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Key figures

1,021,272 IDPs in Ninewa (including as a result of the Mosul military operation)¹

116,052 IDPs currently displaced due to military operations in Hawiga (Kirkuk) and Shirqat (Salah al-Din)²

63,594 IDPs currently displaced due to military operations in west Anbar²

709,000 people affected by Mosul operation including IDPs, returnees and members of the host community assisted by UNHCR since 17 October 2016.

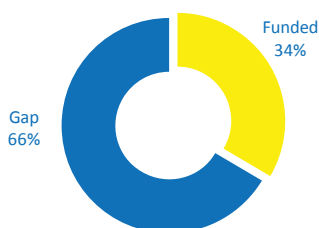
550,412 Individuals (115,772 households) are enrolled in **ASSIST**, UNHCR's assistance tracking tool.

3.2 million IDPs since January 2014¹

264,973 Iraqi refugees hosted in neighbouring countries.

Funding

USD 578 million requested for IDPs and Iraqi refugees in the region in 2017



¹IOM-DTM as of 15 October 2017

²IOM-DTM Emergency Tracking

Situation update

Continued conflict in disputed territories. Over the last week there have been reports of clashes as the Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) assert control of disputed areas including in Al-Mahmoudiya village near Rabi'a (Syria-Iraq border crossing), Ninewa Governorate, and in Altun Kubri on the border between Erbil and Kirkuk governorates. In Kirkuk, the overall security situation is calm. However, civilians are anxious for their safety and security.

There are reports of looting, arson and house demolitions targeting predominantly Kurdish areas in Tuz Khurmatu in Salah al-Din Governorate. According to [Amnesty International](#), at least 11 civilians have been killed by indiscriminate attacks and tens of thousands of displaced people are afraid to return home.

Population movements

An estimated 165,780¹ individuals (27,630 families) have been displaced after Iraqi forces began moving into the disputed areas on 16 October. However, IDP movement is fluid and returns are occurring alongside displacement. Due to recent clashes in disputed territories up to 2,000 individuals fled from areas in Ninewa Governorate to camps and urban areas in Dahuk Governorate. UNHCR has undertaken protection monitoring and distribution of core relief items to families residing in open areas and camps. Also some registered Syrian refugee families have made their way to Gawilan refugee camp in Dahuk Governorate while other families displaced from Kirkuk and Taq Taq (on the Erbil and Kirkuk border) fled to Sulaymaniyah Governorate.

Registration for returns from Debaga camp in Erbil Governorate continue to be high. Some 300 to 500 families have been registering daily and over 500 families have departed the camp over the last week, mainly to villages in Makhmur (Erbil Governorate). Departing families have expressed concerns over recent military movements in the area. Moreover, families are returning to reunite with their family members, secure property and resume children's schooling. Lack of livelihood and unavailability of specialized medical services continue to be other push factors for returns. Families will return to their own houses, stay with relatives or rent accommodation.

Large returns expected from Hammam Al-Alil camps, Salamiyah and Nimrud camps in Ninewa Governorate. Of the more than 1,100 families in camps originating from Zummar and Rabi'a in Ninewa, most have indicated their intention to return once they are granted approval. These areas are in disputed territories where control has now shifted to federal authorities. They want to go back to take care of their houses, land and businesses. They are also worried about harsh conditions in the camp during winter and they prefer to be in their homes.

Response update

Iraqi refugees have been returning in increasing numbers. Last week, the Iraqi Ministry of Migration and Displacement organized transport for over 2,330 Iraqis to Hammam Al-Alil transit site from Al-Hol camp in Al-Hassakeh Governorate, north-east Syria. Some returned to their areas of origin while the majority are in Hammam Al-Alil and Jad'ah camps awaiting approval from authorities to return to their areas of origin. A further 4,000 or more Iraqi refugees are expected to return from Syria in the coming days. There have also been substantial returns from Turkey, with almost 7,000 Iraqis returning mostly in self-organised movements.