More funds needed to support displaced in Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KR-I)

*Over 1 million Iraqis displaced in the region*

_Erbil, 26 March_ – The Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) and the United Nations (UN) met in Erbil to discuss funding concerns for the more than 1 million internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the region.

According to the Kurdish Ministry of Planning and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), 40 per cent of all Iraq’s over 2.5 million displaced are now in KR-I, with the rest spread throughout Iraq having fled violence in Anbar, Ninewa, Diyala and Salah al-Din governorates.

Since January 2014, 1,011,888 Iraqis (168,648 families) have sought sanctuary in the region. Through the protection and assistance of the KRG, 44 percent of IDPs in the region are in Dahuk, followed by Erbil and Sulaymaniyah.

“More funds are urgently needed at the regional level to support this caseload,” Dr Ali Sindi, the KRG Planning Minister, said. “We don’t have the resources to do this alone.”

The latest waves of IDPs to the KR-I join close to 247,000 Syrian refugees in the country, the vast majority of whom sought refuge in the KR-I and began arriving in the region in August 2013.

“This is a major humanitarian emergency. It’s imperative that we as the international community support the Kurdistan Regional Government in assisting the victims of ISIL,” said Lise Grande, the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Iraq.

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