

UPDATE: MOMD RETURN GRANT

1. Update on the current status of the Return Grant:

- **Total amount disbursed so far:** In 2020, the return grant was distributed on a monthly basis since January- April, with IQD 15,261,000,000 (appx. USD 12.3 million). This is slightly less than the amount distributed in 2019- IQD 44,599,500,000 (appx. USD 36 million).
- **Disbursement installments:** Previously in 2019, MOMD released the return grants in 3 different instalments in July, September and November. However, in 2020 the approach changed in that the distribution of the grants was done monthly- with the aim to maintain consistency and hopefully reach more beneficiaries. No disbursements were made in May and June 2020 due to lack of sufficient funds.
- **No. of targeted families reached:** So far, a total of 10,200 returnee families received the return grant in 2020, compared to 29,736 families reached in 2019.
- **Distribution per Governorate:** Ninewa is so far the highest governorate where returnees have received the return grant (12,194 families), followed by Anbar (7,422 families) and Diyala (6,608). Kirkuk is currently the governorate with the lowest no. of allocation, with 2,884 returnee families having received the grant.
- **Eligibility:** The eligibility criteria still remains the same as the previous year, whereby only returnees who have registered their return with MOMD are eligible to receive the return grants, and have closed their displacement file in the areas of displacement and received a return code.
- **Methodology of disbursement:** The methodology remains the same as 2019 and is based on a first come first serve basis, i.e. returnees who registered their return with MOMD since the initial returns occurred. This is essentially meant to encourage more IDPs to register their return.
- **Percentage of total returnees reached:** At present, there are almost 800,000 families who have returned to their areas of origin, while only 39,936 families (5% of the total returnee caseload) have received the return grant. Whilst recognizing the effort made by MOMD in the distribution of the grant, more funding will be required (appx. IQD 1.11 trillion/ USD 895 million) to meet this gap and reach the remaining returnee population.
- **Rate of disbursement per Governorate:** It is worth noting that some governorates had more returnees than others, and subsequently more returnees have registered with MOMD than in other governorates. As such, Baghdad is so far the highest governorate where the proportion of returnees who have returned compared to those who registered their return (35%), followed by Diyala (19%) and Kirkuk (13%). This is further elaborated on the tables on annex 1.

2. Steps required to obtain the return grant

- 1) The IDPs wishing to return should place a written request to close their displacement file at the MOMD branch in their area of displacement. The family member who makes the request should provide a copy of the latest residency endorsement as well as the I.D cards of the family members.

- 2) Once the request is submitted, the branch will forward the request to the relevant MoMD branch in the governorate of origin to inform them, and a copy will be made to the Ministry headquarters in Baghdad. This would include the deactivation of the family displacement code.
- 3) The head of the household then takes the letter directly to the MoMD branch in the governorate of origin once they return, and submit the letter along with the following documents:
 - o House endorsement prepared and signed by the local Mukhtar, Intelligence and the Mayor
 - o An ID copy of the head of household, nationality certificate (or the national ID), residency card and PDS card
 - o One copy of the family members' IDs
 - o One copy of the previous Q-card

All these documents will then be placed in a file. In addition, the full names of the head of household shall be written on the file with an active phone number.

- 4) The head of household shall receive an SMS or phone call from the MoMD branch in the governorate of return to inform him/her about the next step, which is to collect the new return code and wait for further assistance to be provided by MoMD (Food and non-food in-kind assistance, return grant and livelihood grant, etc.)
- 5) In case the family tries to return but fail due to various obstacles and have closed their displacement file with MoMD, the family will be able to re-activate it. However, if the family has received the return grant or any other return assistance from MoMD, then they will not be able to reactivate the displacement file.
- 6) In the case one of the family members is missing, then:
 - o If the missing person was the head of household and is deceased, the file will then be renamed to his wife after a death certificate is provided.
 - o If the missing person was the head of household and his fate is unknown, then the file will be renamed to his wife after a proper court document and investigation report are provided.
 - o If the head of household had engaged in terrorism activities, then the file will be renamed to his wife after a proper denunciation document is provided.
 - o If any member of the family (other than the head of household) had engaged in the terrorism activities, then the family should show a denunciation document to be eligible for the next step.
- 7) The entire process is **free-of-charge**.

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- 1) The entire family should return to the AoO so that MoMD can proceed with finalizing the return file.
- 2) The family must have been registered as a displaced family, otherwise they will not be able to register for the return grant. In case the family failed to register during displacement, the family registration will be made for the displacement and return in one case, and must provide the required documents that

prove their displacement (confirmation from the mayor office of the area of displacement, and any additional documents that can prove that they were once displaced.

3. Annex 1: Return Grant summary

Below is a summary breakdown of the disbursement of the return grants per governorate for 2020 in comparison to 2019.

Date of disbursement	No. of Beneficiaries	Amount disbursed (in IQD)
2019		
25- July- 2019	12,000	18,000,000,000
24-Sept-2019	8,000	12,000,000,000
3- Nov- 2019	9,736	14,599,500,000
Total 2019	29,736	44,599,500,000
2020		
21- Jan- 2020	2,400	3,582,000,000
18- Feb- 2020	2,600	3,894,000,000
18- Mar- 2020	2,600	3,891,000,000
26- Apr- 2020	2,600	3,894,000,000
Total 2020	10,200	15,261,000,000
GRAND TOTAL	39,936	IQD 59,860,500,000 USD 48,274,596

The below table shows the no. of returnees in each governorate who have registered their return with MOMD, vis- a vis those who have received the return grant.

Governorate	No. of returnee families registered with MOMD	No. of returnees who received the return grant	Percentage of those registered Vs those received
Anbar	239,200	7,422	3%
Baghdad	16,004	5,618	35%
Diyala	34,996	6,608	19%
Salah al Din	84,348	5,210	6%
Kirkuk	22,858	2,284	13%
Ninewa	171,413	12,194	7%
TOTAL	568,819	39,936	