Returns and Durable Solutions (ReDS) Governorate Profiles

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O1 Context & Methodology

Context & Methodology

Overall objective

The governorate profiles are part of the ReDS research cycle, and review data gathered through the ReDS assessments to summarise findings at the governorate level.

The profiles aim to provide findings to support humanitarian and development actors to promote durable solutions for returnees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) in situations of protracted displacement, including the development of localised interventions, dialogue, policy planning and resource mobilisation.

Governorates

- **1. Ninewa Governorate:** accommodates the largest number of Iraq's returnee population (1.9 million) and hosts most of the displaced populations (around 250,000 IDPs) nationwide.¹
- 2. Salah al-Din Governorate: in addition to Ninewa, remains one of the governorates hosting the highest number of returnees living in high severity conditions,² around 200,000 individuals.³
- 3. **Diyala Governorate:** accounts for the area with the least amount of governmental and non-governmental assistance. The challenging security situation in the governorate made access for non-governmental organizations to the different affected areas of return difficult.⁴

¹ IOM DTM Masterlist, Ninewa Governorate, Round 5, December 2022,

² Severity is calculated in the IOM DTM Return Index with 16 indicators related to livelihoods and basic services and safety perceptions and social cohesion,

³ IOM DTM Return Index, Salah al-Din Governorate, Round 17, December 2022,

⁴ IOM DTM Return Index, Diyala Governorate, Round 17, December 2022

Context & Methodology

Sub-Districts assessed in each governorate

	8	6	4		
	Ninewa Governorate	Salah al-Din Governorate	Diyala Governorate		
Year	Sub-district	Sub-district	Sub-district		
	Markaz al-Baaj				
2020	Al-Qairawan	Markaz Tooz	Markaz al-Muqdadiya		
	Markaz Sinjar				
	Markaz Mosul	Yathrib			
2021	Al-Qahtaniya	Suleiman Beg	Jalula		
	Al-Ayadiya	Markaz Samarra			
2022	Markaz Hatra	A L A see a sti-	Al-Atheem		
2022	Zummar	Al-Amerli	Al-Saadiya		

Context & Methodology

Limitations

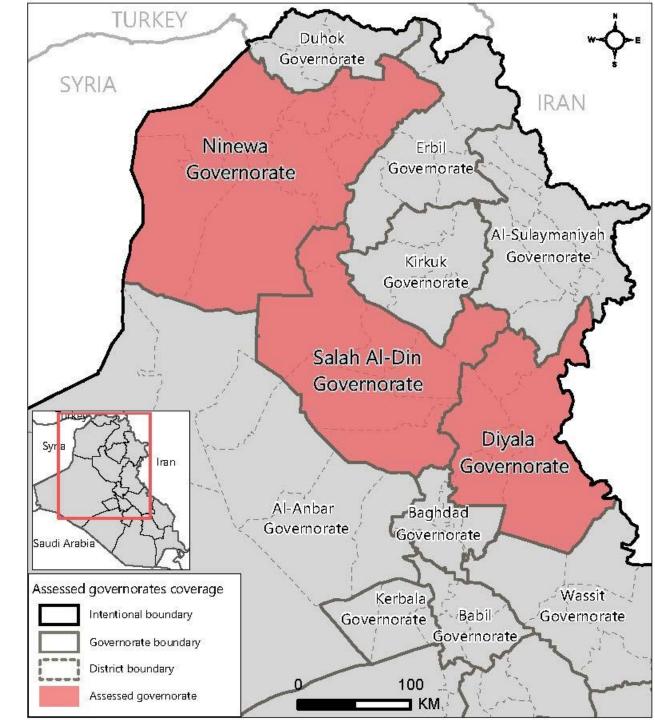
- Geographical scope: not all the governorates' territory covered
- Timeframe: data collection occurred between 2020 and 2022
- Kls: only a subset of potential Kls and community representatives interviewed
- Gender: predominantly male KIs interviewed
- Findings are to be considered indicative only and not comparable

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Cross-Governorate findings

Cross-governorate findings

- Reasons for returns: reportedly improved security conditions, followed by nostalgia for previous life in Ninewa and Diyala and family reunification in Salah al-Din. Camp closure was reported mostly in 2020 and 2021.
- Barriers to returns: House, Land and Property (HLP) issues, most notably housing damage; followed by a lack of livelihoods and a lack of public services in the AoOs.
- Livelihood opportunities and barriers: agriculture construction and public education were reportedly the main available sectors. Barriers mentioned by KIs: lack of reconstruction projects, water scarcity and a lack of financial assistance.
- Access to public services: healthcare, water and education were the services most difficult to access due to infrastructural damage, lack of infrastructure rehabilitation projects and lack of staff.
- Social cohesion: perceived safety and security stability increase within the assessed sub-districts and interaction among the different population groups.



Ninewa Governorate

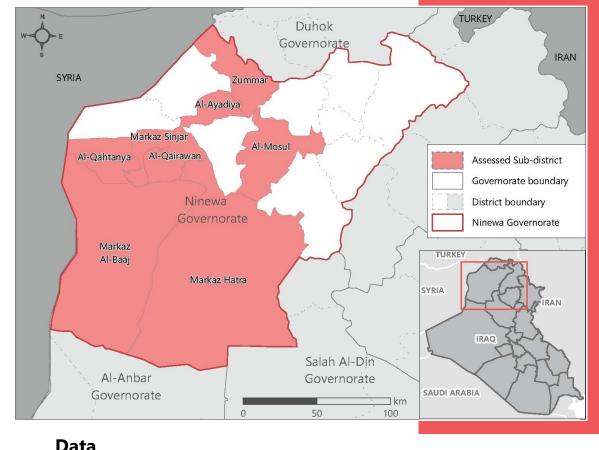
Ninewa Governorate

Profile overview

- Returning population Drivers
 - Improved security conditions
 - Nostalgia for previous life
 - Camp closure
- Community needs
 - Livelihoods
 - Healthcare
 - Housing rehabilitation and compensation
- Social Cohesion
 - Stable in most of the assessed sub-districts.
 - Interaction sometimes hindered by fear, discrimination and ethnic divisions

Barriers

- House, Land, Property issues
- Lack of livelihoods
- Lack of public services



KI typolog	ЭУ	#	Total
? 274 Male Kls	? 44 Femal	e Kls	
Community le	80		
Returnee	78		
IDPs from the co	69	318	
IDPs in the com	40		
Subject Matter Exp	27		
Remainee	24		
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Return Movements

	2020			2021			2022	
	Markaz al-Baaj (16 Kls)	Qairawan (5 Kls)	Markaz Sinjar (11 Kls)	Markaz Mosul (14 KIs)	Qahtaniya (15 Kls)	Ayadiya (1 KI)	Markaz Hatra (14 KIs)	Zummar (11 Kls)
Drivers for returns								
Increased security	11	3	9	7	8	-	2	5
Nostalgia	-	-	2	2	4	1	13	10
Family reunification	15	1	-	-	6	-	3	2
Camp closure	1	1	-	3	1	-	-	-

Impact of returns

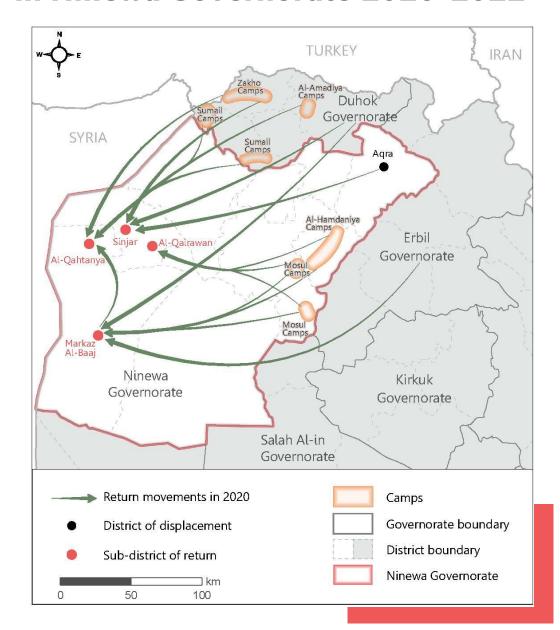
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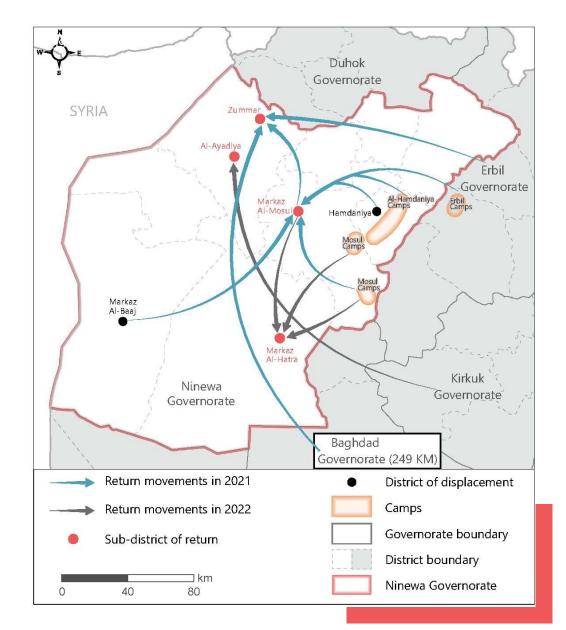
- Increased stability due to family reunification
- Increased job opportunities

Negative:

- Increased competition for jobs
- Increased number of households in need

☑ Return movements to assessed sub-districts in Ninewa Governorate 2020-2022





Barriers to return

Top 3 reported barriers to return

- Housing damage (262/298 Kis)
- Lack of job opportunities (174/298)
- Lack of public services (150/298)

	2020			2021			2022				
	Markaz al-Baaj (29 Kls)	Qairawan (36 Kls)	Markaz Sinjar (44 KIs)	Markaz Mosul (42 KIs)	Qahtaniya (23 Kls)	Ayadiya (33 Kls)	Markaz Hatra (34 Kls)	Zummar (57 Kls)			
	Access to housing and housing rehabilitation										
Housing damage	27	30	38	39	21	31	23	53			
Lack of property documents	2	-	10	1	-	-	-	-			
House rented in AoOs	7	-	1	2	-	-	1	-			
Access to livelihoods and basic public services											
Lack of job opportunities	19	14	8	6	20	29	24	54			
Limited access to basic public services	7	25	16	7	16	22	17	40			
Limited access to medical treatment	ı	3	3	1	4	1	2	-			
	Access to safety and security										
Fear of being perceived as ISIL affiliated	3	-	4	2	2	2	3	1			
Security concerns in AoOs	1	-	2	3	3	-	-	-			

Community needs | 12 Livelihoods

Sectors in which jobs were perceived to be more available

Agriculture

Construction

Private sector

Barriers to accessing jobs in respective sectors

- Lack of government support
- Lack of financial resources to afford seeds and fertilizers
- Water scarcity
- Damages to irrigation systems
- Presence of ERWs

- Lack of government support
- Lack of reconstruction projects

- Lack of investments
- Lack of compensation for damaged businesses
- Lack of factories
- Lack of trade

Coping mechanisms for lack of access to livelihoods:

- Remain in displacement
- Move to another location to work
- Abandon agricultural fields
- Dig water wells illegally

Community needs | 2 Housing rehabilitation and compensation

Barriers to accessing housing rehabilitation and compensation

Housing rehabilitation

- Limited/delayed reconstruction projects
- Lack of HH financial resources
- High level of destruction
- Government neglect / lack of financial support

Compensation

- Compensation not paid
- Process long and complex
- Expensive process
- Lack of legal support
- Lack of awareness
- Lack of financial allocation

Coping mechanisms

- Remain in displacement
- Paying bribes
- Sharing shelter with multiple HHs
- Illegal occupation

Community needs | 2 Healthcare

Barriers to access:

- Lack of medications
- Lack of staff
- Lack of equipment
- Lack of emergency facilities
- Lack and poor conditions of infrastructure
- Insufficient facilities capacity
- Absence of public health centres in smaller villages

Coping mechanisms:

- Travel to bigger centers for emergencies or specialized medical treatment
- Resort to private and more expensive clinics
- Remain in displacement
- Resort to local/private pharmacies for treatment and medications

Access to public services

	2020				2021	2022		
	Markaz al-Baaj (3 Kls)	Qairawan (15 Kls)	Markaz Sinjar (22 KIs)	Mosul (4 KIs)	Qahtaniya (12 KIs)	Ayadiya (37 Kls)	Markaz Hatra (41 Kls)	Zummar (57 Kls)
Healthcare	-	15	22	4	9	36	34	49
Water	1	13	20	4	9	33	25	28
Education	-	1	1	-	9	32	19	28

Focus on access to water:

Professional use:

- Not enough for irrigation | 4/8 sub-districts (SDs)
- Not enough for livestock | 1/8 SDs

Domestic use:

- Not enough quantity | 7/8 SDs
- Bad quality | 7/8 SDs
- Poor/destroyed infrastructure | 6/8 SDs

Coping mechanisms:

- Bottled water
- Private water services (e.g. Water trucking)
- Digging illegal wells
- Illegal connections to the public network

Integration and Social Cohesion

	2020			2021			2022	
	Markaz al-Baaj (16 Kls)	Qairawan (5 KIs)	Markaz Sinjar (11 KIs)	Markaz Mosul (14 Kls)	Qahtaniya (15 Kls)	Ayadiya (1 KI)	Markaz Hatra (14 KIs)	Zummar (11 KIs)
Access to participation in decision making processes								
Yes	-	-	22	-	11	20	21	30
No	-	-	-	15	4	1	1	7
Barriers to participation								
Lack of interest	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-
Neglected	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-

Safety and Security perceptions:

- Population groups feeling safe | 8/8 SDs
- Population groups not feeling safe | 1/8 SD (Sinjar)

Population groups feeling welcome:

- Welcome or very welcome | 8/8 SDs
- Not welcome | 1/8 SD (Sinjar)

Disputes:

- No disputes within the community | 6/8 SDs
- Disputes within the community | 3/8 SDs

Interaction among different groups:

- Good interaction | 8/8 SDs
- No interaction | 2/8 sdd (Baaj, Sinjar)

High percentage of KIs refused to answer social cohesion questions

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Salah al-din Governorate

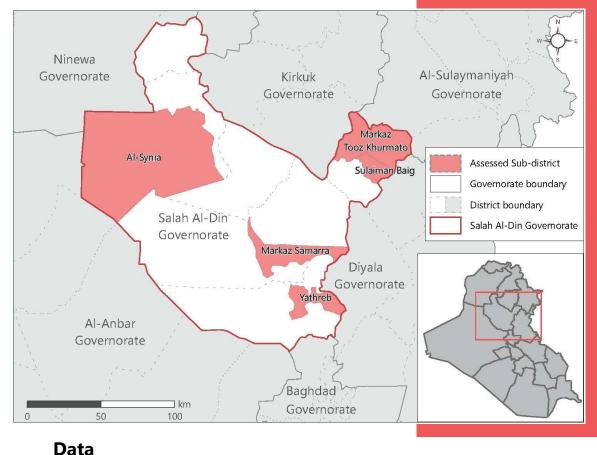
Salah al-Din Governorate

Profile overview

- Returning population Drivers
 - Improved security conditions
 - Nostalgia for previous life
 - Camp closure
- Community needs
 - Livelihoods
 - Healthcare
 - Housing rehabilitation and compensation
- Social Cohesion
 - Stable in most of the assessed sub-districts.
 - Interaction hindered sometimes by fear, discrimination and ethnic divisions

Barriers

- House, Land, Property issues
- Lack of livelihoods
- Lack of public services



collection method	KI typolog	KI typology					
Key Informant	? 218 Male Kls	? 44 Femal	e KIs				
	Community le	68					
	Returnee	75	261				
Interviews	IDPs from the co	IDPs from the community					
(KII)	IDPs in the com	IDPs in the community					
	Subject Matter Exp	26					
	Remainee	11					

Return Movements

	2020		2021						
	Markaz Tooz (11 Kis)	Yathrib (25 Kis)	al-Siniya (26 Kls)	Suleiman Beg (26 KI)	Markaz Samarra (12 Kls)	al-Amerli No returns reported			
Drivers for returns									
Increased security	11	16	2	16	3	-			
Family reunification	6	7	6	12	3	-			
Camp closure	1	4	19	-	-	-			
Nostalgia	-	-	1	12	10	-			

Impact of returns

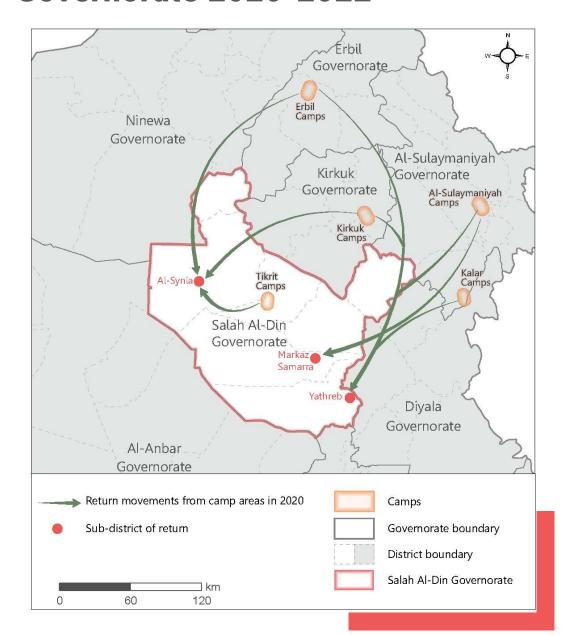
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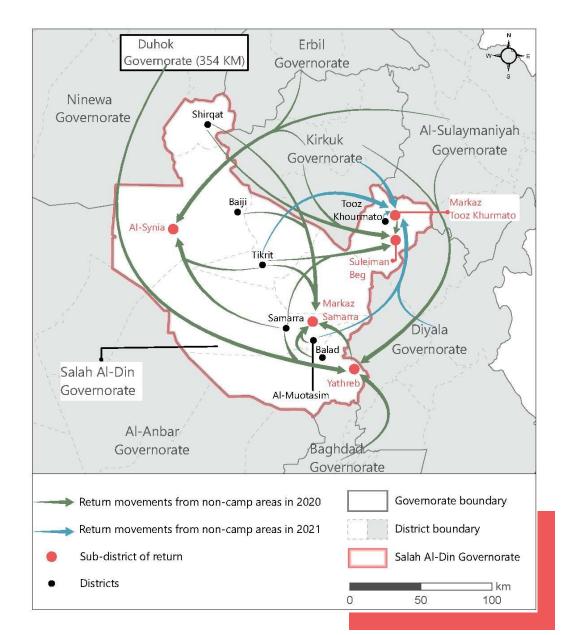
- Increased stability due to family reunification
- Increased job opportunities

Negative:

- Increased competition for jobs
- Increased number of households in need

Return movements to assessed sub-districts in Salah al-Din Governorate 2020-2022





Barriers to return

Top 3 reported barriers to return

- Housing damage (205/248 Kis)
- Lack of job opportunities (155/248 KIs)
- Lack of public services (142/248 Kis)

	2020		2021							
	Markaz Tooz (11 Kis)	Yathrib (25 Kis)	al-Siniya (26 Kls)	Suleiman Beg (26 KI)	Markaz Samarra (12 KIs)	al-Amerli No returns reported				
Access to housing and housing rehabilitation										
Housing damage	33	36	45	37	24	30				
Lack of Property documents	3	8	7	2	-	-				
House rented in AoOs	1	-	4	-	1	-				
Access to livelihoods and basic public services										
Lack of job opportunities	20	24	34	24	28	25				
Limited access to basic public services	26	22	28	19	23	24				
Limited access to medical treatment	11	2	-	2	3	4				
	Α	ccess to safety a	nd security							
Security concerns in AoOs	6	2	10	6	5	1				
Fear of being perceived as ISIL affiliated	-	1	5	9	11	1				

Community needs | 12 Livelihoods

Sectors in which jobs were perceived to be more available

Agriculture

Construction

Public Education

Barriers to accessing jobs in respective sectors

- Water scarcity
- Damage to irrigation systems and infrastructure
- No compensation for damages
- Lack of government support
- Lack of financial resources for seeds and fertilizers

- Lack of government support
- Lack of reconstruction projects

- Lack of staff
- Lack of facilities
- Lack of reconstruction projects
- Lack of capacity in existing facilities

Coping mechanisms to accessing livelihoods:

- Move to another location to work
- Remain in displacement
- Abandon agricultural fields
- Dig water wells illegally
- Engage in daily labour
- Rely on imported agricultural products

Community needs | 2 Housing rehabilitation and compensation

Barriers to accessing housing rehabilitation and compensation

Housing rehabilitation

- Lack of HH financial resources
- High level of destruction
- Lack/limited/delayed reconstruction campaigns
- Government neglect / lack of financial support
- Lack of required documentation

Compensation

- Process long and complex
- Lack of legal support
- Compensation not paid
- Presence of intermediaries
- Selective allocation of funds
- Lack of awareness

Coping mechanisms

- Living in partially rehabilitated house
- Remaining in displacement
- Paying bribes
- Sharing shelter with multiple HHs
- Travel to other location to file the compensation claim

Community needs | 2 Healthcare

Barriers to access:

- Lack of medications
- Lack of staff
- Lack of support and rehabilitation of existing facilities
- Lack and poor conditions of infrastructure
- Lack of equipment
- Not enough capacity
- Absence of public health centres in smaller villages

Coping mechanisms:

- Resort to private and more expensive clinics
- Travel to bigger centres for emergencies or specialized medical treatment
- Resort to local/private pharmacies for treatment and medications
- Remain in displacement
- Remain at home despite hospitalization needed

Access to public services

	2020		2021					
	Markaz Tooz (11 Kis)	Yathrib (25 Kis)	al-Siniya (26 KIs)	Suleiman Beg (26 KI)	Markaz Samarra (12 Kls)	al-Amerli No returns reported		
Healthcare	13	15	22	23	37	26		
Water	9	15	14	9	32	25		
Education	2	-	17	23	32	16		
Courts	-	-	13	2	10	-		

Focus on access to water:

Professional use:

- Not enough for irrigation | 2/6 sub-districts (SDs)
- Not enough for livestock | 1/6 SD
- Not enough for workshops and factories | 1/6 SD

Domestic use:

- Not enough quantity | 6/6 SDs
- Bad quality | 4/6 SDs
- Lack of sewage and waste management | 4/6 SDs
- Poor/destroyed infrastructure | 5/6 SDs

Coping mechanisms:

- Bottled water | 6/6 SDs
- Private water services (e.g. Water trucking) | 5/5 SDs
- Digging illegal wells | 3/6 SDs
- Travelling to locations with functioning plants | 1/6 SD
- Using irrigation water for domestic use | 1/6 SD
- Remaining in displacement | 1/6 SD

Integration and Social Cohesion

	2020		2021						
	Markaz Tooz	Yathrib	al-Siniya	Suleiman	Markaz	al-Amerli			
	(11 Kis)	(25 Kis)	(26 Kls)	Beg (26 KI)	Samarra (12 Kls)	No returns reported			
	Participation in decision making processes								
Yes	-	-	8	20	29	12			
No	-	2	11	-	7	-			

Safety and Security:

- Population groups feeling safe | 1/6 SDs
- Population groups not feeling safe | 0/6 SDs

Feeling welcome:

- Welcome or very welcome | 6/6 SDs
- Not welcome | 1/6 SD (Suleiman Beg)

Disputes:

- No disputes within the community | 6/6 SDs
- Disputes within the community | 0/6 SDs

Interaction among different groups:

- Good interaction | 5/6 SDs
- No interaction | 2/6 SDs (Markaz Samarra, Amerli)

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Diyala Governorate

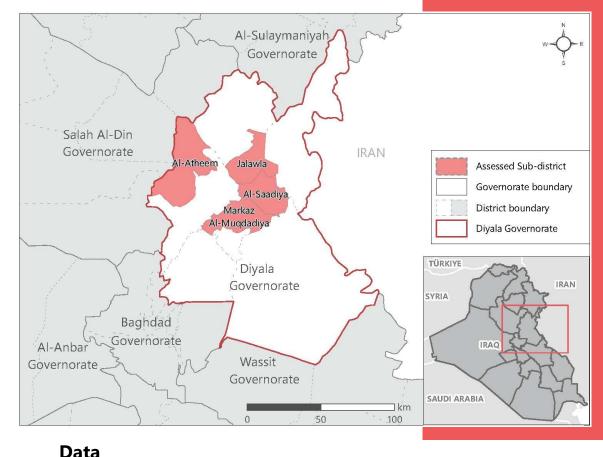
Diyala Governorate

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 - Healthcare
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Barriers

- House, Land, Property issues
- Lack of livelihoods
- Lack of public services



collection method	KI typolog	ЭУ	#	Total
Key Informant	? 171 Male Kls	? 23 Femal	e KIs	
	Community le	49	404	
	Returnee	67		
Interviews	IDPs from the co	36	194	
(KII)	IDPs in the com	18		
	Subject Matter Exp	19		
	Remainee	5		

Return Movements

	2020	2021	2022		
	Markaz al-Muqdadiya (11 Kis)	Jalula (4 Kls)	al-Atheem (5 Kls)	al-Saadiya (5 KI)	
Drivers for returns					
Increased security	11	1	4	-	
Nostalgia	-	1	2	5	
Camp Closure	3	2	-	-	
Family reunification	-	-	1	-	

Impact of returns

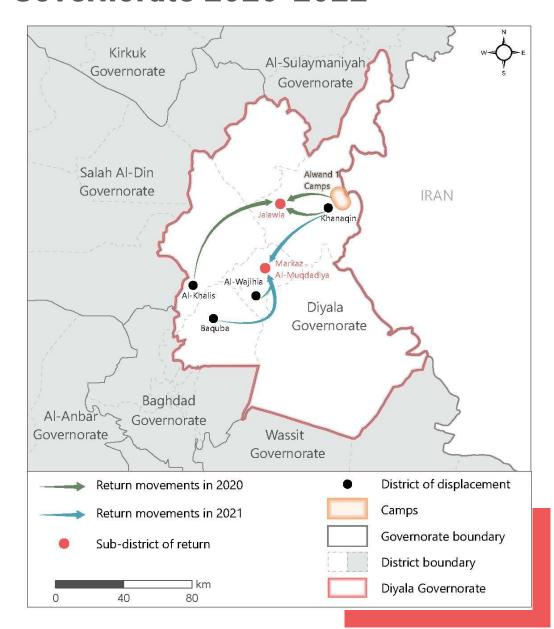
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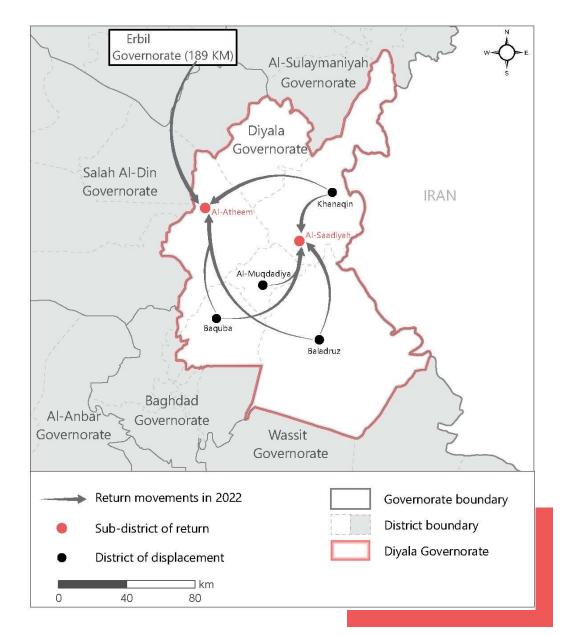
- Increased stability due to family reunification
- Increased job opportunities

Negative:

- Increased competition for jobs
- Increased number of households in need

Return movements to assessed sub-districts in Diyala Governorate 2020-2022





Return barriers

Top 3 reported barriers to return

- Housing damage (157/194 Kis)
- Lack of job opportunities (120/194 KIs)
- Lack of public services (87/194 Kis)

	2020	2021	2022		
	Markaz al-Muqdadiya (11 Kis)	Jalula (4 Kls)	al-Atheem (5 Kls)	al-Saadiya (5 KI)	
Access to housing and housing rehabilitation					
Housing damage	33	46	32	46	
Lack of property documents	11	-	-	-	
Access to livelihoods and basic public services					
Lack of job opportunities	1	42	32	45	
Limited access to basic public services	5	36	24	22	
Limited access to medical treatment	9	15	2	-	
Access to safety and security					
Fear of being perceived as ISIL affiliated	-	17	3	-	
Security concerns in AoOs	-	3	3	1	

Community needs | 12 Livelihoods

Sectors in which jobs were perceived to be more available

Agriculture

Construction

Private sector

Barriers to accessing jobs in respective sectors

- Lack of government support
- Lack of financial resources to afford seeds and fertilizers
- Water scarcity
- Damages to irrigation systems and facilities/machines
- No compensation for damage
- Presence of ERWs

- Lack of reconstruction projects
- Lack of skilled labour
- Limited access to construction material

- Lack of investments
- Lack of compensation for damaged businesses
- Lack of trade

Coping mechanisms to accessing livelihoods:

- Remain in displacement
- Move to another location to work
- Abandon agricultural fields
- Dig water wells illegally

Community needs | 2 Housing rehabilitation and compensation

Barriers to accessing housing rehabilitation and compensation

Housing rehabilitation

- High level of destruction
- Lack/limited/delayed reconstruction campaigns
- Lack of HHs financial resources
- Government neglect / lack of financial support
- Difficulties in accessing construction materials
- NGOs limited intervention

Compensation

- Compensation not paid
- Lack of legal support
- Process long and complex
- Presence of intermediaries
- Lack of awareness
- Lack of financial allocation by the government
- Lack of advocacy to ensure compensation

Coping mechanisms

- Living in a partially rehabilitated house
- Paying bribes
- Sharing shelter with multiple HHs
- Remain in displacement
- Renting house

Community needs | 2 Healthcare

Barriers to access:

- Lack of medications
- Lack of staff
- Lack of equipment
- Lack and poor conditions of infrastructure
- Not enough capacity and poor quality of service
- Absence of public health centres in smaller villages

Coping mechanisms:

- Travel to bigger urban centres for emergencies or specialized medical treatment
- Resort to local/private pharmacies for treatment and medications
- Resort to private and more expensive clinics
- Remain in displacement

Access to public services

	2020	2021	2022	
	Markaz al-Muqdadiya (11 Kis)	Jalula (4 KIs)	al-Atheem (5 KIs)	al-Saadiya (5 KI)
Healthcare	18	23	36	51
Water	18	50	23	38
Education	-	50	31	8
Electricity	1	-	34	1

Focus on access to water:

Professional use:

- Not enough for irrigation | 2/4 SDs
- Not enough for livestock | 1/4 SD
- Not enough for workshops and factories | 2/4 SDs

Domestic use:

- Not enough quantity | 4/4 SDs
- Bad quality | 4/4 SDs
- Poor/destroyed infrastructure | 4/4 SDs
- Lack of sewage and waste management | 3/4 SDs
- Access to water reduced due to returns | 2/4 SDs

Coping mechanisms:

- Bottled water | 4/4 SDs
- Private water services (e.g. Water trucking) | 2/2 SDs
- Burning waste | 2/2 SDs
- Digging illegal wells | 1/4 SD
- Remaining in displacement | 1/4 SD
- Rationing water | 1/4 SD

Integration and Social Cohesion

	2020	2021	2022		
	Markaz al-Muqdadiya (11 Kis)	Jalula (4 KIs)	al-Atheem (5 KIs)	al-Saadiya (5 KI)	
Participation in decision making processes					
Yes	-	34	22	29	
No	-	-	6	3	

Safety and Security:

- Population groups feeling safe | 4/4 SDs
- Population groups not feeling safe | 0/4 SDs

Population groups feeling welcome:

- Welcome or very welcome | 4/4 SDs
- Not welcome | 0/4 SDs

Disputes:

- No disputes within the community | 4/4 SDs
- Disputes within the community | 1/4 SD (al-Atheem)

Interaction among different groups:

- Good interaction | 4/4 SDs
- No interaction | 1/4 SD (Jalula)

High percentage of KIs refused to answer social cohesion questions

Focus on Climate Change

Climate Change

Cross-governorate findings on climate change

Main reported phenomena:

- Water scarcity
- Droughts
- Increasing temperatures
- Crop failure
- Death of livestock
- Secondary displacement

Coping mechanisms

- Digging illegal water wells
- Rationing water
- Remaining in displacement
- Abandoning agricultural fields

