

# Returns and Durable Solutions Assessment (ReDS)

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# Limitations

- **Considering the findings as indicative** due to the small sample size and the purposive sampling method

 54 KIs in Yathreb Sub-district      50 KIs in Markaz Markaz Al-Garma Sub-district

- **KIs gender balance**



44 male KIs

50 male KIs

10 female KIs

- **Contextualization at sub-district level**



To operationalise the identified trends, information was analysed and visualized at sub-district level, rather than village or neighbourhood

- **Remote data collection**



Data collected remotely by phone

# Yathreb Sub-district

## Key findings

- The situation regarding returns to Yathreb remains fluid, with KIs reporting ongoing returns and more projected in the six months following data collection, driven in part by decisions surrounding camp closures.
- In general, most KIs noted that community members felt safe in Yathreb. There were no reported movement restrictions, though women and girls were reportedly less able to move freely during the day and slightly less at night compared to men.
- Despite this, safety and security reportedly continued to be barriers to the return of IDP KIs originally from Yathreb displaced elsewhere.
- Other barriers to return reported by KIs were: damaged or destroyed housing; lack of basic public services and job opportunities; and concerns around housing, land and property (HLP) as some households did not have the necessary documents to claim their properties.

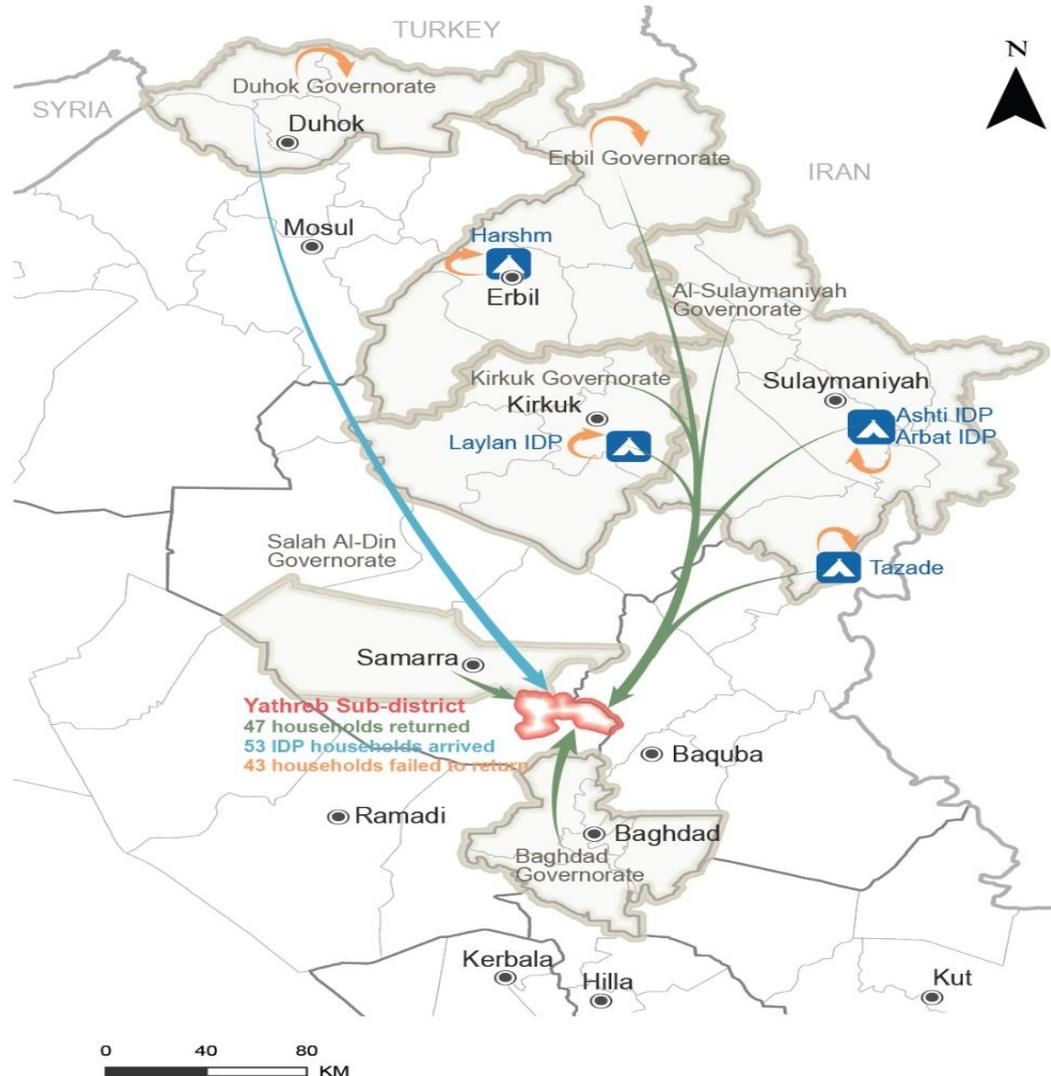
# Yathreb Sub-district

## Other key findings

- KIs reported different levels of access to services across population groups.
- All KIs reported an overall decrease in the availability of job opportunities compared to 2014, exemplified by the more limited access to employment in the private sector due to the prolonged displacement of business owners.
- KIs from different population groups prioritized community needs differently.
- Improving access to basic public services namely education, healthcare, WASH and electricity were also reported as a community needs considering reported decline in those services compared to prior 2014.
- Generally, in terms of social cohesion indicators, there were no reported obstacles to the interaction between groups and their participation in social events by the majority of KIs.
- Friendship, kinship ties between community members, work relationships, integration and acceptance of IDPs in Yathreb, in addition to the intervention of local authorities, were reportedly factors to ensure the stability in the area regarding disputes.

# Yathreb Sub-district

## Recent movements reported by KIs

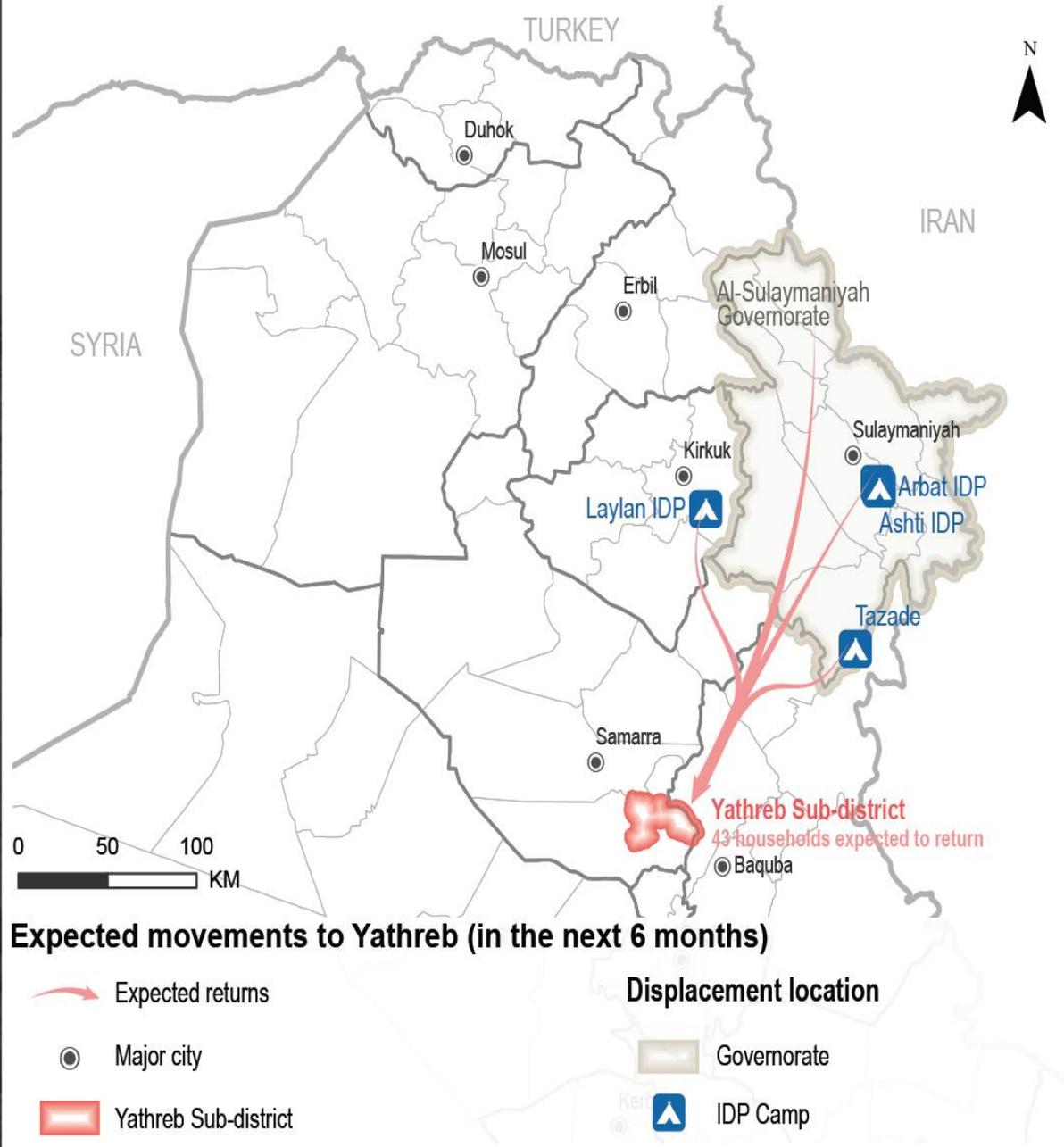


**Recent movements and failed return to Yathreb (in the last 6 months)**

- Return to Yathreb
- IDP arrival to Yathreb
- Failed return to Yathreb
- Major city
- Yathreb Sub-district
- Governorate / District
- IDP Camp

# Yathreb Sub-district

## Expected movements reported by KIs



# Markaz Al-Garma Sub-district

## Key findings

- Overall, Markaz Al-Garma was perceived to have a positive environment in terms of security, and community integration and acceptance.
- Rehabilitation and livelihoods were reportedly the most needed interventions in Markaz Al-Garma to encourage further returns. Damaged/destroyed housing was the most persistent challenge to sustainable (re)integration and returns.
- Recent and expected return movements into Markaz Al-Garma were perceived differently by some IDP and returnee KIs.
- KIs from different population groups prioritized community needs differently. Healthcare was the most commonly reported primary community need.
- KIs reported different levels of access to services across population groups. IDPs and returnees were consistently reported to have less access to housing, were more likely to live in inadequate shelters including tents or living under informal - and therefore more insecure - housing agreements.

# Markaz Markaz Al-Garma Sub-district

## Key findings

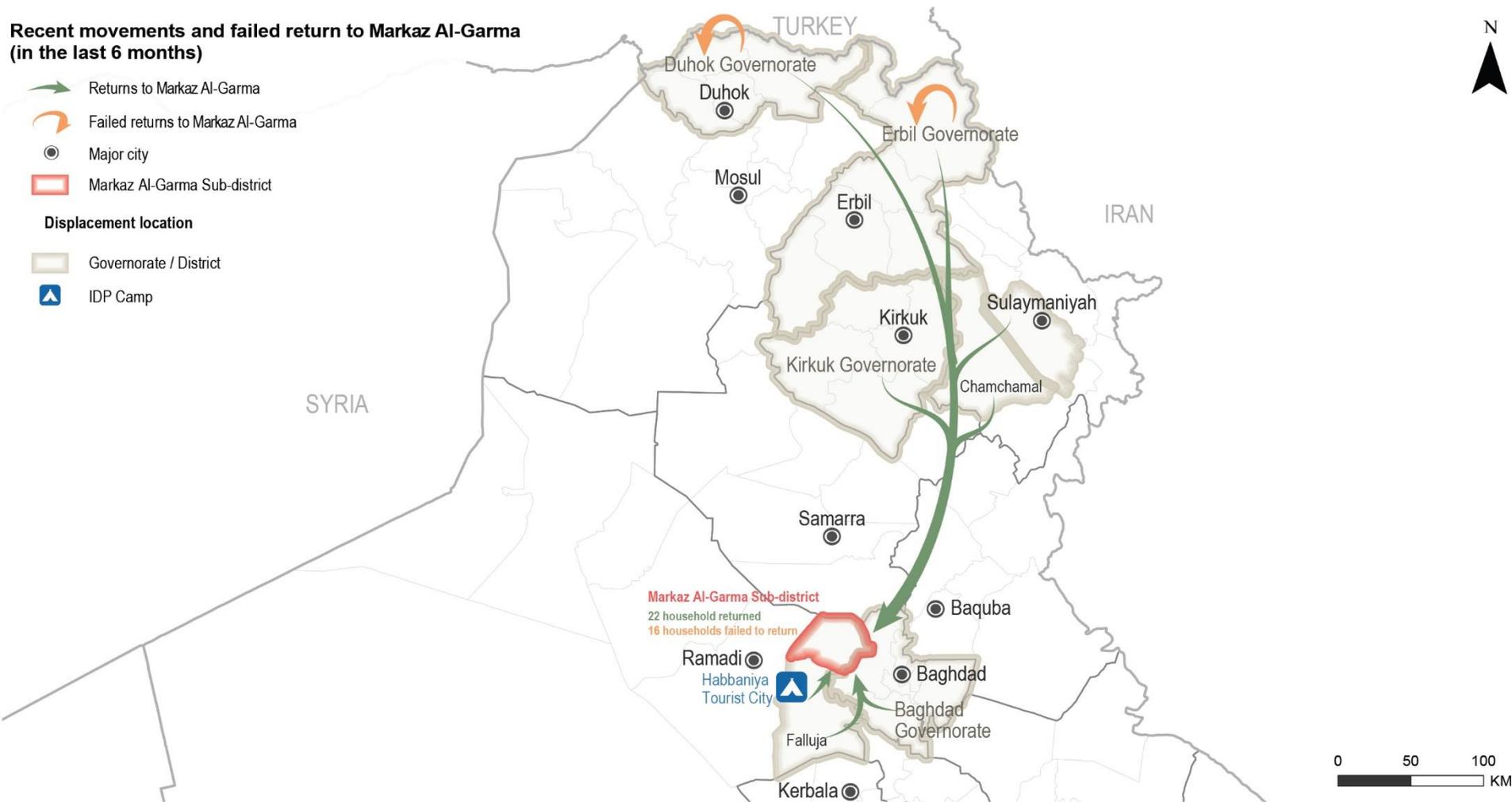
- Some KIs reported that girls were slightly less involved in education than boys, mainly due to the limited number of available schools for girls in Markaz Al-Garma.
- An overall decrease in the diversity and availability of employment opportunities was reported in Markaz Al-Garma compared to 2014. Reportedly, construction, oil industry and manufacturing jobs were more available in 2021 than other types of jobs such as public administration and defense, and transportation.
- KIs reported that interaction between different population groups in Markaz Al-Garma was promoted by kinship ties, friendship, work relationships and common operation of businesses.
- In terms of participation in community and social affairs, KIs reported that the main barrier was the lack of interest to actively participate in social meetings, events or being involved in the work of a group/organisation.
- The majority of the KIs reported that no disputes occurred within neighbourhoods and/or between villages in Markaz Al-Garma.

# Markaz Ak-Garma Sub-district

## Recent movements reported by KIs

### Recent movements and failed return to Markaz Al-Garma (in the last 6 months)

-  Returns to Markaz Al-Garma
  -  Failed returns to Markaz Al-Garma
  -  Major city
  -  Markaz Al-Garma Sub-district
- Displacement location**
-  Governorate / District
  -  IDP Camp



# Markaz Ak-Garma Sub-district

## Expected movements reported by KIs

### Expected movements to Markaz Al-Garma (in the next 6 months)

- Expected returns
- Expected IDP arrivals
- Major city
- Markaz Al-Garma Sub-district
- Displacement location
- Governorate

