE

- **A UNHCR partner has provided winter assistance to 1,500 families inside Mosul city.** The distribution included 5,928 blankets and quilts were distributed in newly accessible neighbourhoods inside the city between 14 and 20 December.
- **UNHCR provided protection induction training to 40 new camp managers.** The training took place in Hasansham and Khazer camps, Erbil, where 53,267 individuals are sheltered. Half of the IDPs displaced from Mosul since 17 October are in these camps. The new camp managers hired to work on the new UNHCR camps east of Mosul (Chamakor and Hasansham U2) attended the training. The new camps will be able to shelter up to 24,000 persons (3,960 families).
- **UNHCR is advocating for 270 separated families in Qaymawa camp to be reunited with relatives.** Amongst them, a group of vulnerable families composed of elderly or disabled IDPs applied to return to their areas of origin. To assist them in the return journey, UNHCR is supporting them to be reunited with relatives, some of whom currently living in other camps. The list with the 267 separated families was submitted to the authorities and UNHCR is advocating for the timely revision of the cases.
- **IDPs move into four UNHCR camps in Kirkuk Governorate.** A group of 58 IDP families reached Kirkuk city on 20 December after escaping military operations in Hawija. After a period of five months these families could no longer pay rent and decided to seek shelter in Nazrawa, Daquq and Laylan 1 camps. Since 18 December, UNHCR has received 1,400 IDPs in its four camps in Kirkuk Governorate. Most of the new arrivals come directly from Hawija.

