

Agenda Items: RWG Monthly Meeting 29 September 2020

1. **Introduction and adoption of minutes:** Review of previous minutes and follow up action from previous minutes
2. **Returns Update:** Update on return figures from DTM dashboard/ Sinjar-Ba'aj Emergency Tracking
3. **Situational update on returns:** Key return update + CCCM update
4. **High Commission for Human Rights in Iraq:** IDP and Returnee Initiatives
5. **Integration Main Findings:** Cities at Home, Understanding Belonging and Acceptance among IDPs and Host Communities in Iraq
6. **AOB**



Situational Update on Returns

RWG Monthly Meeting 29 September 2020

RETURNS TO NINEWA

Ninewa Returns

Sinjar Returns (Covered by DTM)

- Several partners responded to returnees needs. For example direct support to returnees, rehabilitated basic infrastructure, water boreholes, government offices etc.
- Notably for Jabal Sinjar, MOMD has engaged with IDPs residing in the informal settlement and committed to supporting them with MOMD assistance (NFI and food basket) for a year, noting that many of the IDPs moved between the camp and their areas of origin for this assistance.

RETURNS TO KIRKUK

RETURNS TO KIRKUK

Returns to Al Multaqa

- Return of 16 families to Markaz Al-Multaqa. Improved security conditions have enabled families to start rehabilitating their shelter. Sub-district faced high level of destruction and the lack of basic services has been the main obstacle to return even though the sub-district has been accessible for some time.
- Debris removal, shelter and school rehabilitation, repair of a damaged water plant, livelihoods. *Electricity network is reportedly functioning but in need of additional transformers and cables.

RETURN TO SALAH AL-DIN

RETURN TO SALAH AL-DIN

Returns from Sulaymaniyah to SAD

- September- 132 families from Ashti and Arbat camps received return badges to return to Yathrib. This week, 22 HH (87 individuals) departed for Dujail and Yathrib with support from MOMD SAD. It is anticipated that more families will return. It is estimated that in addition to these 132, 100 more families have received clearance as well.

Returns to Tuz

- August- 10 families returned to Hafriya Kaber village Suleiman Beg from Tuz. First return village since 2014.
- Improved security conditions in Nawafil village in Amerli.
- *The need for shelter rehabilitation, public services, esp access to water, health, education and electricity networks in Nawafil as the main barrier to return.
- *Peacebuilding and social cohesion interventions to facilitate more returns.

RETURNS TO ANBAR

RETURN TO ANBAR

Returns from HTC to Western Anbar

- Since the announcement of the IQD 500,000 offered by the Anbar Local government 81 families in HTC camp and 85 HHs in AAF camp have registered for return.
- Authorities stipulated that everyone from the two central camps who wanted to return would be eligible for the grant.
- On 23 Sept, MoMD facilitated the return of 5 IDP HHs to their AoOs in Qa'im and Heet. The two families from Heet were sent back by ISF at the first checkpoint of Jazera Operations Command (JOC) at Al-Muhamadi. All the 5 families had applied for clearance months ago and it was only issued recently.
- Concerns about coordination between the security actors and safety of these families should they embark on the journey without MOMD escort.

RETURNS TO DIYALA

RETURNS TO DIYALA

Returns from Qoratu to Diyala

- August-Following easing of return procedures and reconciliation efforts, 45 families returned to Maqdadiya.

Returns from within Diyala

- Diyala local authorities including MOMD branch announced clearance for about 1,400 families to Muqdadiya, Saadiyah, Jalawlaa, Jbara, Ka'nan and Buhruz. To date, about 440 families of those cleared have returned from both camp and out of camp locations.
- Conditions of return in Diyala are dire with widespread destruction of both basic service infrastructure and shelter.
- IDPs from Jbara refused to return without receiving compensation first.
- IDPs from Buhruz who tried to return were blocked by armed actors. MOMD minister has engaged Tribal authorities to resolve this.

Saad camp closure

GRC Meeting

- Diyala GRC meeting was convened on 23rd Sep 2020, the participants discussed the progress of Saad return plan and the government efforts in terms of facilitating the return or the integration.
- Limited support from partners to support the return or integration of the 106 families in the camp. Majority prefer to integrate in Baquba with financial support.
- Inter-agency mission was planned for 28th September 2020

KRI UPDATE

Returns from Khazer and Hasansham Camps

- Since mid-September, some IDPs have reported challenges crossing the checkpoint between Khazer and Mosul, affecting normal IDP movement between the camps and Mosul and also return movements.
- MOMD has recently initiated sending IDP names for those intending to return to Baghdad to facilitate their access through the checkpoints. This has been done for 50-60 families.

GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES

Government Return Initiatives

MOMD Initiatives

- Governorate visits by the Minister (including dialogue with Tribal authorities)
- August Meeting with UN
 - National Plan (Drafting by MOMD and MoP)
 - MOMD Survey
 - Opening of Sinjar MOMD branch
 - Allocation of IQD 2 Billion from Supreme Committee - Announcement of 8th round of return grant:
800HH in Ninewa, 400 HH in Kirkuk, 400 HH in SAD, 400HH in Diyala and 200HH in Baghdad*

Federal Government Initiatives

- Visits by PM, Ministry of Planning, MOMD Min to Dohuk and Sinjar to coordinate potential future support.
- Establishment of committee to deal with obstacles especially security clearance

Local Government Initiatives

- Anbar Local Government; IQD500,000 to all camp return registering families
- SAD Tribal efforts and also coordination between Suly authorities and SAD to facilitate movement of IDPs in order to process security clearance in areas of origin
- Diyala security clearance

Persisting Challenges

- Conditions in AoO- lack of basic services, infrastructure damage, severe shelter needs
- Premature and unsustainable returns
- Secondary displacement
- Complex caseloads who can't simply return
- Impact of COVID-19 on individuals and economy
- Lack of available budget and support from government
- Expectations of international community
- Lack of clear, coherent policies and coordination between different entities