



# Informal Sites: Supporting Linkages to Resolve Displacement

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# Objective

To engage DS actors in an initiative to integrate informal site level information into programming and coordination aimed at supporting access to durable solutions pathways for displaced people by:

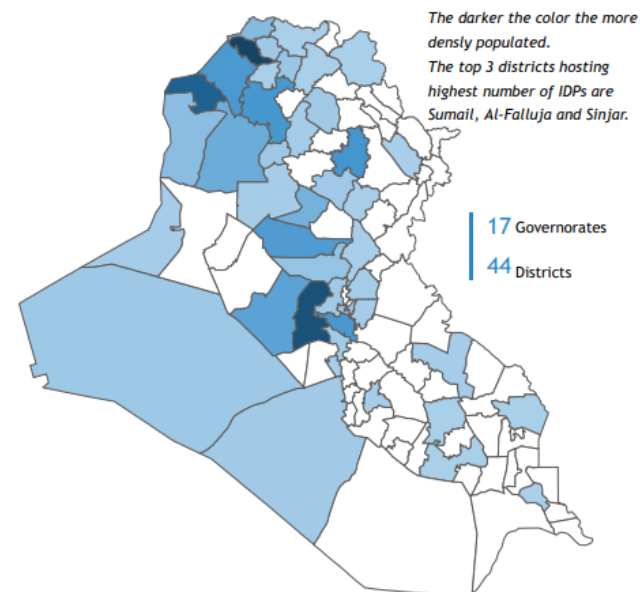
- 1. Sharing ongoing work to compile information on durable solutions preferences and barriers for IDPs living in informal sites*
- 2. Discussing if/how this information can be integrated into durable solutions coordination and planning*
- 3. Agreeing how this information can be used to link informal site populations with durable solutions actors and activities*

# Informal site overview

- 477 informal sites /17,416 households /103,005 individuals
- Sites dispersed across 44 districts in 17 governorates
- Population living in informal sites increased in 2021 in Ninewa (Sinjar, Hatra, Mosul), Baghdad (Mahmoudiya) and Salah al Din (Balad) - Primarily secondary displacement due to due to returns, camp closures, secondary displacement
- Characterized by sub-standard, shared facilities and services, 5+ HH living together, displaced post-2014, lack of formal management, locations not developed to host IDPs

## # sites and individuals by governorate

Governorate	Number of sites	Number of ind.
Ninewa	130	32,292
Al-Anbar	30	20,661
Duhok	160	19,398
Salah al-Din	55	11,856
Baghdad	35	7,980
Kirkuk	34	7,212
Erbil	10	1,086



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# Background

- Informal site populations typically vulnerable profile, with mixed barriers to return
- Risk factors related to poor living conditions and risk of re-displacement
- CCCM partners in informal sites in Ninewa (Mosul, Telefar, Sinjar, Hatra, Baaj), Salah al Din (Balad), Anbar (Fallujah, Ramadi), Baghdad (Latifya), Kirkuk
- CCCM well positioned with community engagement and data collection functions, including on AoO and intentions



Sinjar Mountain IDP site / IOM CCCM 2021

# Approach

- Discussions in Facilitated Voluntary Return (FVR) sub group of DSTWG have focused on how to collect and package data to practically inform programming to resolve displacement
- Informal site IDPs as an important population given vulnerability and risk profile
- Despite the initial focus of the *FVR* sub-group, this approach would look to inform the multitude of DS pathways (ie. other interventions to enable return, relocation or integration)
- FVR sub group developed a *Prioritization Matrix* to share CCCM, solutions-oriented data with DS actors. 36 sites / areas profiled so far, 8 districts, 11 sub d.
- CCCM Cluster also developing complementary site-level *Response Profiles* for priority sites, outlining basic site and population info, eviction context, key humanitarian needs, intentions and preference to return, integrate or relocate and assistance required to enable this

# Prioritization Matrix

## 3 Components to the Matrix:

i. Site Information

ii. DS Profile

a. Site Preferences

b. Return Potential

c. Local Integration Potential

d. Relocation Potential

iii. Reporting Contact Details and Follow Up

# Prioritization Matrix

Example: Zummar sites (3), Telafar

## i. Site Information

i. Basic Site Information														
Governorate	District	Sub-district	Site name	Current Population (PH)	Current Population (Ind.)	Eviction Risk	Comment	Priority from CCCM actor (considering eviction threat, HC tension, DS feasibility, etc.)	Site Context	Level of service provision/assistance	Major needs	Major protection risks/needs	Intentions info Available	Comment (Indicate assessment, type of Informal data collection)
Ninewa	Telafar	Zummar	Domiz abandoned military camp	255	1398	High	Not immediate but regularly at risk of eviction	High	The informal site of Domiz abandoned camp is located in Zummar sub-district, Telafar district. The vast majority of the site's residents left their home areas to the formal IDP camps during the first wave of displacement due to the 2014 fighting against ISIS and then IDPs move to this site to settle between 2017 and 2019 as a secondary displacement. Residents of this site decided to move there because of its location, the sense of security in the area, the presence of relatives in the surrounding villages. Residents live in unfinished/abandoned buildings. The land belongs to the Iraq Ministry of Defense and the site is regularly at risk of eviction. Although the eviction was postponed multiple times it will happen at some point.	Low - SI is conducting a WASH intervention (HK, water pump, HP and water tank) + shelter intervention (SOK + NFI)	1. Improved access to WASH facilities 2. Shelter upgrade 3. Sustainable livelihood	Child protection needs (recorded child labor), need for family planning awareness raising, risk of eviction, high legal needs recorded, MHPSS needs	Yes	HH level assessment on all residents (RASPISEVAT/Intention survey) conducted in October 2021
Ninewa	Telafar	Zummar	Domiz abandoned military halls	196	975	High	Not immediate but regularly at risk of eviction	High	Domiz Halls informal site is located in Zummar sub-district in Telafar district. The residents started to settle in the site between (2014-2017) due to the military operation between Iraq and Kurdish forces in their home area. The residents of the site decided to settle in this site because this site is close to their relatives in Zummar and there are some livelihood resources in the displaced area and the security of the site because there is a main checkpoint near the site. Residents live in unfinished and/or abandoned buildings. The land belongs to the Iraq Ministry of Defense and the site is regularly at risk of eviction. Although the eviction was postponed multiple times it will happen at some point.	Low - SI is conducting a WASH intervention (HK, water pump, HP and water tank) + shelter intervention (SOK + NFI)	1. Improved access to WASH facilities 2. Shelter upgrade 3. Sustainable livelihood	Child protection needs (recorded child labor), need for family planning awareness raising, risk of eviction, high legal needs recorded	Yes	HH level assessment on all residents (RASPISEVAT/Intention survey) conducted in October 2021
Ninewa	Telafar	Zummar	Rey Al Jazeera	60	290	High	Written and verbal eviction notice	High	Rey Al Jazeera informal site is located nearby Tigris river in Telafar district- Zummar sub-district. The residents of this site displaced of Barzan village due to the military operations in their AoO. The site residents decided to settle in this site because the site is less than 10 km away from their AoO which is completely destroyed and presence of livelihood resources such as fishing. Residents live in mud houses or sub-standards shelters. The residents are regularly at risk of eviction due to a project to rehabilitate the water station present on the site. Although the eviction has for now always be postponed it will happen at some point.	None	1- Improved WASH services 2- Shelter upgrade At the time, any assistance on site might be used to trigger eviction	GBV awareness raising needed, child protection regarding access to school for girls	Yes	HH level assessment on all residents (RASPISEVAT/Intention survey) conducted in October 2021

# Prioritization Matrix

## ii. DS Profile

### a. Site Preferences

### b. Return Potential

### c. Local Integration Potential

a. Site Preferences							
Majority DS Preference	Estimated # of HH	Estimated # of ind.	Comment (I.e. Varied preferences, Assistance required, Contextual detail)	Secondary DS Preference	Estimated # of HH	Estimated # of ind.	Comment (Varied preferences, Assistance required, Contextual detail)
Relocation	TBC	TBC	50% of residents do not wish to return to their AoO anymore. The solution of Jissary village as a new residence for the Domiz IDPs was identified early this year through the Dialogue committee, and the administration in Zummar agreed to formally recognize the area to be a new village. People willing to return but who cannot for security reason might be interested by the opportunity to relocate	Return to AoO	119	648	47% of the residents desire to return to their AoO in the future - although no resident is currently planning to leave the site. The returns conditions is currently not possible as the AoO has been severely damaged by the military operation and are also disputed areas. The Dialogue committee in Zummar has identify a potential land for relocation of the population (to be further discuss with the residents).
Return to AoO	127	638	64% of the residents desire to return to their AoO in the future - although no resident is currently planning to leave the site. The returns conditions is currently not possible as the AoO has been severely damaged by the military operation and are also disputed areas. The Dialogue committee in Zummar has identify a potential land for relocation of the population (to be further discuss with the residents).	Relocation	TBC	TBC	28% of residents do not wish to return to their AoO anymore. The solution of Jissary village as a new residence for the Domiz IDPs was identified early this year through the Dialogue committee, and the administration in Zummar agreed to formally recognize the area to be a new village. People willing to return but who cannot for security reason might be interested by the opportunity to relocate
Return to AoO	60	290	Although only 43% of the households responded that they desire to return to their AoO in the future, through FGD it appears that all households are ready to return if their households are rebuild and the level of basic services enable returns				



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## ii. DS Profile

a. Site Preferences

**b. Return Potential**

c. Local Integration Potential

d. Relocation Potential

b. Return Potential							
Majority Location of Origin ( Sub-district level)	Majority Location of Origin (village level if available )	Key Requirements for Return (ex. Support requested in order to return)	Secondary Location of Origin ( Sub-district level)	Secondary Location of Origin (Village level if available )	Key Requirements for Return (ex. Support requested in order to return)	Comment (inc. any data source)	Return Assistance Recommended
Zummar sub-district	199 HH including 67 HH from <b>Al bardya village</b> and 39 HH from <b>Ali Al Abar village</b>	Returns to Bardya are not possible at the moment. The dialogue committee in Zummar has therefore identify a potential place for relocation (see relocation section) Access to information on the situation of the AoO, Increased safety and security in the AoO, Rehabilitation of shelter, improved basic services  The security situation currently doesn't allow returns which means that the support to relocation might be more appropriate.				HH level intention survey conducted in October 2021 / last pop update Feb 2022	Security issue
Zummar sub-district	127 HH including 94 HH from <b>Al Bardya village</b>	Returns to Bardya are not possible at the moment. The dialogue committee in Zummar has therefore identify a potential place for relocation (see relocation section) Increased safety and security in the AoO, improved basic services, Legal assistance, Rehabilitation of shelter, livelihood opportunities in AoO  The security situation currently doesn't allow returns which means that the support to relocation might be more appropriate				HH level intention survey conducted in October 2021 / last pop update Feb 2022	Security issue
Zummar sub-district	<b>Al-Barzan village</b>	Rehabilitation/Reconstruction of homes Improved Basic services, Livelihood opportunities				HH level intention survey conducted in October 2021 / last pop update Feb 2022	Urgent

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## ii. DS Profile

- a. Site Preferences
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- c. Local Integration Potential**
- d. Relocation Potential

c. Local Integration Potential			
Local Integration Location (Sub-district or village if known)	Comment (including barriers to local integration)	Key Requirements for Local Integration (ex. Support requested in order to integrate)	Local Integration Assistance Recommended
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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c. Relocation Potential			
Relocation Location Preference (Sub-district or village if known)	Comment (including barriers to relocation)	Key Requirements for Relocation	Relocation Assistance Recommended
Zummar sub-district - Jissary village	The solution of Jissary village as a new residence for the Domiz IDPs was identified early this year through the Dialogue committee, and the administration in Zummar agreed to formally recognize the area to be a new village.	Rehabilitation of road to connect Jissary village to the main road Construct of shelters (approx. ,350 TBC) Ensure access to basic services	Urgent
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## iii. Reporting Contact Details and Follow Up

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a. Reporting Contact				b. Referral Info		c. Details of Agreed Follow Up Action	
Reporting Partner	Agency Focal Point (Name)	Agency Focal Point (E-mail)	Date of report	Location Referred to .. (DS Agency or Coordination Actor)	Date of referral	For Reporting Partner	For Referred DS Agency
ACTED	Mathilde Ligneau	<a href="mailto:mathilde.ligneau@acted.org">mathilde.ligneau@acted.org</a>	27-Oct	GiZ	Mid-2021	N / A	GiZ assessing the possibility to support road rehabilitation
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ACTED	Mathilde Ligneau	<a href="mailto:mathilde.ligneau@acted.org">mathilde.ligneau@acted.org</a>	27-Oct	IOM	Late 2021 / early 2022	N / A	IOM identifying projects in Barzan village (return village), and facilitated movement support will follow.

# Response Profile

## Example: Balad Train Station, Salah al Din

- General Site Context:
  - 101 HHs / 423 individuals, all site residents were secondarily displaced from previous camp closures:
    - 1<sup>st</sup> wave of arrivals in Feb 2018, previously living in Al Takeah al Kasnazanya camp in Baghdad, Al Dora. AoO - Said Ghareeb village (SAD).
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> wave in Sept 2020, displaced from Al Eshaqi camp (SAD) when it closed. AoO - Al Farhateaa village (SAD).
- Shelter Types
  - Caravans, train station buildings (2), school, tents, houses
- Land Agreement and Eviction Context
  - Verbal agreement only between IDPs and various landowners, **longstanding eviction threat** most seriously targeting families in main train station building



Balad Train Station site / CCCM Cluster Jan 2022

# Response Profile

Example: Balad Train Station, Salah al Din

AoO village	Sub-district	Open for return / Blocked	# of HH
Mahata Balad	Markaz Balad	Blocked	17
Tal Al Thahab	Yathreb	Blocked	5
Al Farhateaa	Al-Esshaki	Open	40
Said Gareeb	Yathreb	Open	39
			101

- Areas of Origin

- Intentions, Barriers to Return

- 31 HH want to return but require shelter, livelihood assistance and basic services, 4 HH want to locally integrate but require livelihood and shelter assistance, 44 HH uncertain but would relocate not return if forced, 22 HH from blocked areas

- Key Service Provision Needs / Concerns

- Income generation, shelter improvement

- Humanitarian Action Plan

- Contingency planning for those at high risk of eviction, linking with DS assistance

- Durable Solutions Linkages

- No ABC mechanism, UNHCR planning to support Said Gareeb w/ water, irrigation + electrical

# Questions for Discussion

1. How might the information being gathered be used by DS coordination to include these populations in DS planning?
2. Are there DS actors who could include informal site families within their programming? What is the best way to make direct linkages with them?
3. How can informal site information be presented, in a way that is in line with DS actors and structures, ways of working? What additional information might be relevant?
4. In locations without ABC, how can information sharing on informal sites take place between humanitarian and DS actors?

Thank you