

IDP MOVEMENT INTENTIONS

IDPs living in formal camps

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Key findings of
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INTRODUCTION

Context and Objectives

- Approximately 1.7 million IDPs remain across Iraq as of February 2019 (IOM DTM).
- To better understand displacement and return trends across Iraq, REACH and the Iraq CCCM Cluster conduct periodic Intentions Surveys of IDP populations.
- Fourth round conducted in formal camps between January 30 and February 28, 2019, during the 11th round of REACH-CCCM Camps Profile.

Methodology

- Data collected in 49 camps across 10 governorates (all camps with 100 households or more).
- Random sampling to allow findings to be generalizable with a 95% confidence level and 10% margin of error at the camp level.



FINDINGS: DEMOGRAPHICS



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DEMOGRAPHICS

Area of origin (governorate and district):

- Over three quarters of IDP households reported originating from Ninewa governorate, and almost half of IDP households (40%) reported originating from Sinjar district.
- These proportions, combined with movement intentions, provide an idea of actuals caseload of intended returns or continued protracted displacement.

Proportion of households, by governorate of origin:

Ninewa	77%
Salah al-Din	11%
Anbar	5%
Kirkuk	3%
Erbil	2%
Diyala	2%
Babylon	<1%
Baghdad	<1%

Proportion of IDP households, by main districts of origin:

Sinjar	40%
Mosul	16%
Ba'aj	10%
Shirqat	6%
Hatra	5%
Telafar	5%
Balad	3%
Hawiga	3%



FINDINGS: MOVEMENT INTENTIONS

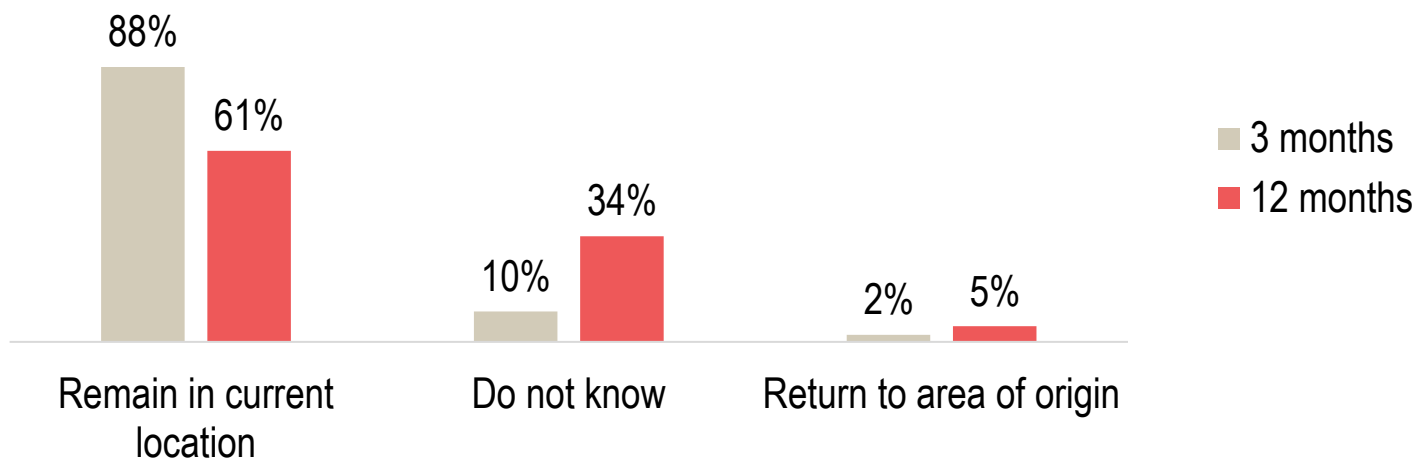


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MOVEMENT INTENTIONS

Movement intentions during the 3 months and 12 months following interview*:

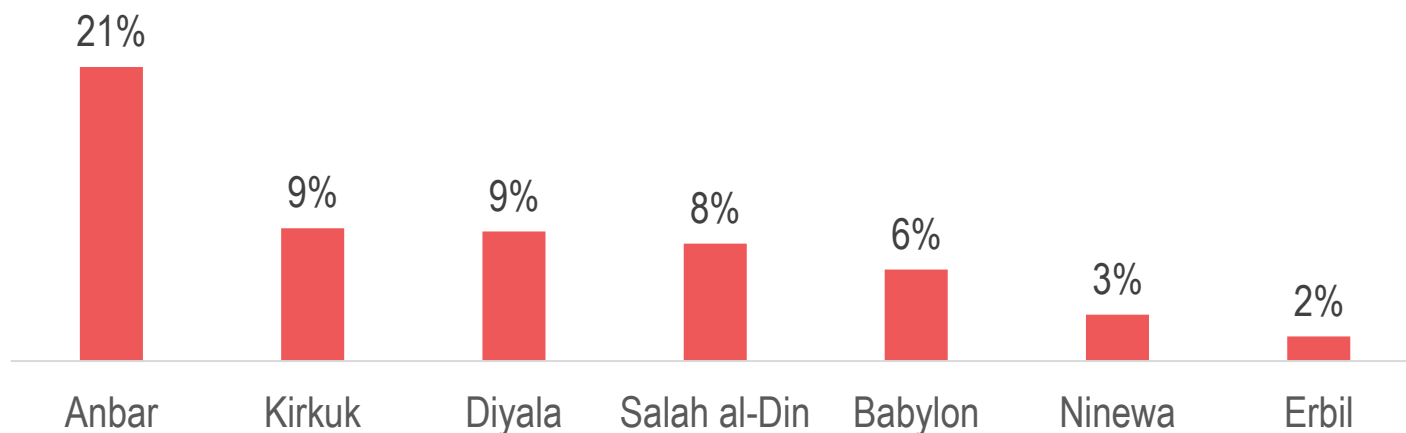


- **Intentions to return to AoO were overall low for IDP households, and had decreased compared to the previous round of intentions survey in formal camps (August 2018) from 9% to 5% intending to return in the long term (12 months).**
- **Uncertainty regarding movement intentions was high and increased from 28% (August) to 34% (February).**

*Less than 1% IDP households indicated they intended to move to another location within or outside the country and are therefore not shown here.

MOVEMENT INTENTIONS

Intention to return during the 12 months following interview, by AoO:



- **Notable variations were observed between IDP households from different governorates of origin, with up to 21% of IDP households from Anbar reporting to return.**
- For all other governorates of origin, intentions to return ranged between 2% (Erbil) to 9% (Diyala).

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REASONS FOR MOVEMENT INTENTIONS & NEEDS TO ENABLE RETURN

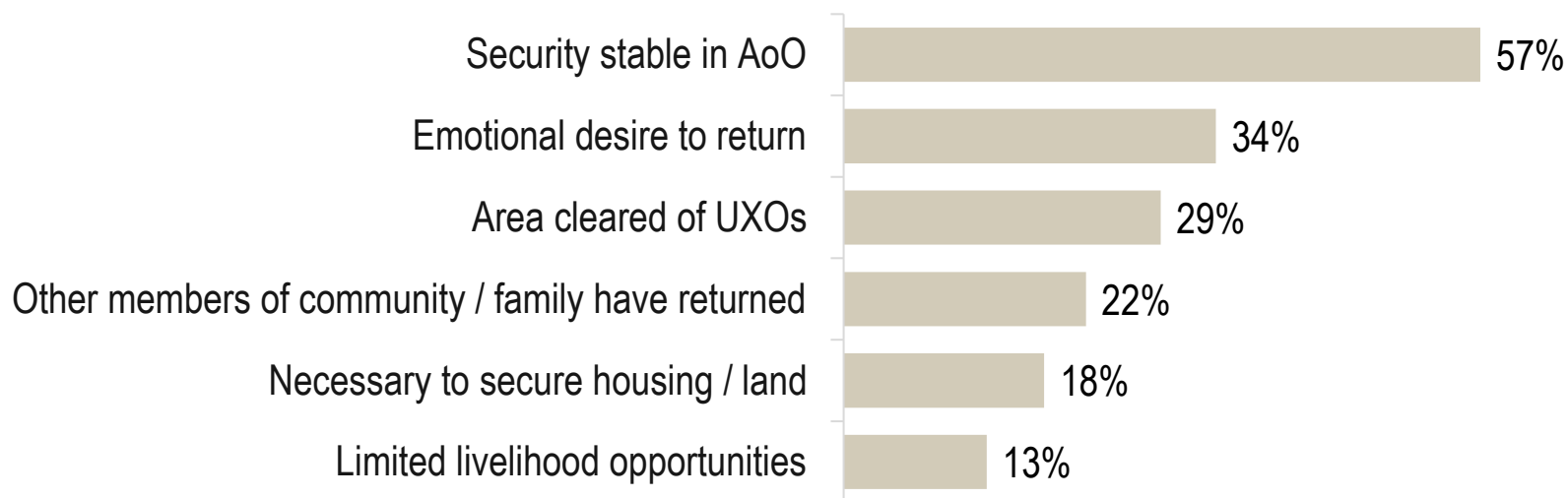


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REASONS FOR MOVEMENT INTENTIONS

Reasons for intending to return (among IDP households intending to return)*:



- **Stabilization of security in AoO continued to be the main reason for intending to return (57% of households reported it as a reason, 10% more than in August 2018).**
- Emotional desire to return, combined with other members of community / family already returned were the second top reported reason for intending to return (34% and 22% respectively).

*Respondents could provide multiple reasons for intending to return

REASONS FOR MOVEMENT INTENTIONS

Reasons for not intending to return, by AoO (among IDP households not intending to return)*:

	National	Anbar	Diyala	Erbil	Kirkuk	Ninewa	Salah al-Din
House damaged or destroyed in AoO	37%	41%	35%	41%	44%	37%	36%
No financial means to return	30%	53%	29%	20%	46%	28%	36%
Lack of security forces in AoO	29%	25%	50%	19%	15%	30%	25%
Lack of livelihood opportunities in AoO	27%	37%	17%	43%	37%	26%	26%
Presence of mines in AoO	25%	23%	10%	6%	28%	27%	18%

- As shown through the intentions survey conducted in August 2018, **overall reasons for not intending to return to AoO were related to housing, security, and financial means/livelihoods.**
- Notable variations were observed between governorates of origin.

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NEEDS TO ENABLE RETURN

Reported needs to enable a safe and dignified return, by AoO*:

	National	Anbar	Diyala	Erbil	Kirkuk	Ninewa	Salah al-Din
Increased safety and security in AoO	63%	52%	60%	58%	53%	66%	56%
Rehabilitation / reconstruction of homes	55%	64%	50%	53%	54%	54%	52%
Availability of basic services in AoO	43%	23%	15%	40%	23%	48%	29%
Livelihood opportunities in AoO	32%	34%	5%	49%	36%	33%	27%
Information on the conditions in AoO	20%	30%	36%	22%	28%	16%	37%

- Needs to enable return continued to underline the **influence of concerns over housing, safety and livelihoods** in decisions to not return to AoO.
- The high proportion of IDP households citing **information on conditions in AoO as a need to enable return was in line with uncertainty regarding movement intentions.**
- **Availability of basic services** continued to be cited by a high proportion of IDP households (43%).

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**FINDINGS:
PERCEPTION
SECURITY
CONDITIONS IN AOO**

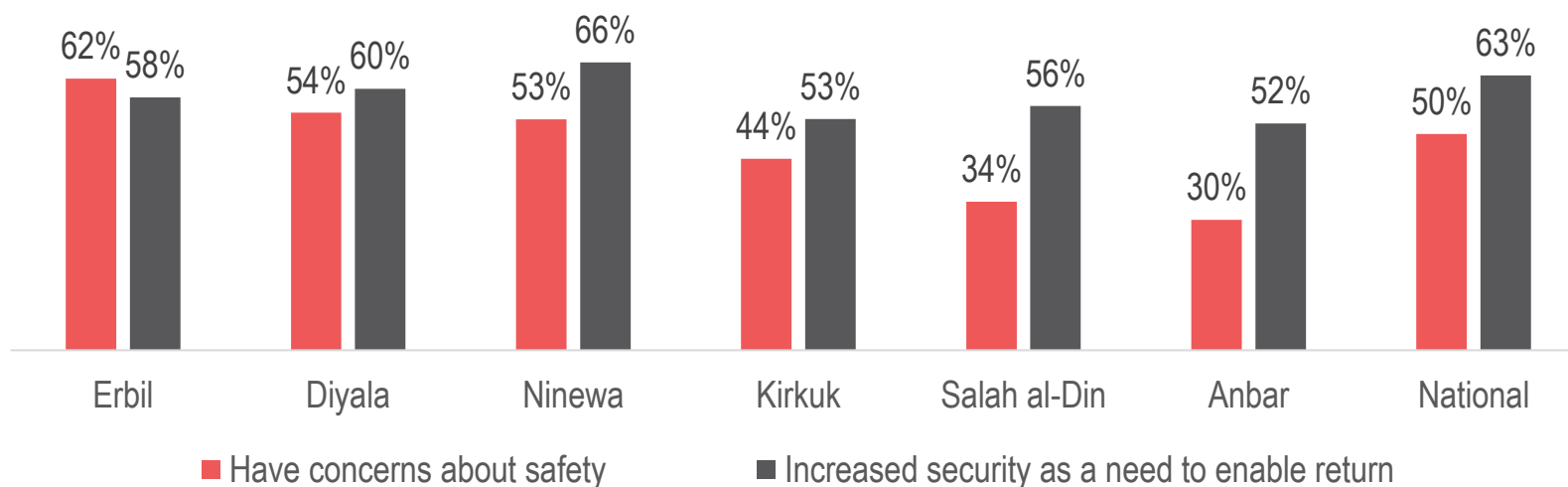


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SAFETY AND SECURITY IN AREAS OF ORIGIN

Safety concerns in AoO compared to increased security reported as a need to enable return, by AoO:



- Overall, trends in reported safety/security concerns and need for security to enable returns once again underlined that **security in AoO strongly influenced intentions to return, although the importance of this factor varied depending on where IDPs were from.**

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SAFETY AND SECURITY IN AREAS OF ORIGIN

Reported safety concerns in AoO, by AoO (among IDP households that reported having concerns about safety and/or security)*:

	National	Anbar	Diyala	Kirkuk	Ninewa	SaD
Land contaminated by UXOs	37%	6%	25%	31%	40%	27%
Fear armed actors	36%	22%	38%	19%	38%	23%
Close conflict	33%	15%	33%	49%	31%	48%
fear extremists	29%	16%	32%	26%	30%	31%
poor infrastructure	20%	24%	19%	11%	22%	6%

- Among the 50% of IDP households that indicated that they had concerns about safety and security conditions in their AoO, overall cited reasons were mainly related to after effects of the conflict:
 - This was particularly the case for IDP households from Diyala and Ninewa, but to a lesser extent for IDP households from Anbar.

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CONCLUSION



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Key Findings

- **Reported intentions to return were low**, and decreased from previous rounds of intentions surveys conducted in formal camps: **only 5% of IDP households intended to return to their AoO in the year following data collection.**
- Meanwhile, **reported uncertainty regarding movement intentions increased to over a third of IDP households (34%)**, which was reflected in access to information on conditions in AoO reported as a need to enable return.
- **Security, housing and livelihoods were the three main factors that consistently came out as influencing movement intentions.** This was reflected in reasons for intending to return, for not intending to return, and in needs to enable return.
 - As noted in the previous round of intentions surveys, such factors, especially security, are related to longer-term systemic issues unlikely to be solved in the short term.





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