

Obstacles to Returnee Reintegration in Iraq: Livelihoods and Economic Security

Key findings presentation:
Returns Working Group (July 2022)





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Overview

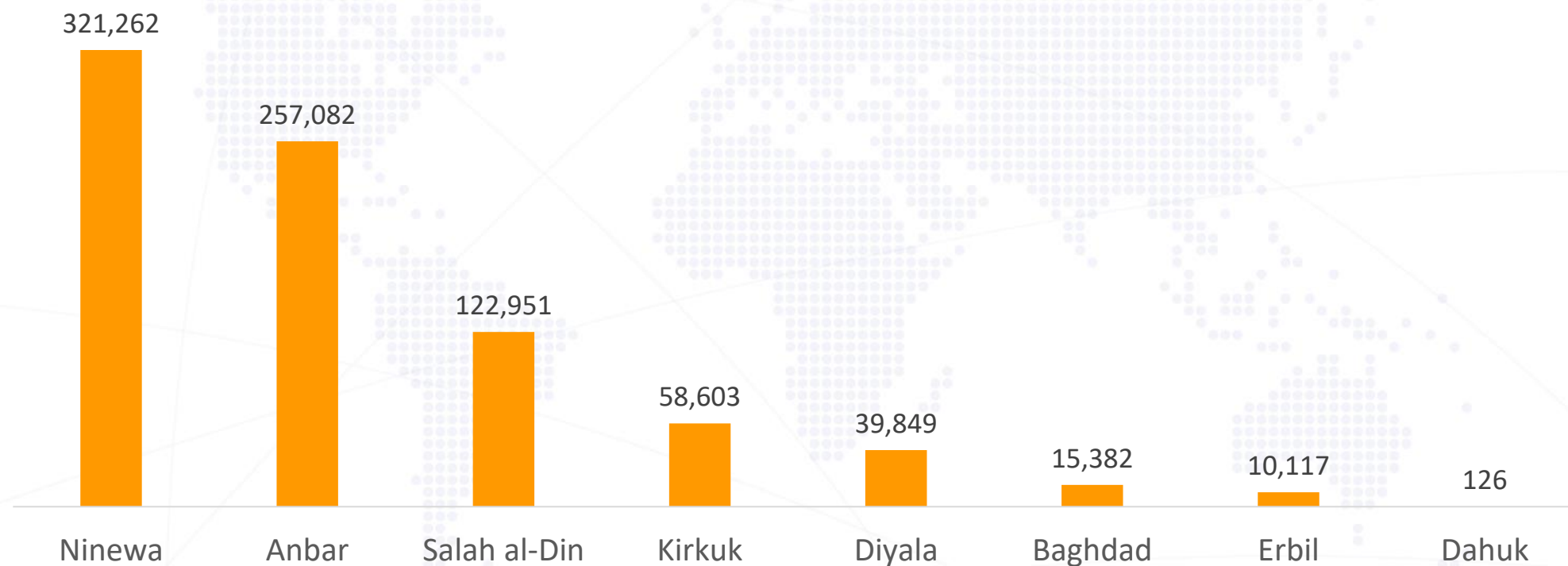
- During the period of ISIL conflict (2014-2017), just **over 1 million IDP families** became displaced from their homes (16% of the country's total population)
- By mid 2022, **just over 800,000 families** (80%) have returned home
- In 2021-2022, IOM Research has developed a series of reports on the main reported **barriers to returnee reintegration**
 - Housing, land and property
 - Safety, security and social relations
 - Livelihoods and economic security ← **focus of this report**

Research approach

- This new study is in line with the IDP reintegration framework of the Expert Group on Refugee and IDP Statistics (EGRIS)
- Analysis is based on two sub-criteria
 1. Livelihoods and employment – refers to local economic activities
 2. Economic security – refers to household revenue sources
- Data is mostly adopted from existing DTM sources collected in return locations:
 1. Return Index
 2. Integrated Location Assessment
 3. Master List
- Hotspots of key indicators are identified
- Comparative analysis between 2020 and 2021 is made

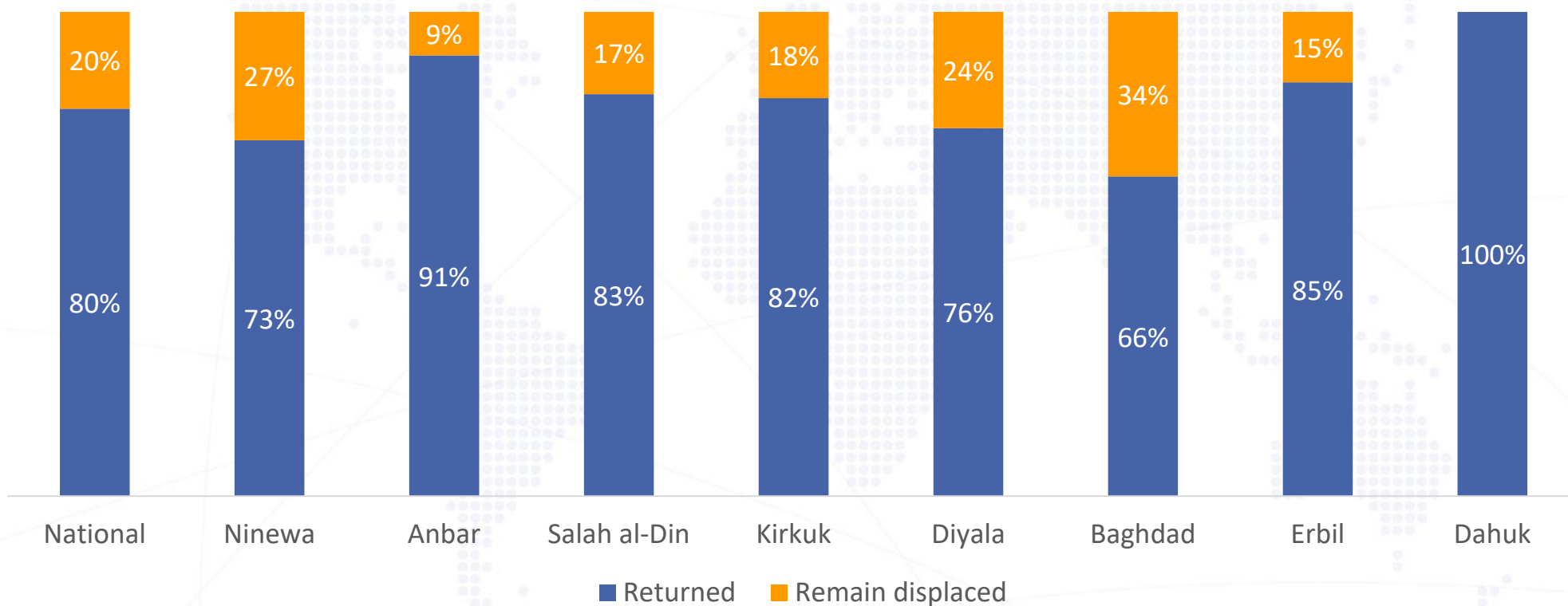
Returnee overview

- By December 2021, the governorates of **Ninewa, Anbar and Salah al-Din** had received the **highest number of returnee households**.



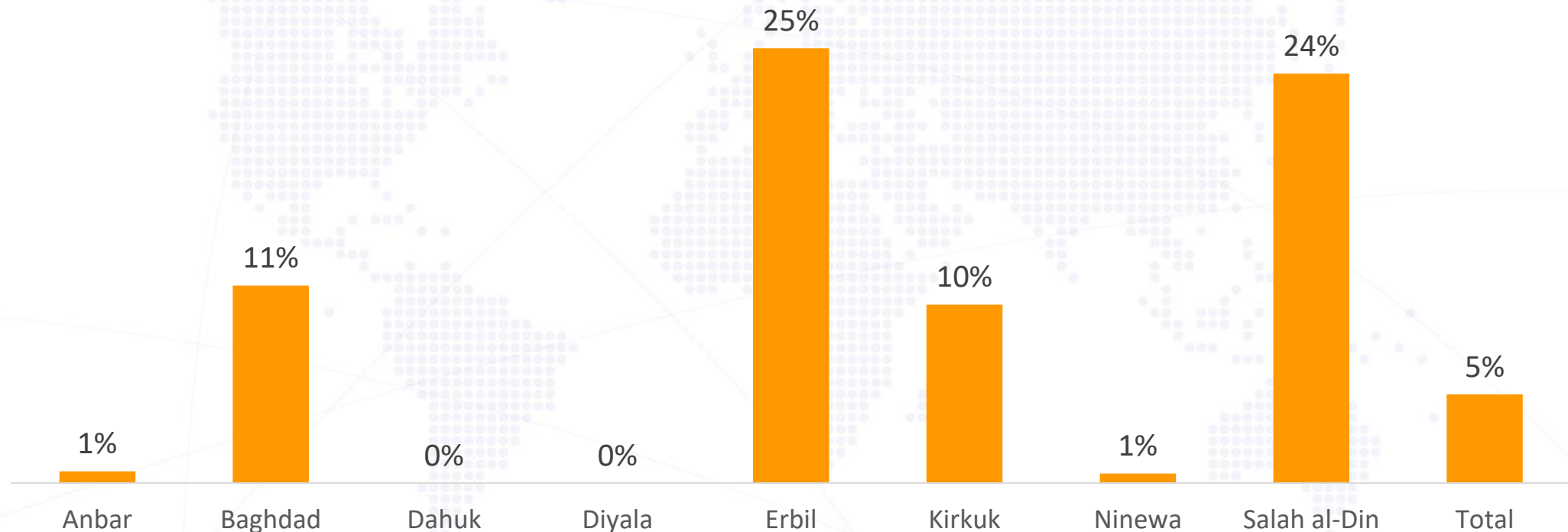
Return rates

80% of all returnees have returned home, with return rates varying at governorate level – noting that only very small numbers displaced from Erbil and Dahuk.



Reasons for return

- **5% of returnees** report having returned to their area of origin due to the availability of **opportunities for livelihoods and employment**



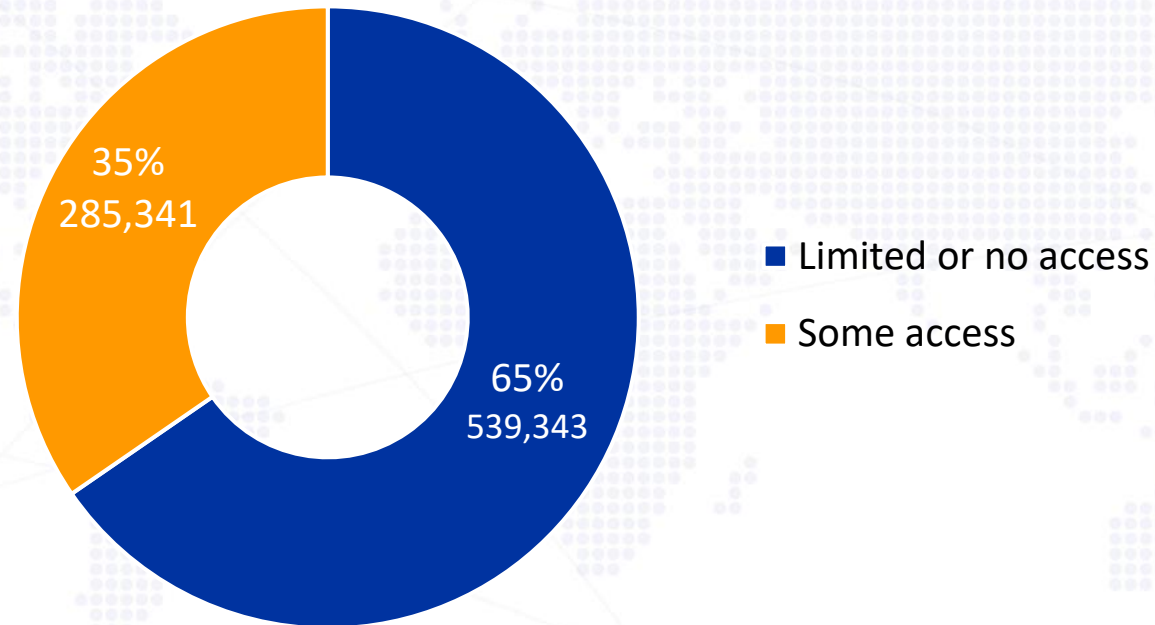
Key findings

Criteria 1

Livelihoods and employment

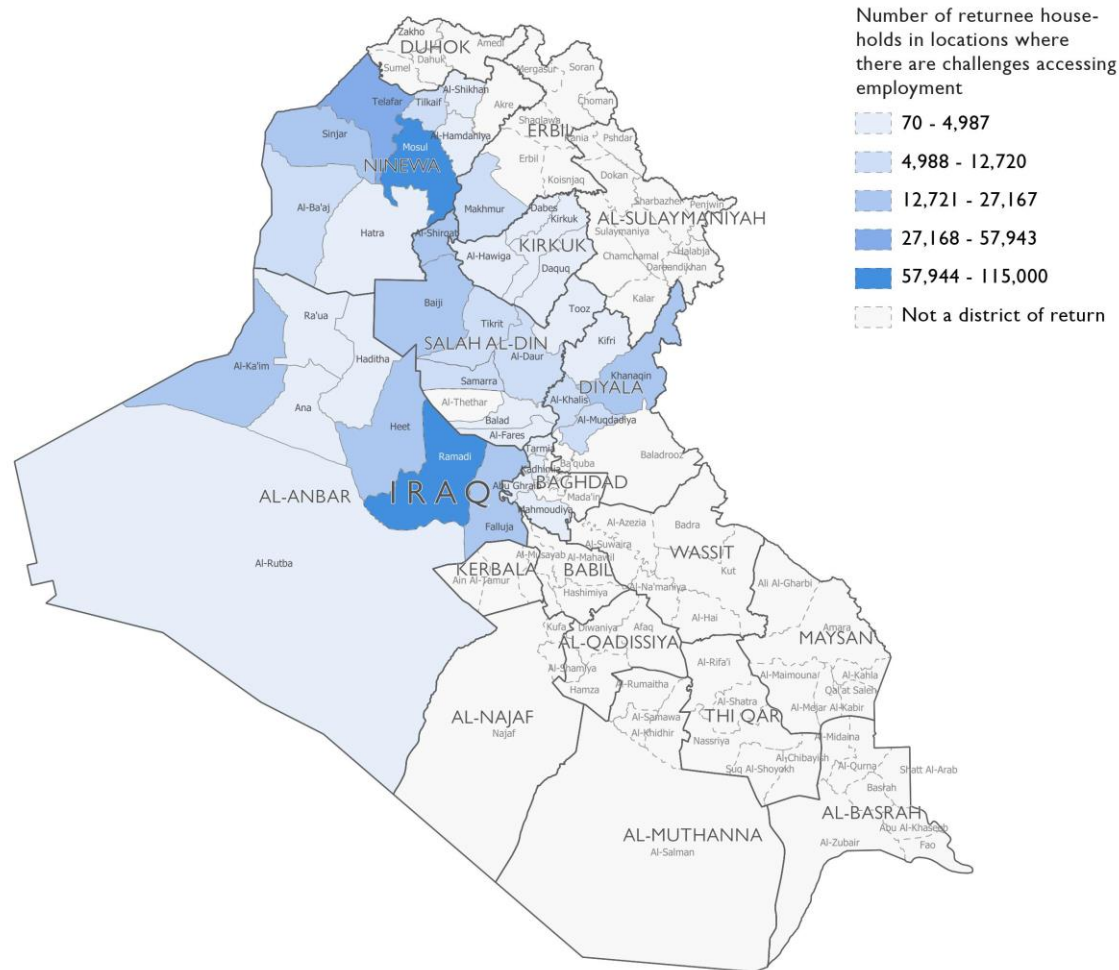
Limited employment opportunities

% of returnee households in locations with challenges to accessing employment



Limited employment opportunities

Returnee households in locations with limited employment opportunities



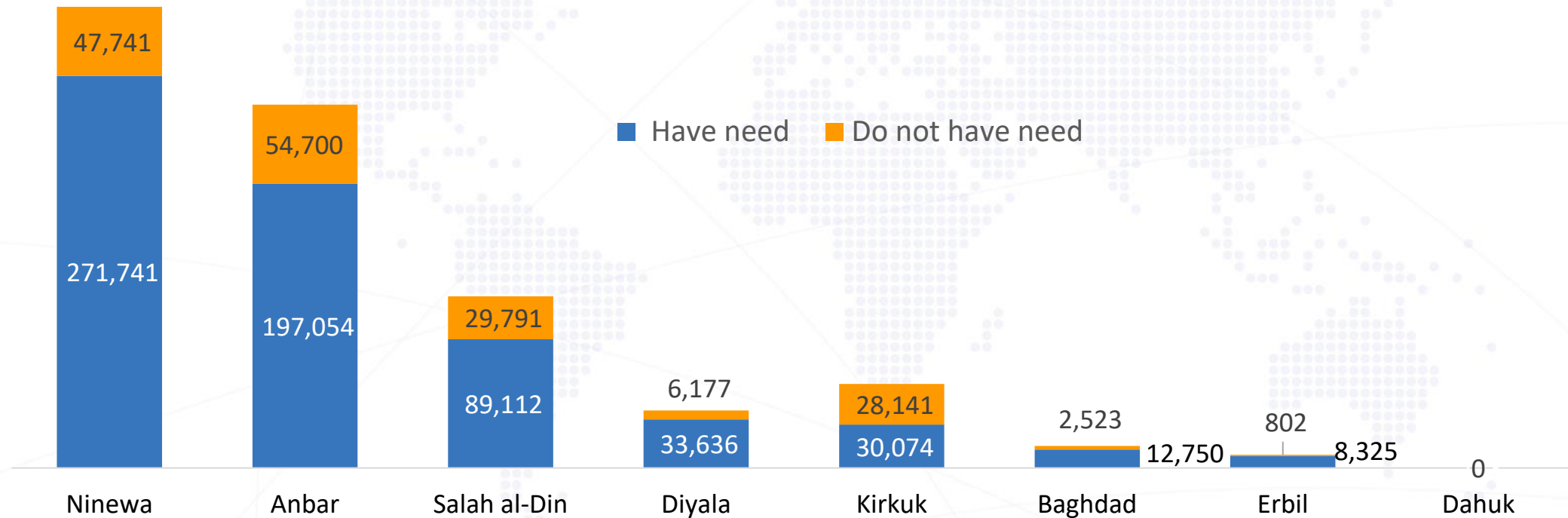
Hotspots

- Mosul – 114,592 HHs
- Ramadi – 96,370 HHs
- Tel Afar – 57,943
- Falluja – 43,236

Employment and livelihoods as a main need

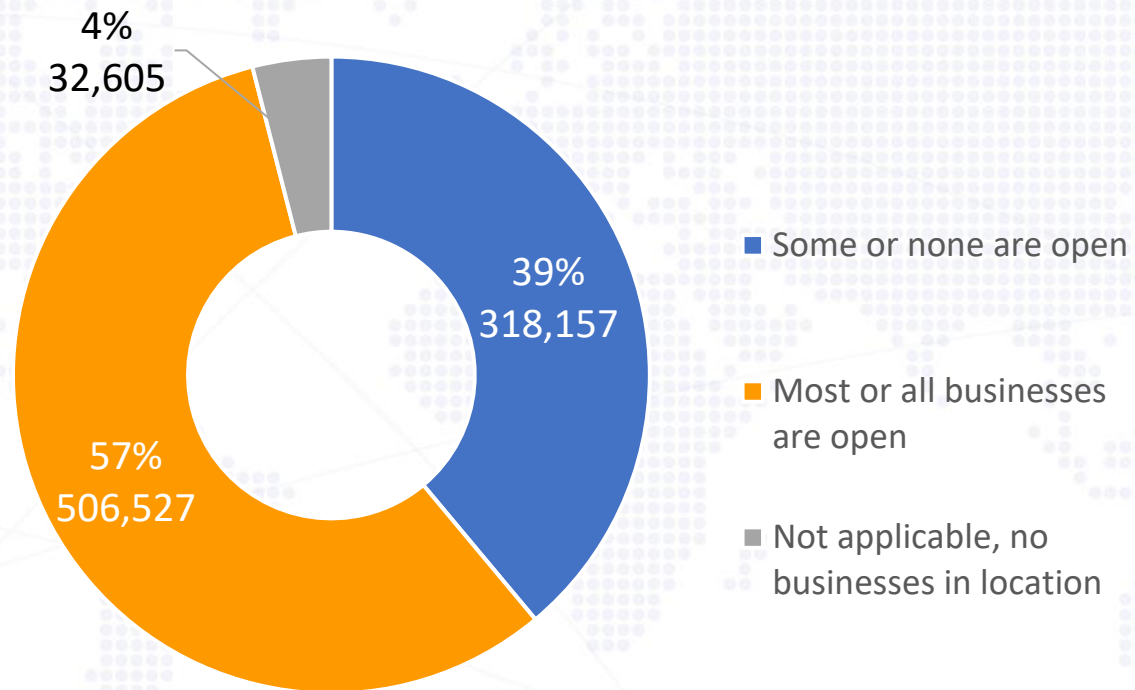
- Access to employment/livelihoods is the **main need** of all returnees nationally (79%), followed by rehabilitation of infrastructure (49%)

Number of returnee households in locations where access to employment/livelihoods is a main need



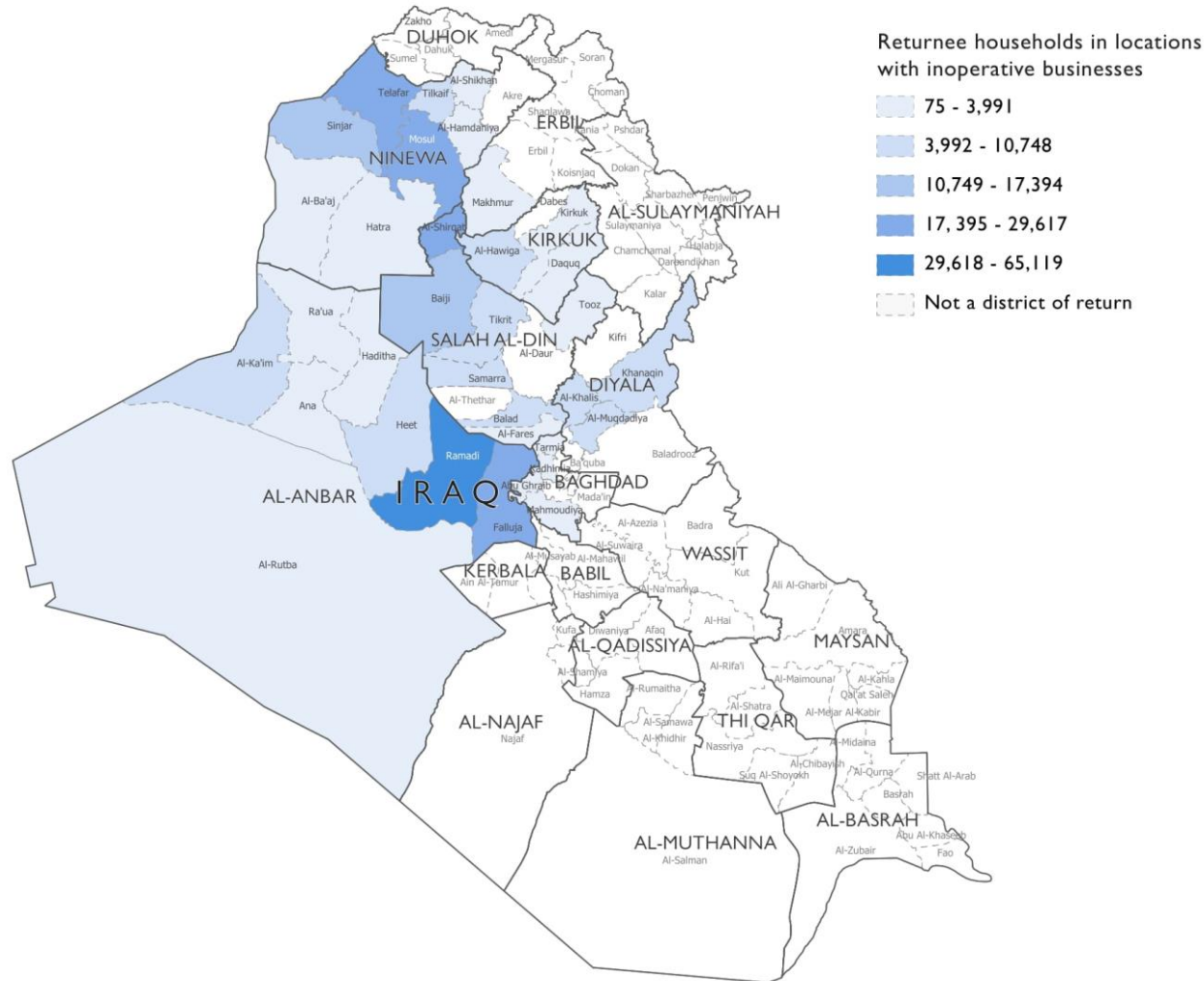
Inoperative businesses

Number of returnee households in locations with inoperative businesses



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Returnee households in locations with inoperative businesses

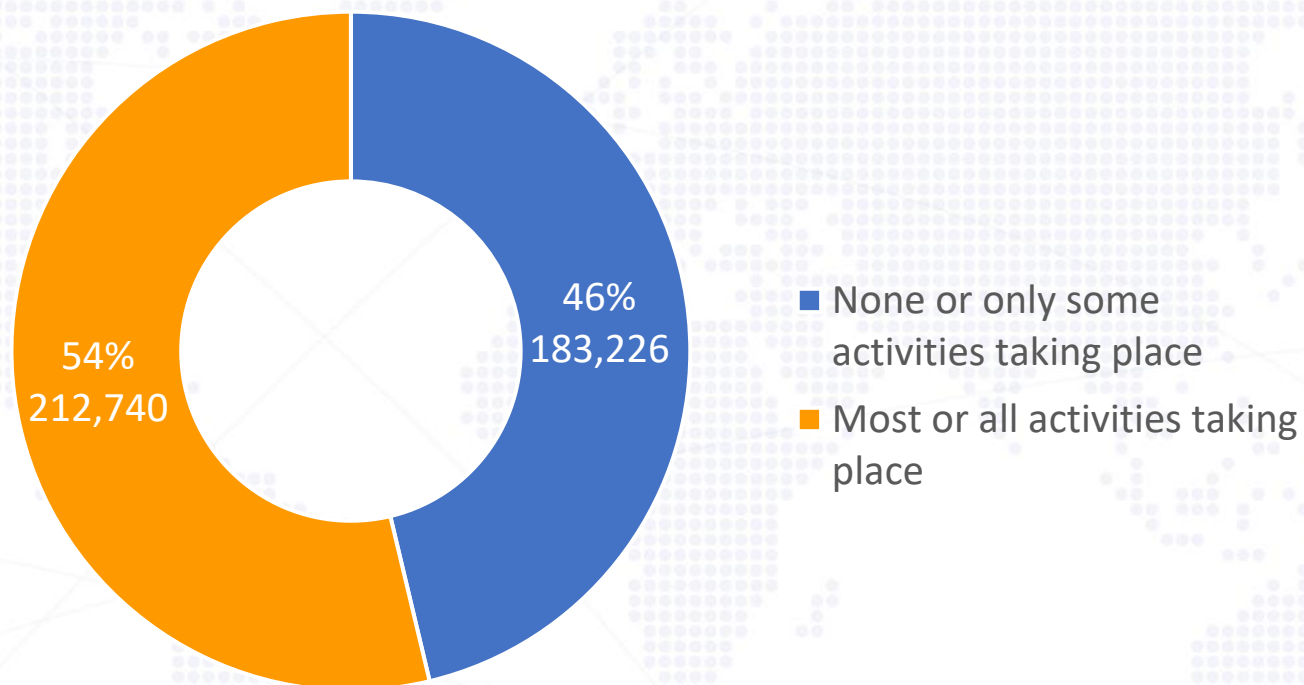


Hotspots

- Ramadi – 65,119 HHs
- Mosul – 29,617 HHs
- Falluja – 26,243
- Telafar – 24,464 HHs

Inoperative agriculture

% returnee households in locations with inoperative agriculture (regional/rural areas only)



48% of return locations are in agricultural areas, while 52% are not

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Returnee households in locations with inoperative agriculture

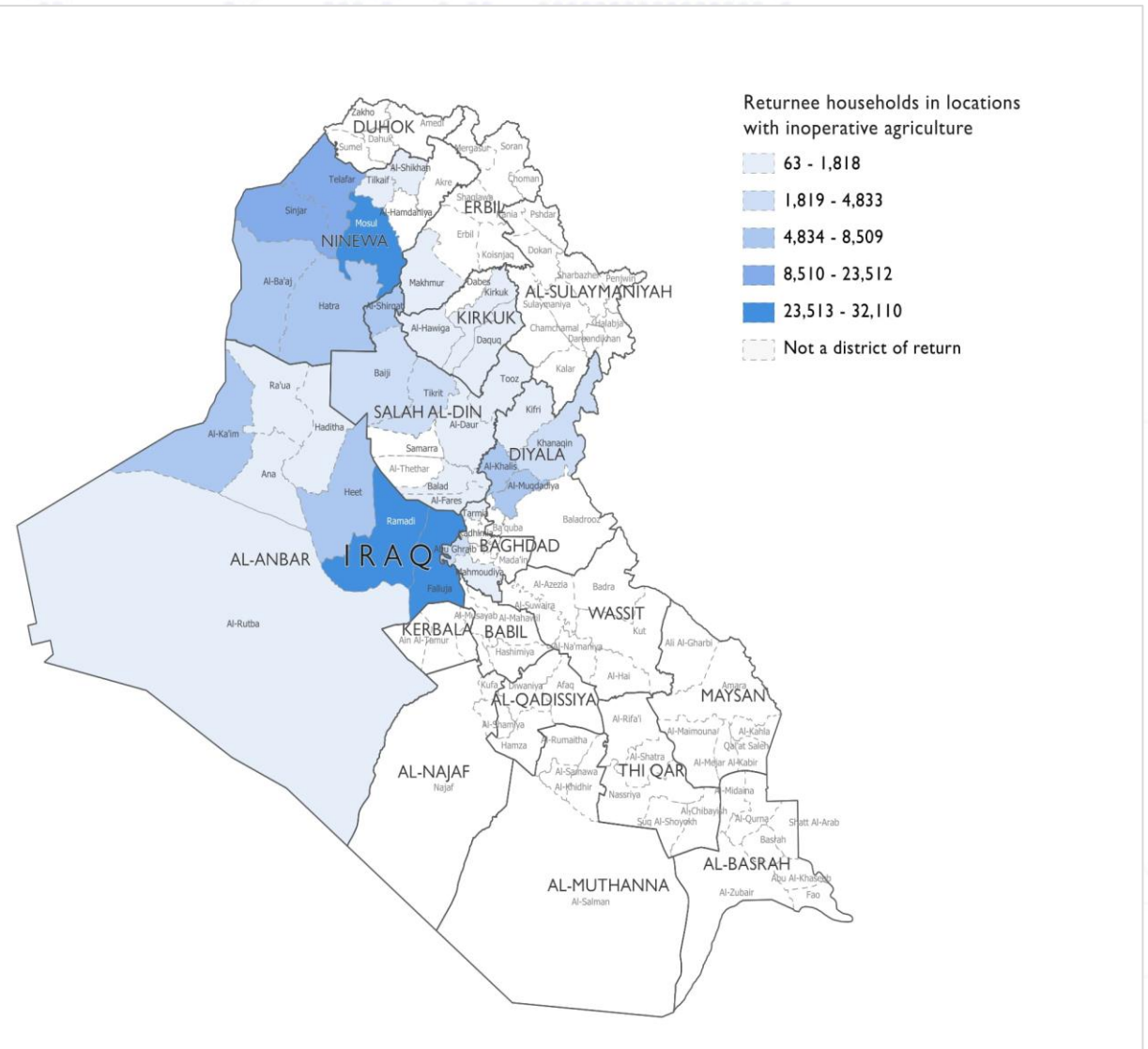
Hotspots

Mosul – 32,110 HHs

Ramadi – 23,512 HHs

Sinjar – 16,878 HHs

Telafar – 16,627 HHs



Criteria 2

Economic security

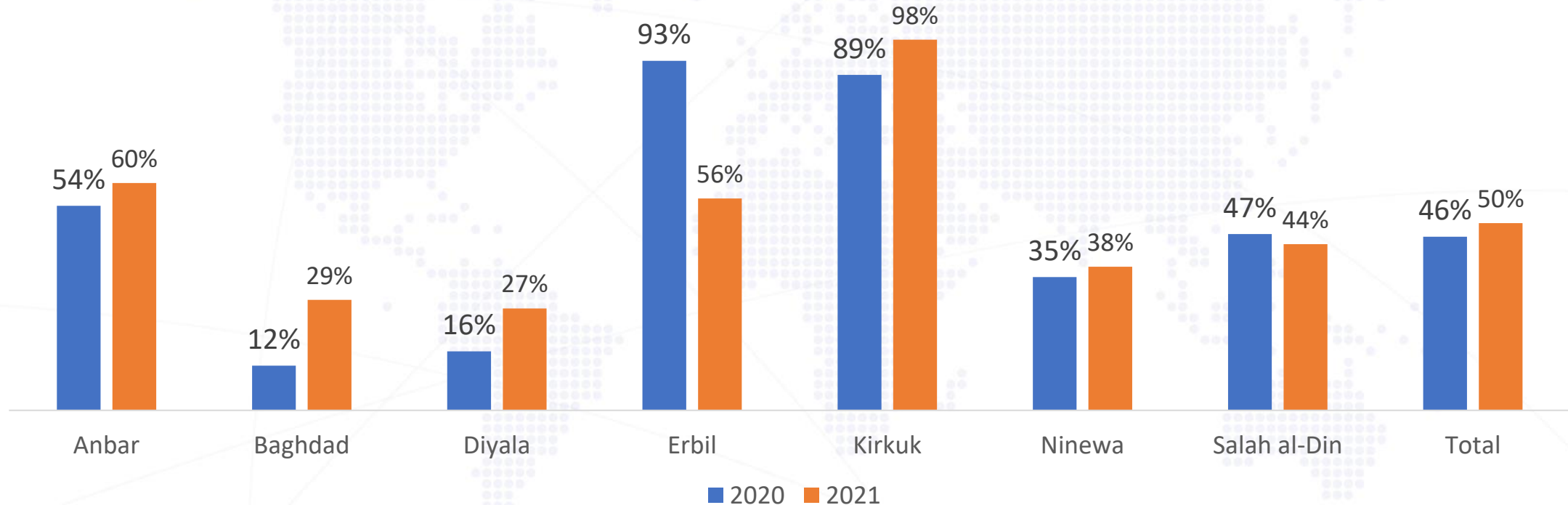
Sources of income

Returnee households by main sources of income in return locations, by governorate of return

	Anbar	Baghdad	Diyala	Erbil	Kirkuk	Ninewa	Salah al-Din	Total
Paid job (public)	86%	52%	64%	51%	70%	84%	84%	82%
Informal commerce or inconsistent daily labor	39%	44%	89%	79%	86%	72%	53%	61%
Pension	41%	0%	34%	64%	36%	50%	48%	44%
Paid job (private)	72%	31%	21%	26%	42%	18%	31%	39%
Agriculture / farming / herd animal raising	30%	83%	47%	38%	38%	40%	46%	39%
Business	26%	31%	19%	13%	24%	21%	24%	23%
Cash grants / aid aid from organisations or government	0%	7%	12%	0%	0%	4%	1%	3%
Savings	1%	3%	6%	2%	0%	2%	6%	2%
Money from family and/or friends	1%	0%	0%	3%	0%	4%	2%	2%
Rent received from house or land	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	4%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Economic activity

Returnee households in locations with high levels of economic activity, by governorate (2020 vs. 2021)



Thank you for your attention.

Link to the [Livelihoods report](#)

Link to the [Security report](#)

Link to the [HLP report](#)

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