

### FURTHER DETAILS

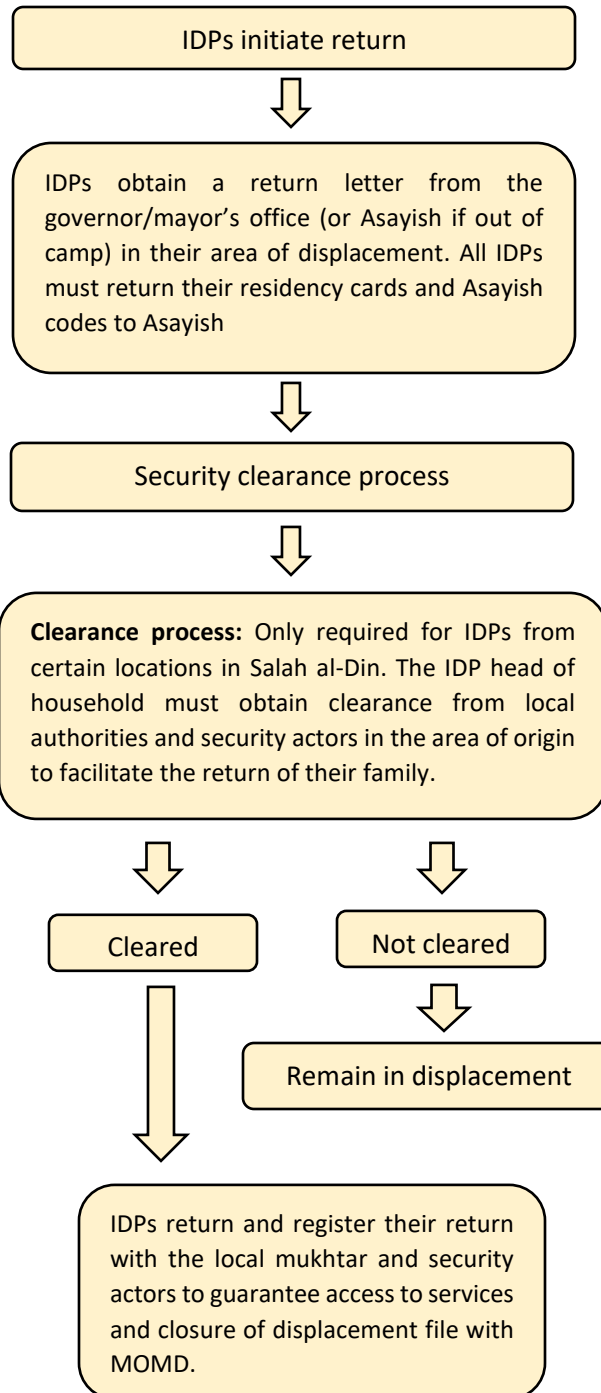
**In-camp IDPs** normally start the return process by verbally informing camp management of their intention to return. Camp management will then issue a letter for the IDP on the same day. The IDPs must also notify the local Asayish of their intention to return, eventually handing over their residency cards and obtaining a permission letter from the mayor or governor's office. The IDPs must also provide proof of payment for electricity generator bills. In addition, IDPs are required to sign a letter of agreement with camp management declaring that their return is voluntary. Camp management then helps facilitate return letters (non-exposure permits) with local authorities (mayor/governor).

**Out of camp IDPs** obtain a letter from their local mukhtar, who helps facilitate the issuance of the non-exposure permit by the Asayish, mayor or governor. The letter serves to facilitate access through KRI checkpoints and as proof of displacement.

\*IDPs in Sulaymaniyah do not undergo security screening but some areas in Salah Al-Din require prior clearance from AoO.

The time frame for obtaining the non-exposure permit depends on the time it takes for the IDP to finalize the required papers such as the agreement letter, the camp clearance form and proof of electricity bill payments, in addition to the Asayish formalities. These procedures may be completed on the same day, or may take up to two days.

### SULAYMANIYAH GENERAL RETURN PROCESS



### CHALLENGES

IDPs undergo multiple security checks en route to their areas of origin (AoO) after leaving KRI, which may take up to 3 hours

Some IDP families facing tribal conflict are required to pay a reconciliation fee or "blood" compensation of 500,000 IQD per family before returning to their AoO. However, there is no guarantee that such payments will allow for the safe return of these families. Many IDPs are unable to pay this amount and may not contemplate returning with such tribal requirements in place. Families with perceived ISIL affiliation are required to undergo the process of denunciation

Some IDPs require security clearance prior to return and cannot return without first obtaining security clearance in their AoO

Poor coordination between authorities in the area of displacement and AoO to facilitate the passage of IDPs through cross-governorate checkpoints.