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Returns Working Group

RWG Monthly Meeting

February 2023

1. Introduction and adoption of minutes: Review of January 2023 minutes
2. Context Update: RWG Field update
3. IOM Facilitated Movement Program Update
4. DSTWG: DS Updates
5. AOB



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RWG Field Update

National Level Update

- Meetings have been held by the MoMD with officials, including security and high-level visits to the camps and the AoO by MoMD minister and other officials to coordinate the return processes per the instructions of the prime minister.
- Challenges identified and discussed:
 - Security checkpoints
 - Delays with issuance of IDs
 - Facilitating Movements of the returns to their AoO
 - Basic services

National Update: MoMD

- The Higher Committee for the Relief and Support of the Displaced decided in its last meeting on 30 Jan the formation of a committee to follow up and assess the needs of the displaced inside and outside the camps, as well as following up the conditions of the returnees to their original areas.
- The Supreme National Committee to follow up the conditions of Iraqis abroad, their voluntary return and integration held its first meeting headed by the MoMD minister Ms. Jabro.
- **Climate Change:** Ministry of Immigration and Displacement began to distribute various relief assistance to (500) families displaced by desertification and drought in the province of Dhiqar.

- Returns from J5 are ongoing, 31 HHs returned to SAD on 23 Feb
- Returns from Sulaymaniyah camps more than 200 HHs to AoO in SAD (Alajelia and Al-Garagul villages in Aldujail district).
- Eviction from Firdaws site in Samarra accommodated by 9 HHs from Tal-althahab village in Balad district which is a blocked area. They have rented houses inside Samarra.
- Another site threatened of eviction in Samarra Atwar Bahjat site, 8 HHs, from Aziz Balad area in Balid District.

- On 2 February, 14 HHs returned from AAf camp to AoO, most of them returned to Fallujah district.
- Between 5-10 February, 35 HHs live in an informal site in HTC were evicted from the site and forced to return to Aoo, mostly west of Anbar. Some families could not return to AoO because community problems, so they went to Al-Karma Complex (Kilo 18).
- Occasional return from Karbala to Anbar are ongoing.

Return Trends Diyala

- On 25 January, 43 HHs returned to Arab Faris and Al-Akeedat villages in Al-Muqdadhiya in Diyala.
- Unregistered displacement has been reported to Baghdad, KRI and other areas in Diyala due to security deterioration.

Local Integration Registration

Governorate of Displacement	# IDPs applied for local integration	Governorate/District of Origin
Wassit	61	Kirkuk, Ninewa, Diyalam SAD, Anbar, Baghdad
Kerbala	650	Ninewa-Telafar, Babylon (Jurf)
Basrah	249	Anbar, Babylon, Diyala, Kirkuk, Ninewa, SAD
Baghdad	245	TBC
Najaf	0	
Diyala	200	Intra-gov
Thiqar	154	Anbar, Ninewa, Kirkuk, Baghad, SAD, Diyala, Babylon
Missan	91	Anbar, Baghad, Diyala, SAD, Kirkuk, Ninewa



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KRI Field Updates

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- *In December 2022, a total number of 19 families and 138 individuals returned to their areas of origin.*
- Khanke camp had the largest number of returns with 4 household and 32 individuals.
- *Jan 2023 evidently proved an increase of returnees compared to December with 38 households and 222 individuals returning to their areas of origin.*
- Chameshko camp had the most returns with 16 households, 95 Individuals.

Duhok Reverse Returns

December 2022:

- 20 households
- 78 individuals

January 2023:

- 21 families
- 96 individuals

Erbil camp movements

December and January

Hassan Sham U2 Camp:

- The majority of returns to Mosul with over 32 returns.
- 1 household and 1 individual returned to Salah Al-Din

Hassan Sham U3 Camp:

- It is evident the majority of returns were to Mosul with over 23 households and 4 individuals.

Khazir M1 Camp:

- The majority of the IDP's returned to Mosul and Salah Al-Din.
- 66 households and 13 individuals returned to Mosul
- 4 households and 1 individual to Salah Al-Din

Location	House-holds	Individuals	Returns
Hassan Sham U2	16	98	Mosul, SAD
Hassan Sham U3	31	145	Mosul, Makhmour, Ramadi, SAD, Kirkuk, Diyala
Khazir M1	78	398	Mosul, Makhmour, Diyala, SAD, Anbar, Duhok, Erbil

Debaga Camp

- 8 households 40 individuals returned to their areas of origin in the months of December and January.
- 5 households returned to Makhmour, 1 household to Hawija, 1 household to Erbil, and 1 to Anbar. Meanwhile, 2 Individuals returned to Shirqat, Salah Al-Din.

Baharka

- 18 household 106 individuals.
- In the month of December 1 household returned to Anbar, 1 household to Erbil and 1 household to Shirqat, Salah Al-Din.
- In the month of January, only 5 households returned to Erbil and 10 to Mosul. From the 13 Individuals, the majority returned to Mosul with only 1 return to Erbil and 1 return to Balaad, Salah Al-Din.

Harsham Camps

- 1 household and 7 individuals
- 1 household returned to Baaj in January.
- In December 2 individuals returned to Zumar and Diyala and 2 individuals to Bahrka, Erbil.

- During the months of January and February, a total of 13 families left Sulaymaniyah and Garmian camps and returned to their areas of origin areas.

Camp consolidation initiatives:

In regard to camp consolidation initiatives, there were some discussions in Erbil, however no real actions has been taken yet.

Location	Households	Individuals	Return during July 2022
Arbat Camp	3	12	Salah Al-Din
Ashti Camp	5	13	Salah Al-Din
Qoratu camp	3	10	Diyala
Tazade camp	2	34	Diyala



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Ninewa and Kirkuk

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Sinjar Context

- FVM supported returns started since January from Dahuk and Sinjar Mountain. On going spontaneous returns from Dahuk camps.
- On 30th of January 39 HH, 227 individual. Areas of return (9 HH to Sinjar center – 22 HH to Tel Azeer, /ba'aj – 8 HH to Mojama' Al-Jazeera)
- On February two round of return happened from Sinjar mountain 78 + 35 HH to Sinjar city facilitated by IOM 30 HH, 160 ind returned to Sinjar from the Mountain
- Stable political, security and social situations
- Government support

Deputy governor of Ninawa Ali Omar visited all locations of returns presence and distributed per family 500.000 IQD, one box of food package and a voucher of 50 litter of Kerosene

MOMD issued a return grant to 2006 HH all from Sinjar Feb 2023.

- No return in the districts of (Daquq, Debs, Hawija).
- **House and property compensation**

First round of compensation has been distributed to 400 HH, and 500 HH more are registered to receive the compensation very soon

- J1 Departures

- 14 Jan 23, round 8
- 142 HHs (580 ind.)

- J5 Departures

- 22 Feb 23
- IOM FVM, round 11
- 347 HHs (1,720 ind.)
- Returnees AoO (4 HH Kirkuk – 31 HH Salah El-din – 312 HH to Mosul)