Displacement and Returns Update

Returns Working Group, 28 Nov 2023



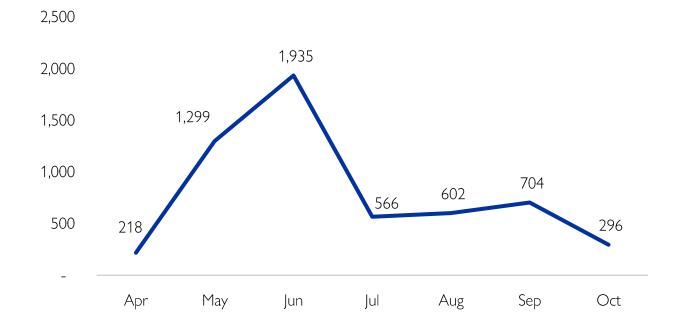
Sinjar Emergency Tracking



Arrivals in Sinjar and Al-Ba'aj

- Since April 2023, 4,382 returnees and 1,238
 IDPs have arrived in Sinjar and Al-Ba'aj districts
- Top districts of departure
 - Sumel and Zakho in Dahuk
 - Al-Shikhan in Ninewa
- Subdistricts of arrival
 - Markaz Sinjar, Al-Shamal and Qaeyrrawan in Sinjar District
 - Al-Qahtaniya in Al-Ba'aj District

Number of individual arrivals per month (1 April – 25 October 2023)

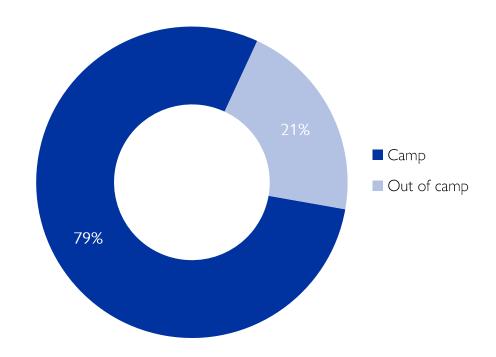




Arrivals in Sinjar and Al-Ba'aj

- Location of departure
 - 79% camps
- Ethnoreligious background
 - 93% are Yazidi
- Key reasons for movement
 - Challenges of protracted displacement
 - Hate speeches against Yazidi community
 - Joining relatives and friends

Location of departure (camp vs. non-camp)



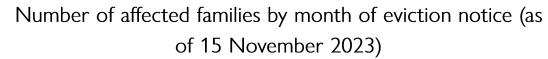


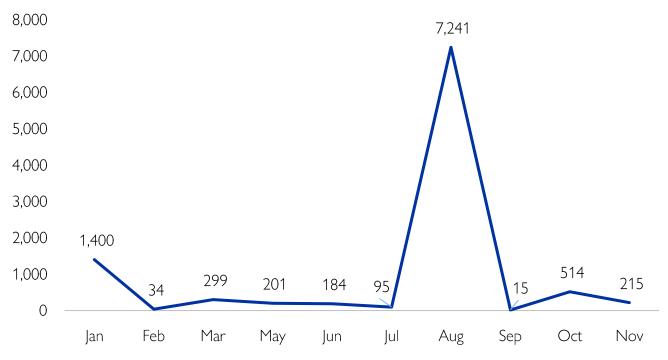
Eviction from Informal Settlements



Notices of Eviction from Informal Settlements

- Since 1 September 2023, DTM recorded 10,198 families whose eviction has been announced by local authorities
- Population groups affected
 - 8% IDPs
 - 18% returnees
 - 74% stayees
- Top subdistricts of families at risk of eviction
 - Markaz Tikrit
 - Al-Qayara
 - Markaz Al-Ba'aj
 - Markaz Mosul







Evictions from Informal Settlements

- Only 2% of families evicted
- 98% notified either in writing or verbally
- Top subdistricts of evicted families
 - Markaz Mosul
 - Markaz Samarra
 - Markaz Al-Kut.
- Shelters of evicted families
 - DTM tracked the arrival of 198 families out of the 222 evicted
 - In Markaz Samarra, 36 families moved to uninhabitable houses, while in Markaz Mosul, 4 families are living in unfinished or abandoned buildings
- Reasons for eviction
 - Informal settlements on public land
 - Conflicts over ownership lodged by other citizens

Number of evicted families by governorate, district and subdistrict of arrival

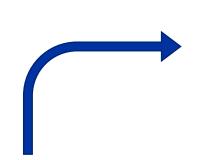




Climate Vulnerability Assessment

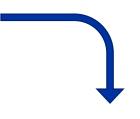


Relationship between climate change and displacement



Physical Impact

- Increased water salinity and pollution
- Poor soil fertility (land degradation)





Where we find these conditions, families are vulnerable to climate displacement.

Climate and Environmental Conditions

- Drought (no rainfall)
- Reduced water in rivers
- High temperatures and dust storms

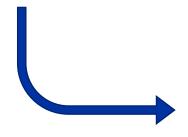
Coping strategies

- Diversify jobs/livelihoods
- Reduce meal size, conserve water
- Sell assets or take on credit/loans
- Send family members/children to work



Displace

• If conditions are too severe, move to another location



Human Impact

- Reduced crop or fishing yield, dead livestock
- Damming and reduced water allocation so less water for drinking and irrigation
- Lower income and higher food prices





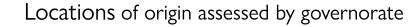
DTM Climate Vulnerability Assessment (CVA) Overview

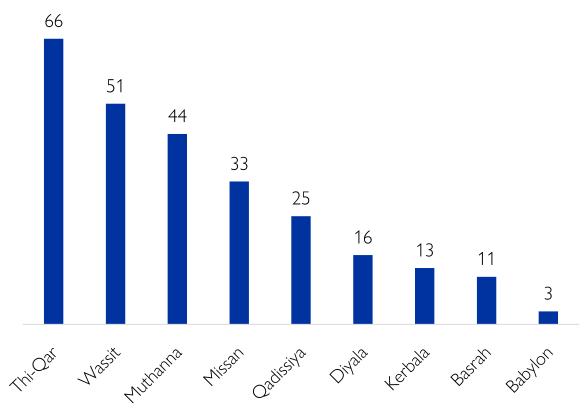
Objectives

- Identify locations that have already experienced climate-induced displacement
- Understand conditions driving climateinduced displacement
- Understand vulnerability to future displacement

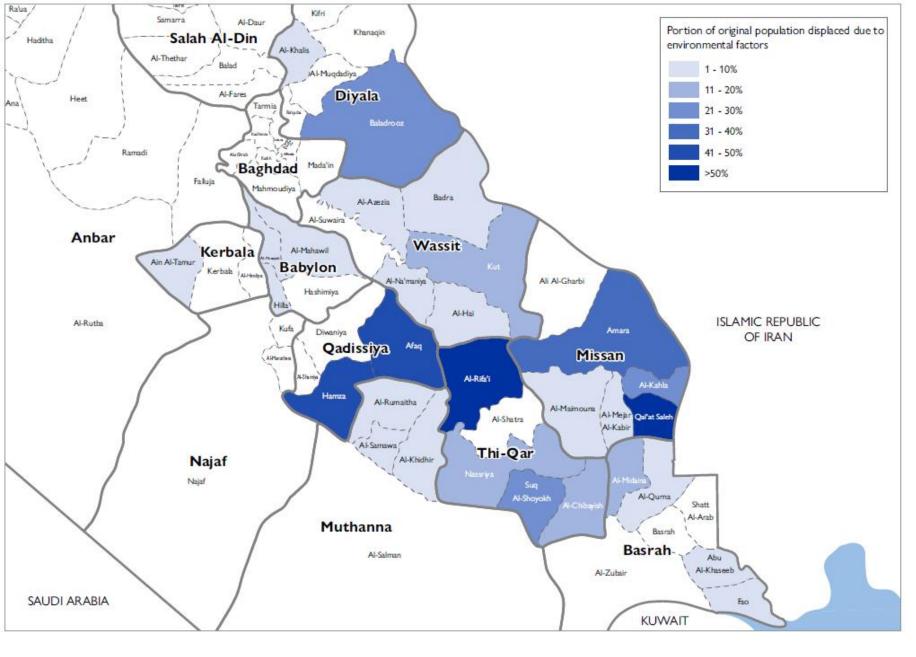
• Thematic pillars:

- Displacement dynamics
- Environmental events and water access
- Access to services and infrastructure
- Livelihoods and mitigation measures
- Tension and conflict
- Changes in vegetation health in hotspot locations









Climate-induced depopulation

- Portion of the original population displaced due to environmental factors
 - Al-Rifa'i (61%)
 - Qal'at Saleh (51%)
 - Afaq (44%)
 - Hamza (42%)
 - Amara (32%)



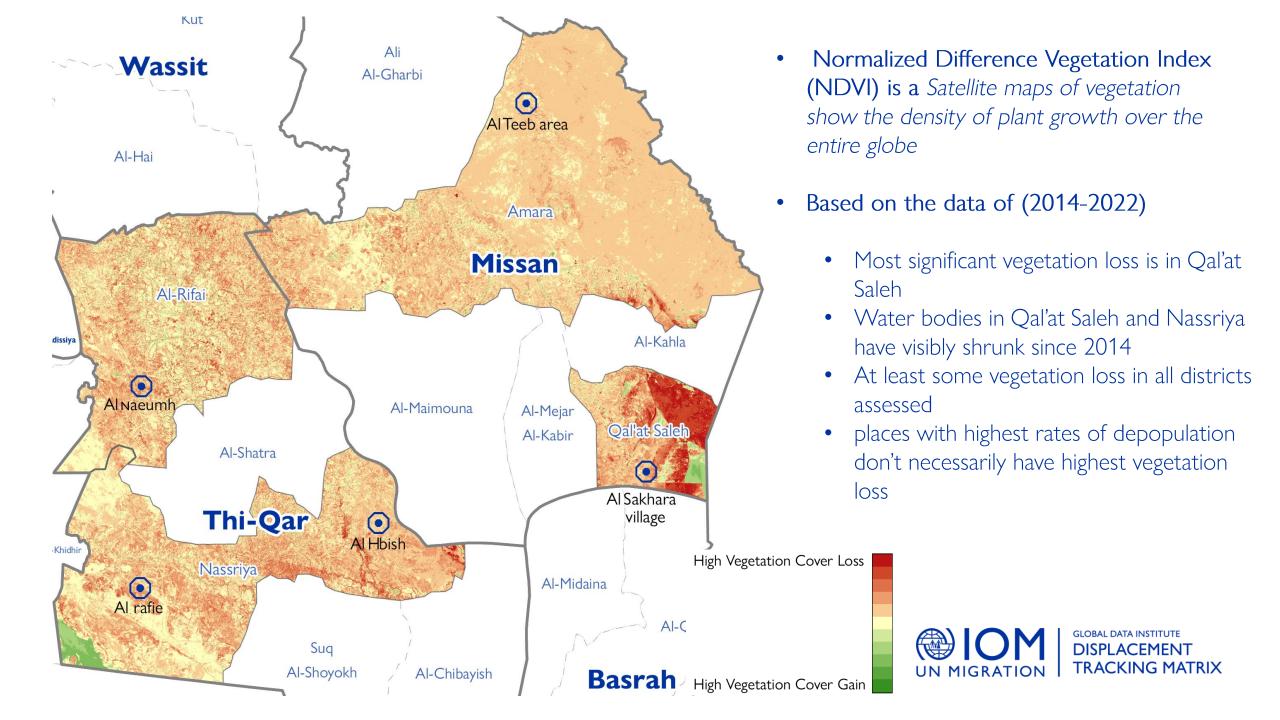
Key Findings

Top 5 predictors of climate-induced depopulation*

1	ئيا	Water issues	10.09
2	300-	Families struggling to meet food needs	8.64
3	78	Service and infrastructure issues	8.28
4	500). 101	Reliance on land for livelihoods	7.73
5	Δ	Adoption of mitigation measures	6.48

^{*} Based on the mean decrease in Gini coefficient from Random Forest analysis





THANK YOU

