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RWG Monthly Meeting

May 2023

1. **Introduction and adoption of minutes:** Review of March 2023 minutes
2. **Context Update:** DTM Emergency Tracking, CCCM update RWG Field Update.
3. **DTM Presentation:** Progress Towards Durable Solutions in Iraq, A pilot project in Ninewa Governorate
4. **DSTWG:** DS Updates
5. AOB



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Central South Field Up

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National Update: MoMD Grants

- On 8 March MoMD distributed return grant to 2,006 HHs from Sinjar.
- On 16 March MoMD distributed return grant to 1,000 HHs headed by women.
- On 28 April, MoMD announced the release of the 24th batch of the returning grants for 6,677 HHs.
- MoMD continues with the distribution of in-kind assistance and food baskets in Anbar, SAD, Ninawa, and other governorates.

National Update: Jadaa 5 Camp Closure

- On 17 April MoMD and NOC announced the sudden closure of the (Jadaa 5) camp in Ninewa Governorate
- By 19 April 281 HH were forced to leave the camp.
- Of these 260 families were tracked and 174 are in Qayyarah, 55 are in Mosul. Other destinations included Erbil, Kirkuk, Ba'aj, Hatra, Telafer, Sinjar and Salah Al-Din.
- A number of HH remain within Qayyarah outside the camp gate in dire conditions.

Returns and Evictions Trends Central South

Voluntary Returns:

- More than 8 families returned from the Jadah5 camp to AoO in SAD on 17 April
- On 7 March, 15 HHs returned to Arab Faris and Al-Akeedat villages in Al-Muqadadiya in Diyala. Jobs, services and house and security are key challenges.
- Expected returns to 23 locations in Al-Saadiya in Diyala supported by local authorities
- PM to support reconciliation efforts in Diyala.
- On 21 April MoMD announced the return of (73) Iraqi citizens from the areas located on the Turkish-Syrian borders to Iraq (Anbar, SAD, Ninewa, and Kirkuk).

Evictions

- Defense Ministry to evict AL-Muaskarat in SAD to accommodate the 21st Division of the Iraqi Army.

Villages with potential returns in Diyala

Village Name	Sub-district	Family No
Syed Ibrahim	Saadiyah	55
Al-Asyoor Al-Sharqiya	Saadiyah	65
Syed Nouri,	Saadiyah	15
Al-Asyoor Al-Gharbiya	Saadiyah	45
Sayed Yassin	Saadiyah	22
Sayed Saleh Latif	Saadiyah	60
Tlehy	Saadiyah	10
Al-Bukhtoriya	Saadiyah	19
Salih Habibi	Saadiyah	80
Al-Sadrah	Saadiyah	18
Abd Shakir	Saadiyah	23
Nahrwan Al-Saghera	Saadiyah	12
Al-Sidara Al-Thanya	Saadiyah	11
Al-Hafayir	Saadiyah	41
Nahrawan Complex	Saadiyah	70
Abis Hazam	Saadiyah	15
Ejbarah	Saadiyah	21
Al-Dishtan,	Saadiyah	23
Nuwaider Al-Aoula,	Saadiyah	40
Al-Nuwaider Al-Thanya,	Saadiyah	40
Ghani Atwan,	Saadiyah	32
Salama,	Saadiyah	30
Wahab Abid	Saadiyah	10



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KRI Field Updates

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Duhok camp movements

February 2023:

Returns:

- 55 Households and 288 individuals returned to their Areas of Origin
- 5 individuals returned to unknown locations
- 15 households and 77 individuals relocated to locations near AoO (not areas of origin)

Key return reasons:

- Receiving optimistic feedback from others who returned to Sinjar
- Previous jobs still available

Reverse return:

- Reverse returns was 3 household and 33 individuals to camps

Irregular movement of Yezidi IDP's to out of country:

- 9 households and 76 individuals have traveled to outside the country.
- Most of the Irregular movement of Yezidi IDP's are to Germany with the total of 30 individuals and 3 households
- Only 1 individual traveled to Australia and 1 to the Netherlands

Returns:

- March 2023 witnessed less returns compared to February
- 38 Households and 176 individuals returned to their Areas of Origin

Key return reasons:

- Encouraging feedback from relatives and neighbors
- Security situation is a bit better generally
- Most IDP's shared that they want to return to be with their relatives and neighbors again.

Irregular movement of Yezidi IDP's to out of country:

- 7 households and 85 individuals have traveled abroad
- Most of the Irregular movement are to Australia (4 HH, 27 individuals)and unknown locations (3 HH, 13 individuals)

NOTE: Some of the IDP's traveled without authorization; Camp management obtained the information from their relatives

Hassan Sham U2:

- 1 Household and 8 Individuals
- Returns were to Ninawa, with only 1 return to Erbil.

Hassan Sham U3:

- 15 HH and 25 individuals
- Most returns were to Ninawa and its nearby areas.

Khazir M1:

- 1 HH and 10 individuals
- 2 returned to SAD, 1 to Baaj, 1 to Ninawa, 1 to Khazir and 1 HH to Sinjar

Bahrka:

- 12 HH and 66 individuals
- Most returns were to Baaj

Debaga:

- 1 HH and 7 individuals returned to Makhmour

Harsham:

- 5 HH and 39 Individuals
- Most returns were to Baaj and Mosul

Hassan Sham U2:

- 14 Individuals returned to mostly Ninawa and Mosul with only 1 return to SAD

Hassan Sham U3:

- 1 HH and 10 individuals
- Returns were to Mosul and 1 to Makhmour

Khazir M1:

- 3 individuals and returns were to Ninawa

Debaga:

- 1 individual returned to Ninawa

Harsham:

- 1 Individual returned to Erbil

Sulaymaniyah Camps Movement March and April

Returns:

- Arbat camp witnessed 7 Households and 27 individuals returns to Salah Al-Din
- Ashti camp had 6 households and 26 individuals returned to Salah Al-Din
- Tazade and Qoratu camps witnessed no returns in the past two months.



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Ninewa and Kirkuk

May 2023

- 105 Households and 614 Individuals of Iraqi families returned to Al Baaj and Markaz Mosul from Syrian villages.
 - 33 HH returned to Al-Ba'aj district
 - 4 HH returned Mosul
- 45 Households returned from Türkiye to Iraq
 - 30 HH returned to Mosul
 - 15 HH to returned Talafar
- 5 Households and 25 Individuals returned from Bersive camp to Tal'uzer.

According to IOM DTM as of April, 19th 2023:

- (73) Iraqis returned from abroad on 19 April 2023,
- Previously lived in Syrian areas (A'azaz, Idlib, and Tel abyad) for 7 years.
- They entered Turkey via Bab Al Salama border point and then from turkey to Iraq through Ibrahim Al-Khalil border. they were going to Salah Al-Din, Baghdad, Ninawa and Kirkuk.
- RARTs Ninewa found some of them in Ba'aj – Ninewa.
- On the other hand, (85) Iraqi deported people have been seen last couple days at Ibrahim Khalil border point, they were arrested on the borders between Turkey - Greece and Turkey – Bulgaria.
- They were imprisoned for 15 days in Turkey prior to being deported.
- 16 persons of these deportees are Yazidis, they left Iraq this month and were arrested after few days.
- Their previous residence was in Bajid, Candala and Bersive camps before going abroad via Ibrahim Khalil border.
- They want to migrate to Europe illegally. The Yazidi deportees informed us that many of their relatives succeeded to reach Europe in April 2023.

- On March 2023, a total of 448 households and 2364 individuals returned to their areas of origin.
➤ 85 HH to Sinjar – 198 HH to Sinuni – 165 to Taluzer/Baaj
- MoMD branch in Sinjar district supported 1000 families by distributing relief assistance, kitchen tolls and hygiene kits.
- The month of April witnessed a decrease; 230 Households and 1267 individual returned to their areas of origin.
➤ 78 HH to Sinjar center – 5 HH to Qayrawan – 102 HH Sinuni- 45 HH Tal Azeer/Baaj
- MoMD assisted 1000 families by distributing relief assistance and hygiene kits.
- Some families relocated especially in Tal Azeer sub district, Baaj and Qayrawan sub district, Sinjar district due to lack of services and jobs (water, electricity, health care, infrastructures of houses and, rehabilitations, cash for works and small business).

NOTE: MoMD branch office in Sinjar does not register information of their AoO and where they are returning to, they only register the name of the district and subdistrict. Furthermore, MoMD in Sinjar has a monthly process of supporting families.

J1 Departures

Round 10 (March 7th, 2023):

- 28 Households

J5 Departures

Round 13, IOM FVM (April 17th, 2023):

- 85 Households and 368 individuals

Returns to areas of origin included:

19 HH to Talafar – 26 HH to Hadra – 254 HH to Mosul – 6 HH Sinjar – 4 HH Ba'aj

J5 Camp Closure

- Approximately 280-300 families were living inside the camp however, due to the camp closure, these families have returned to the areas shown in the above table.
- 50 families have now settled near the camp in their tents again, they are unable to return due to tribal conflicts.

Current Area of Residence

Location	Number of HHs
Erbil	3
Kirkuk	1
Ninewa	260
Al-Baaj	5
Al-Ousaja	2
Al-Qayyarah	174
Hatra	7
Mosul	55
Sinjar	1
Talafar	11
Telkeif	5
Salah Aldeen	9
Grand Total	273

- 5 HHs returned from J5 camp to Hawija district in April, 2023.
- Daquq and Dibis district have witnessed no returns.

House and property compensation

- compensation has been distributed to 375HHs.
- The director of MOMD raised a request to INGO's to provide support to the new returned families from J5 camp.