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# Situation Report

## Anbar Humanitarian Crisis



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### Highlights

- Insecurity and unpredictability of the situation in Anbar Governorate continue to pose challenges in terms of access.
- UN hired trucks to carry humanitarian supplies to Anbar Governorate continue to encounter problems at check points en route to vulnerable populations.
- The Humanitarian Community continues to make progress towards addressing the immediate needs of the recorded **45,428 families** displaced.

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### Situation overview

The situation in Anbar remains fluid as military operations continue causing further civilian casualties. Communication with Fallujah and Ramadi continues to be limited due to intermittent disruption to the communications networks since 02 February 2014. Several territorial gains have been reported by the ISF alongside the local Sahwa in Ramadi, though modest. The situation in Fallujah illustrates little change, with continued sporadic skirmishes between the ISF, ISIS and armed groups.

Parliament Members (MPs) from Anbar MPs in the Legislature continue to call on the government to put a stop to military actions, as this is only exacerbating the situation and a political solution must be reached.

The UN Special Representative of the Secretary General (SRSG) for Iraq, Nickolay Mladenov, continues to advocate with GoI senior political figures in an attempt to pave the ground for a political solution for the current ongoing crisis.

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### Humanitarian Response

Ongoing military operations continue to pose significant challenges to the delivery of aid to the worst-affected communities. Multiple displacements of families are further complicating the relief efforts. However, progress is being made in meeting the immediate lifesaving needs of the 45,428 families displaced<sup>1</sup>. Relief supplies distributed as of 05 February 2014 are inclusive of 1,415 NFIs by IOM; 4,350 food parcels (283 tons) by WFP; 20,160 bars of soap, 5,000 buckets, 983 hygiene kits, 300 dustbins, 6,000 disinfectant packs and 50 water kits by UNICEF; 2 surgical kits and 1 regular medical kit (each surgical kit covers 1,000 beneficiaries, medical kit covers 10,000 beneficiaries) by WHO; and 2,112 CRI kits and the erection of 175 tents in Habaniya by UNHCR.

Following the recent reports from the Ministry of Displacement and Migration of 800 displaced families from Fallujah in Al Qa'im, 300 food parcels were immediately distributed on behalf of WFP by IOM on 28 January, meanwhile 150 food parcels were distributed in Al Ubaidi, and 150 food parcels were distributed in Al Yarmook, bringing the total distribution of food parcels in Anbar on behalf of WFP to 4,350 (283 tons).

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<sup>1</sup> Figures provided by Ministry of Displacement and Migration who is responsible for registering IDPs in Iraq

UNHCR visited Al Qa'im on 02 February and met with the Al Qa'im Mayor and other local officials. The Mayor expressed his concern regarding an additional influx of IDPs expected to arrive to Al Qa'im, a situation that could stretch the already limited resources.



*300 WFP food parcel distributed by IOM to IDPs in Al Qa'im*

As of 04 February UNHCR completed the distribution of 2,112 CRI kits and 175 tents to a number of areas, inclusive of 700 CRIs for Al-Saqlawia Albo Shijil, Al-Falahat, Albo Alwan, Al-Halabsa; 300 CRIs to Hay Al-Shuhada 1, 2, Al-Nasaf; 260 CRI kits that have been distributed in Heet; 500 CRI kits in Al-Habaniyah; and 100 CRIs in Abu Ghraib (Khan Dhari). Additionally 200 CRI kits are to be released and dispatched to Tikrit in the coming days.

IDPs continue fleeing Fallujah and Ramadi, heading west to Haditha, Anna, Rawa and Al-Qaim, where local communities have been hosting them. The Director of Asayish of Shaklawa town in Erbil reported on 05 February that 1,544 IDP families are currently in hotels, motels and rental houses. The number of new arrivals has steadily increased, stretching hosting capacity. The local authorities in Erbil expressed concern that Shaklawa is a popular summer resort, and as Nowrouz season is approaching, IDPs may find themselves looking for alternate accommodations.

The Ministry of Displacement and Migration has requested the GoI to allocate US\$ 35 million to address the immediate needs of those displaced. To date US\$10 million has been allocated for the initial emergency response. The amount will be used to provide IDPs with food packages and blankets.

The UN in Iraq continue to explore different way and means to increase aid assistance to areas, currently not engaged in the active combat, however are significantly affected by the current situation.

## Access to IDP Locations

UN hired truck to deliver humanitarian supplies to affected population continue to encounter difficulties accessing affected population. Advocacy with the GoI continues in an effort to facilitate movement. Although provincial authorities and tribal leaders have made reassurances of their commitment to facilitate humanitarian access, movement remains a challenge. The WHO consignment remains halted at an ISF checkpoint since 30 January 2014 despite WHO and the health authorities' overtures to secure the consignment's release.

## NFI and Shelter Sector

To date there has been 1,180 NFIs delivered to Anbar province and 180 to Kerbala by IOM.

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## Health

Health professionals continue to face constraints in accessing health facilities, due to insecurity and subsequent concerns for personal safety while in route to the hospital.

The Anbar provincial health officials reported receiving 14 trucks of pharmaceuticals for hospitals and health centres. Additionally the Director General announced receiving 18 ambulances from the central Government (although three of these were destroyed due to fighting in Ramadi).

## Food Security

Four trucks loaded with WFP food assistance to the IOM warehouse in Alsegr carrying a (total 104.25mt), a fifth truck with (25.95mt) is in route.

## Coordination & Funding

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The Response Plan (formerly known as Flash Appeal) is being submitted to the DSRSG/HC/HC for review and consultation with the respective Agency HQs prior to finalizing.

A request has been submitted to the UN Emergency Relief Coordinator to formally activate the cluster system on a global level.

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