#### **FURTHER DETAILS**

IDPs in all camps first register for departure with camp management and submit their details. In Ninewa camps, MOMD then coordinates with relevant actors to facilitate the clearance procedures (during which security actors enter the camp to complete the security checks). Out of camp IDPs in Ninewa approach the mayor's office in the AoD, after which the clearance process is coordinated with MoMD and local security actors. In KRI, security clearance is processed by the Mayor's office (JCC) either in Dahuk or Zakho, where a return letter (non-exposure permit) is issued, after the names are checked by Asayish. To issue this letter, the IDPs must visit the Mayor's office and hand the letter given by the camp management (only for in-camp IDP) along with their Iraqi identification documents and submit a request to obtain the Non-exposure permit letter for return, after which they must visit Asayish to conduct a security check done on Asayish's database. No IDP has been denied clearance so far.

The time frame of obtaining the return letter from the Mayor's office depends on the district of displacement and how occupied the JCC office is and can take up to 10 days. The nature of questions and length of procedures are said to be discouraging IDPs from applying.

IDPs need to provide the return form (MOMD or JCC), personal IDs and a camp departure form (in case they were displaced in a formal camp) at checkpoints while returning to their AoOs

Optional: IDPs may register their return with MoMD to be eligible for a return grant.

## SINJAR GENERAL RETURNS PROCESS

### IDPs initiate return



IDPs fill and obtain a return form from MoMD in their area of displacement (AoD) or the Mayor's office (in KRI) and are required to obtain clearance to finalize their return



## Security clearance process



Clearance process: Purpose is to identify ISIL affiliation and/or criminal behavior. Generally, IDPs approach either camp management (incamp IDPs) or the local mayor's office at the AoD (out of camp), after which the process is mainly handled via MOMD or JCC (KRI), who coordinate with relevant actors to facilitate the clearance procedures.



# Cleared



Not cleared



Remain in displacement

Return registered and finalized with local security actors and displacement file closed by MOMD. Depending on AoO, the return can be finalized either through Mukhtars, police, NSS or the Sinjar Mayor's office.

#### **CONCERNS**

Cases have been reported where returnees have faced problems with security forces at both KRI and Iraqi controlled checkpoints.

There is no reported appeal process. Clearance can only be processed if the issue is resolved (name matching with ISIL affiliate, disowning/ Tabrea, or other security issues etc)

There are cases of ethnoreligious tension and fear of return, especially concerning Arab IDPs from Qayrawan and Markaz Sinjar

Presence of multiple security actors in Sinjar (ISF, Local Police, NSS, Intelligence Agency, PMF, PKK and YBS)

MoMD transportation and security escort is sometimes provided if there is a large number of returning IDPs.

Many families need the MoMD return grant of 1.5 million IQD and compensation for their properties to rebuild and resume normal life.

<sup>\*</sup>This flowchart information is current as of 15 June 2020 and is subject to change. Please refer to the narrative report for an in-depth and localized description.