

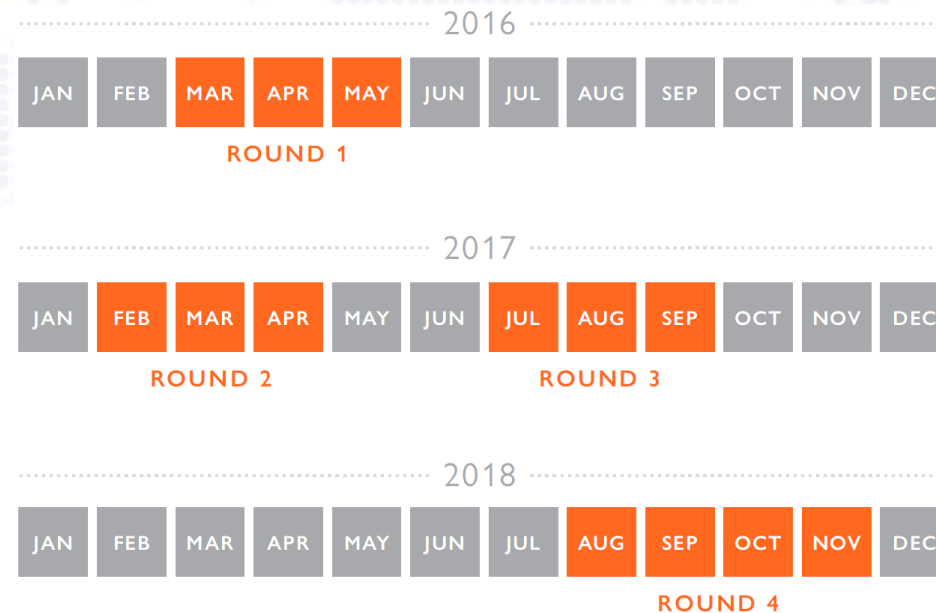
Access to Durable Solutions Among IDPs in Iraq: Experiences Applying to Compensation

About the Study

- IOM-Georgetown University
- Longitudinal survey tracking the same people over time
- 3,854 Iraqi non-camp IDP families displaced by the ISIL crisis between January 2014 and December 2015
- Displaced to four governorates: Baghdad, Kirkuk, Basra, and Sulaymaniyah
- Based on the Inter Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Framework on Durable Solutions for Internally Displaced Persons

About the Report

- In all four rounds we asked IDPs and returnees about compensation
- Objective: To delve into self-reported levels of damage to housing and property among IDPs and sampled returnees and their experiences with the compensation process.



IDPs' Property in Governorate of Origin

A majority of IDPs owned property in their governorate of origin before displacement and can access it, but there are high reports of heavy damage or destruction

- 60% of IDPs owned property prior to displacement in their governorate of origin
 - 70% of those can access it
 - 90% report damage (60% heavily damaged/destroyed)
- Thus, there is a connection between levels of destruction of property and IDPs' ability to return.

IDPs' Compensation Claims

IDPs with heavily damaged or destroyed property are more likely to apply for compensation

- 68% of IDPs who applied reported heavy damage/destruction
- 22% of IDPs who applied reported partial damage

IDPs' Experiences in Compensation Process

IDPs' knowledge of the compensation claims process has increased fivefold since March 2016

Are you aware of the existence of compensation committees?

	ROUND 1 (2016) %	ROUND 4 (2018) %
Yes	10.5	49.5
No	89.5	50.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>

IDPs' Experiences in Compensation Process

As knowledge has risen, the share of IDPs who have applied increased almost eightfold

Share of Property Owners who Applied for Compensation		
	ROUND 3 (2017) %	ROUND 4 (2018) %
Yes	5.4	48.1
No	94.6	51.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>

IDPs' Experiences in Compensation Process

IDPs are far less knowledgeable of the compensation prospects for non-property categories

- Fewer than 2% of IDPs applied for the other four categories:
 1. missing or deceased family members
 2. partial or complete disability
 3. temporary disability
 4. disruptions to education or career paths

IDPs' Experiences in Compensation Process

IDPs believe the process of applying for compensation is difficult and lengthy

- 93% believe the process is somewhat or very complicated

IDPs mostly get their information from relatives and neighbors

- 60% relatives or neighbors
- 21 % from media
- 11% from government sources

IDPs' Experiences in Compensation Process

- Most of submitted claims are still pending
- No IDPs in this study have received compensation

What is the status of your application?	
%	
Claim pending	96.9
Claim accepted	1
Claim rejected	2.1

Returnees' Compensation Claims

- 54% of those who owned property prior to displacement and retained ownership of it in 2018 reported having applied for compensation

As is the case with IDPs, applying to compensation correlates with heavy damage/destruction of property

- 33% of those who applied reported heavy damage/destruction
- 14.4% of those who did not apply 14.4% reported heavy damage/destruction

Returnees' Experiences in Compensation Process

Returnees believe the process to be somewhat or very complicated

- 90% of those who applied and did not apply

As with IDPs, the vast majority of returnees apply for compensation for housing, land, and property

- 2% apply for missing or deceased family members, partial or complete disability, temporary disability, or disruptions to education or career paths

Returnees' Experiences in Compensation Process

A majority of sampled households have not received responses

What is the status of your application?	
	%
Claim pending	92.4
Claim accepted	5.4
Claim rejected	2.2

← 13% of which received money

Link to Report

<https://iraq.iom.int/publications/access-durable-solutions-among-idps-iraq-experiences-applying-compensation>

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