



IRAQ SITUATION

UNHCR FLASH UPDATE

17 August 2017

KEY FIGURES

838,662

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

593,395

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

271,171

Individuals (56,244 households) impacted by military operations to retake Mosul since October 2016 are currently enrolled in

ASSIST, UNHCR's assistance tracking tool

3.3 million

IDPs since January 2014²

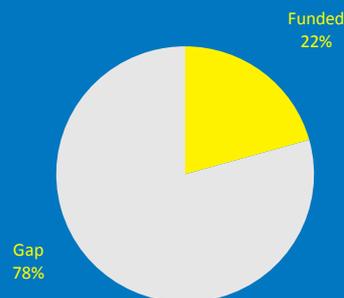
257,476 Iraqi refugees

hosted in countries in the region, and **21,876** Iraqis received in camps in Hassakeh, 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 30 July 2017.

POPULATION MOVEMENTS

Newly displaced families from Telafar arrive at Hammam al-Alil screening site, 25 km south of Mosul. Between 11 and 15 August, UNHCR is aware of at least 6,380 IDPs from Telafar and surrounding areas that arrived at the site. Furthermore, the Shindokha crossing on the route out of Telafar which has reportedly been closed since 25 June re-opened on 10 August, making it easier for IDPs reach areas of safety.

IDPs from Mosul continue to arrive in camps east of Mosul. Between 11 and 15 August, 515 families arrived at camps east of Mosul. The majority of families were from various locations in west Mosul, had experienced multiple-displacement and were arriving to the camps after running out of resources to pay for rent and basic goods.

Departures from camps around Mosul continues. Between 11 and 15 August, around 280 families departed from camps east of Mosul and 20 families from camps north of Mosul. Most set off to return to their homes, while a few left to join families and relatives in other locations.

SITUATION UPDATE

The Government of Iraq has stepped up its [aerial campaign on Telafar](#) in preparation for a ground assault in the coming weeks. Hundreds of exhausted civilians have been arriving each day at mustering points, describing a harrowing journey of a day or more [from Telafar with no food or water](#).

UNHCR helps with essential repairs to homes of formerly displaced Iraqis in Anbar Governorate. Ramadi suffered extensive damage during months of fighting to retake the city, and even now – a year and half after the battle ended – much of the city still lies in ruins. Despite the devastation, 62,000 families have returned [to begin the task of rebuilding their lives](#).

RESPONSE UPDATE

UNHCR has conducted 17,000 household assessments in east Mosul, to assist the most vulnerable families. UNHCR already distributed cash assistance to 681 families as well as 2,544 shelter sealing-off kits and 1,604 emergency shelter kits. UNHCR has also registered 255 families through Zain Cash in west Mosul, and these families will receive the cash grants soon.

IDP families being approved to leave as authorities phase out the Qaymawa camp. Camp management has confirmed that 58 families have been cleared and approved by Asayesh (Kurdish security) to be relocated to Badarash, and that some 30 families expressed their willingness to be moved to Nargazilia. UNHCR is coordinating with authorities to arrange for IDP community leaders to conduct “Go and See” visits to Nargazilia.