

# Returns Working Group

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## Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review of July Meeting Minutes and Action Points
3. Context Update | DTM—Camp Movements, Results of Anbar and Diyala HH survey measuring progress towards durable solutions | RWG Field Update
4. FVM Presentation | August departures and key findings of programmatic reintegration monitoring for EMC departures
5. IOM Presentation | Key findings community-based study in Al Dujail and Yathrib
6. DSTWG Update
7. AOB

# Centre South Update

July- Sept 2024

## Return Updates- Salah al-Din

Type of return (MoMD, FVM, individual)	Total (Household)	Area of Displacement	Area of Return	Date
MoMD and IOM	8 HHs	Hasan sham & Baharkah camps	Shirqat	August
MoMD and IOM	4 HHs	Hasan sham & Baharka camps	Shirqat	August
MoMD and IOM	1 HH	Hasan sham camp	Shirqat	August
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	15 HHs			

### Challenges:

- 1- Houses destruction
- 2- lack of Job opportunities

### Needs:

- 1- Houses rehabilitation and compensations
- 2- Small livelihoods projects to support them especially women

## Return Updates - Anbar

Type of return (MoMD, FVM, individual)	Total (Household)	Area of Displacement	Area of Return	Date (Month)
MoMD	3	J1	Rawa	Jul-Sep 24
MoMD	6	J1	Haditha	Jul-Sep 24
MoMD	6	J1	Ana	Jul-Sep 24
MoMD	47	J1	Qaim	Jul-Sep 24
Individual	9	Erbil, Baghdad, Ramadi	Qaim	Jul-Sep 24
Total	71			

## Return Updates - Babil

Type of return (MoMD, FVM, Spontaneous)	Total (Household)	Area of Displacement	Area of Return	Date (Month)
MoMD	50	Baghdad centre	Iskandaria (Abo Shamsi and Jarashiyah )	May

RWG conducted meeting with Babil deputy governor and MoMD in August

Key points:

- Challenges and needs for the returnees: **infrastructure, livelihood, services**(281 families)
- Potentials to open blocked villages to return remaining IDPs (1270 families).
- Future cooperation between **aid community and local government** to provide durable solutions.
- Next activities: **Dialogue session with community, DS discussion with government, local government, security, and community.**

## Return Updates – Diyala

Type of return (MoMD, FVM, Spontaneous)	Total (Household)	Area of Displacement	Area of Return	Date (Month)
Spontaneous	180	Muqdadiyah, Baquba, Khanaqeen	Different areas in Diyala	July- Sept

- 250-300 families from different AoO in Diyala have registered for integration in Khanaqeen.
- 470 families are planned to return to Al-Khilani village on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> of Sept.

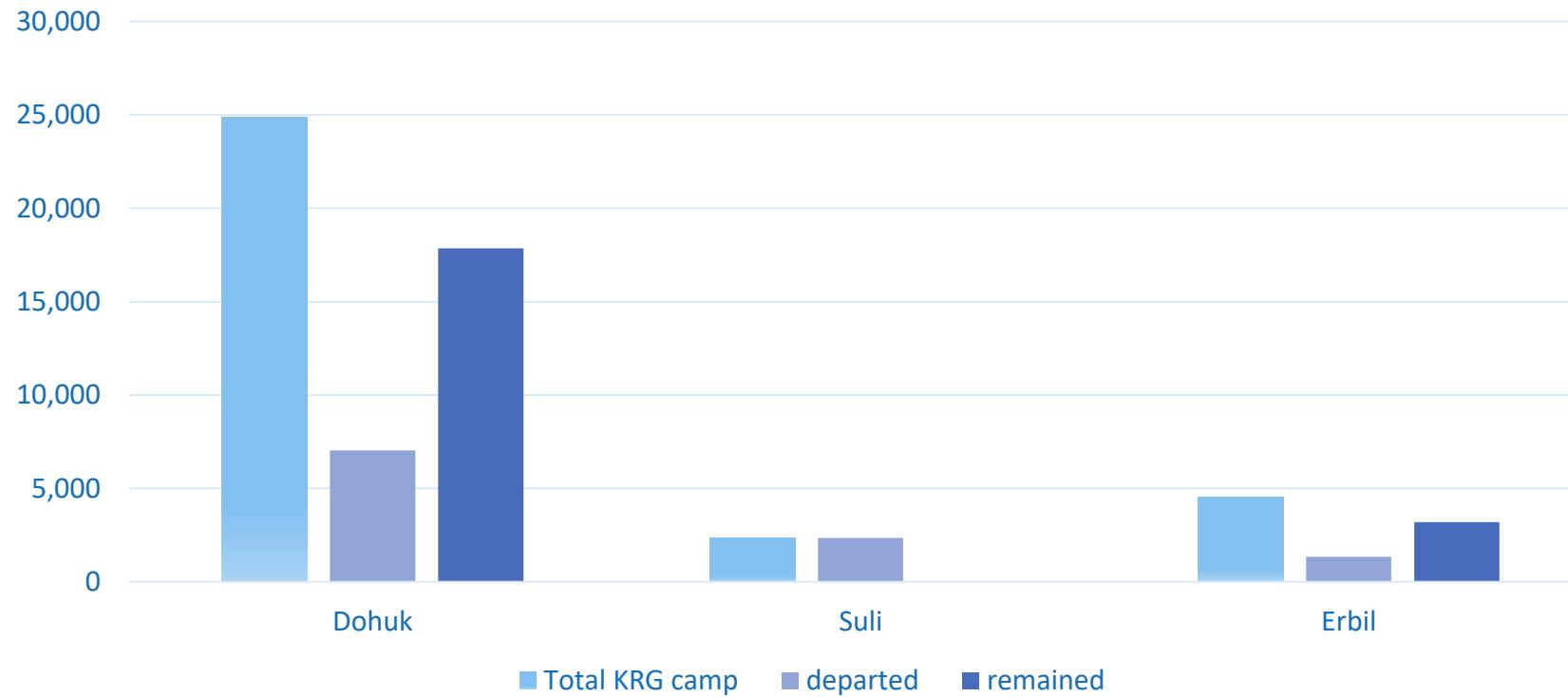
## Return Updates - Baghdad

Type of return (MoMD, FVM, Spontaneous)	Total (Household)	Area of Displacement	Area of Return	Date (Month)
Spontaneous	20	Baghdad center	Baghdad Bult (Latifiyah and Abu- Ghareeb)	July- Sept

## 4 Million Return Grant until 18 Sept 2024

Governorate	# families in Camps	# departed Families	# of families Received grant	# of families has not received grant
Dohuk	24,890	7,030	5,710	1,320
Suli	2,354	2354	1,931	423
Erbil	4,533	1,338	783	555
Total	31,777	10,722	8,424	2,298

## KRG Camps: returned vs remaining families (MoMD data)



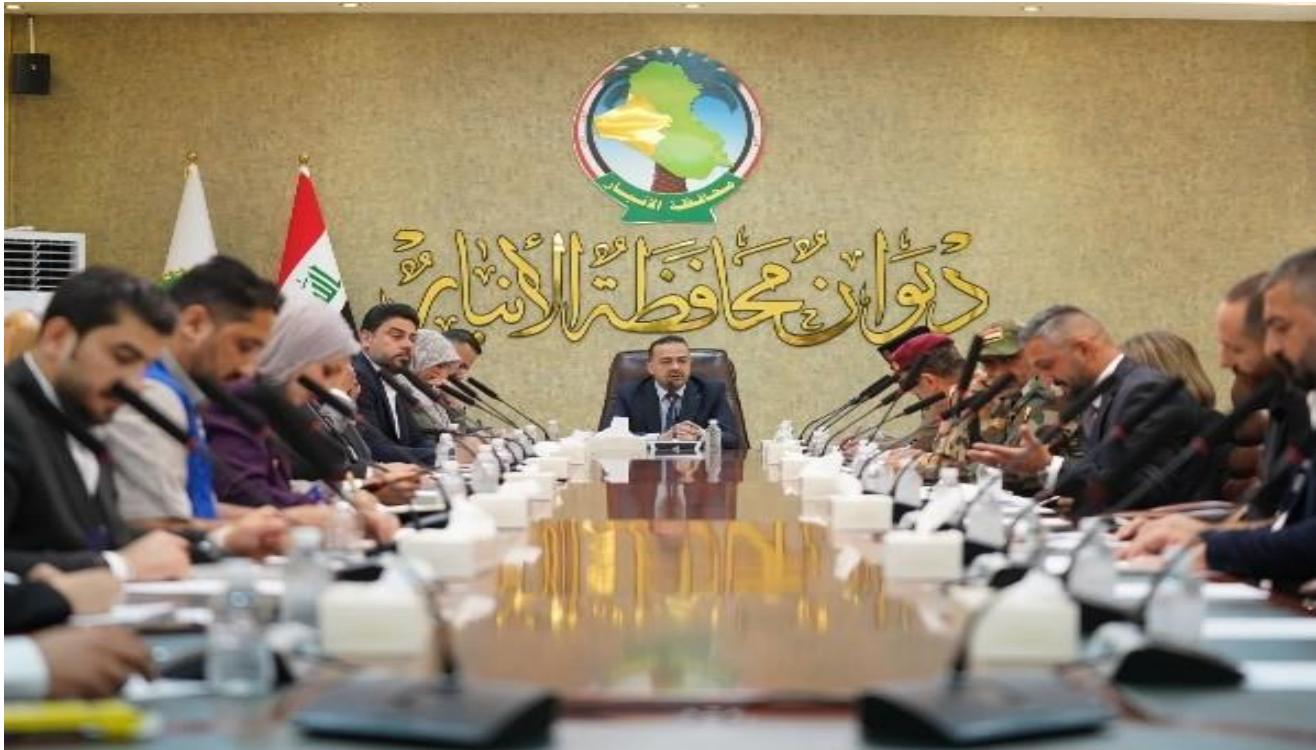
Total departed from KRG camps: According to DTM 80% returned to AoO, while 20% either re-integration or relocation

## Anbar Blocked Area Akashat

### Akashat (Anbar)

Led by deputy governor, agreement by the PMU to reopen the area.

Local government authorities have conducted an assessment of the area and needs. Next step will be an interagency visit which the involvement of the Anbar JCF.



# Akashat

Assessment has been conducted by governmental committee:

## **Municipalities Sector**

Construction of the municipal department building in the residential complex

## **Health Sector**

Demolition and reconstruction of Akashat Health Center

## **Education Sector**

- Resumption of work on the construction project (12-grade school in Akashat Complex) (15% completion rate approximately) under the supervision of (Anwar Al-Sadil General Contracting Company), noting that the financial allocations for the project are available
- Demolition and reconstruction of:
  - Akashat Mixed Secondary School 12 grades
  - Akashat Elementary School for Boys
  - Akashat Elementary School for Girls

## **Sewerage Sector**

Rehabilitation of the treatment unit and equipping it with pumps with ownership of the sewage network

## **Electricity Sector**

Rehabilitation of the internal network of Akashat Complex, noting that the network is designed in an under-ground manner

## **Water Sector**

Rehabilitation of wells in the Makr Al-Dheeb area and nearby wells in the area with the transmission line to the residential complex,

## **Communications and Information Complex, Al-Rutba**

Rehabilitation of the communications network for the complex

## **Security headquarters**

Demolition and reconstruction of the police station.

# KRI

# Sulaimaniyah Governorate



## IDPs return

In the past two months, a total of 286 IDP families returned from Sulaimaniyah governorate to their areas of origin. In July, 219 families made their journey back, followed by 67 families in August (out of camp). The majority of these returning families have resettled in Salah El-Din governorate

## Dohuk – IDPs population

	Families	Individuals
Total IDPs in camps	21,130	102,955
Total IDPs outside the camps	37,108	183,617
Total Number	58,238	286,572

## Dohuk – IDPs return

Return To Ninewa				
	In Camps		Outside Camps	
	Families	Individuals	Families	Individuals
July	2,151	10,586	11	52
August	1,510	7,380	52	318
Total Returnees	3,661	17,966	63	370

Note: IDPs returning via IOM are not included in these statistics.

### Reason of return

- Many IDP families have returned to Sinjar after receiving positive reports from relatives and neighbors about improved security and an increased population in the area.
- The MoMD grant.
- The prospect of finding work in their original occupations and the desire to reunite with family and friends are major motivators for returning.

# Kirkuk

# Kirkuk Governorate



5 households from the Kirkuk center returned to the Al-Hawiga district .

- 2 households returned to the Al-Abbasey subdistrict.
- 2 households returned to the Al-Zab subdistrict.
- 1 household returned to Markaz Hawija.

The Housing and Property Compensation Committee is actively working on completing the necessary procedures and the compensation amounts have been delivered to 70 families during the past month (August).

# Kirkuk Governorate



A DS discussion will address the protracted displacement of families in three villages in the Dabes District, focusing on obstacles like landmines, destroyed infrastructure, and families' perceived affiliation with ISIL. The aim is to facilitate collaboration between local authorities, NGOs, and displaced communities to find practical solutions for their return or relocation, restore essential services, and address the needs of those who can't return

# Ninewa Update

# Lower Returns to Ninewa

## MoMD Registration Process Halted

- Halted since 12 July 2024
- Families are unable to register for return and those who registered prior to 12 July are being assisted to return.
- Lack of information to IDPs from MoMD on extension of the camp closure deadline and disbursement of the grant.
- More returnee families are reporting more delays in receiving the grant.

## MoMD Aid packages in Ninewa

- MoMD Branch in Sinjar distributed the following items to returnees:
  - 750 refrigerators
  - Televisions
  - Kitchen Tools
  - IQD4 Million to 700 camp returnee families

# Hate Speech Incident

## On 3 August 2024

- Statements from Qassim Shasho caused widespread outrage in KRI and Ninewa
- Surge in hate speech against the Yazidi community on social media
- Prompted an estimated 500-800 IDP HH to flee to Sinjar.
- Many returned to Dahuk soon after the while a few remained in Sinjar.
- OCHA led a fact-finding mission with the Sinjar ABC which found that it was unclear if the families had returned due to the hate speech or due to the camp closure announcement.
- Some humanitarian needs were identified for Bahlool Village.



## Area of No Return Islopy Village, Hatra

### Slopy Village

- Hatra has the highest number of locations of no return in the country and in Ninewa with **54 locations**.
- On 9 September the RWG facilitated a DS discussion with the Ninewa Local authorities to address the obstacles to return.
- Key concerns were:
- Housing destruction of mud houses
- Access to services, water, electricity, schools
- Presence of PMF in the village
- Families expressed the intention to return
- Concerns will be raised to Ninewa JCF



# Sinjar ABC and Ninewa JCF

## Sinjar ABC

- Mine action activities (August)
- Continues to meet at Sunrise NGO in Sinjar
- Outcome of Sinjar Fact Finding Mission
- Situation of Tal Bahlool Village
- Call for NGO co-chair for the ABC

## Ninewa JCF

- IDP situation in Dahuk
- 19,305 HH in camps and 37,000 HH outside of camps
- Concerns around IDP reluctance to return during school term
- Deputy Governor of Planning---29 Projects in West Ninewa, IQD18,5 Billion
- Director of Municipalities---Qahtaniyah, Adnaniyah, Al Jazirek, Tal Qasab and Tal Banat as priority areas

# Ninewa Compensation Update

## Compensation Committee (Sinjar)

- Total Files Approved: 3,150
- Families who received payments: 287

## Challenges:

- Delay of payment



# THANK YOU

QUESTIONS?