

# Returns Working Group

*RWG Field Update*

*June 2024*



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## Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review of April Meeting Minutes and Action Points
3. DTM Update: Master List, Camp Departures ET, Areas of Limited Return Sinjar/Al Qahtaniya Report, RWG field Update
4. IOM Facilitate Voluntary Movement Update
5. DRC | Sinjar and Yathrib Returns Report
6. DS Update
7. AOB

# Centre South Update

## Return Updates- Salah al-Din

Type of return (MoMD, FVM, individual)	Total (Household)	Area of Displacement	Area of Return	Date (Month)
MoMD	125	Ashty camp	Salah-aldin - Dujail & Balad	1-May
MoMD	163	Ashty camp	Salah-aldin - Dujail & Balad	7-May
MoMD	115	Ashty camp	Salah-aldin - Dujail & Balad	22-May
MoMD	107	Ashty camp	Salah-aldin - Dujail & Balad	24-May
MoMD	170	Ashty camp	Salah-aldin - Dujail & Balad	31-May
MoMD	146	Ashty camp	Salah-aldin - Dujail & Balad	8- June
MoMD	150	Ashty camp	Salah-aldin - Dujail & Balad	15-June
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>976</b>			

### Challenges:

- **Housing** | majority live in tents with relatives. Slowness in processing compensation files.
- **Livelihoods** | no intervention by government esp in agriculture and irrigation.
- **Infrastructure** | schools and medical centers, public services. Government reports intervention for electricity rehabilitation.
- **Reintegration:** MHPSS support needed.

## Return Updates - Anbar

Type of return (MoMD, FVM, individual)	Total (Household)	Area of Displacement	Area of Return	Date (Month)
Spontaneous	5	Erbil	Ramadi, Al-Wafaa District	May
Spontaneous	6	Erbil, Ramadi, Baghdad	Haditha	May and Jun 24
MoMD	2	J1	Haditha	May 24
Spontaneous	5	Baghdad, Falluja	Ana	May 24
MoMD	18	J1	Qaim	May and Jun 24
Spontaneous	9	Erbil, Kirkuk, Baghdad, Babylon	Qaim	May and Jun 24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47</b>			

## Return Updates - Baghdad

Type of return (MoMD, FVM, individual)	Total (Household)	Area of Displacement	Area of Return	Date (Month)
Spontaneous	10	Baghdad center	Baghdad Bult (Latifiyah and Abu-Ghareeb)	May
Spontaneous	8	Baghdad Center	Baghdad Bult (Latifiyah and Abu-Ghareeb, Taji)	June

## Return Updates – Diyala

Type of return (MoMD, FVM, individual)	Total (Household)	Area of Displacement	Area of Return	Date (Month)
	102	Inside Diyala	Mostly to Muqdadiyah	May and June
	23	Suli	Muqdadiyah	May and June
	21	Kirkuk	Muqdadiyah	May and June
	2	Erbil	Muqdadiyah	May and June
	1	SAD	Muqdadiyah	May and June
	1	Baghdad	Muqdadiyah	May and June
<b>TOTAL</b>	151			

### Challenges:

- Housing, delay in Compensation
- Livelihoods, lack of job opportunities
- public services

## Blocked Returns Akashat Anbar --DS Discussion

- Akashat is an Iraqi city in the Al-Walid sub-district in the district of Rutbah close to the borders of the district of Al-Qaim, in Anbar Governorate.
- Residents' households are all employees of the Akashat phosphate plant.
- The city's population is about 5,000 people, and they are currently displaced in different areas, but the majority are in Qaim and Rutba.
- Akashat is currently under the control of the Popular Mobilization Forces. No returns have been allowed since it was liberated in 2017.
- RWG started advocacy efforts at beginning of 2024 conducting two focus group discussions and five key informant interviews focusing on IDPs from Akashat displaced in Qaim, similar

exercise conducted with IDPs displaced in Rutba, a dialogue session with 17 IDP, community representatives and government representatives in Rutba, and lastly conducted a DS discussion meeting in Ramadi to find opportunities to open the location for IDPs to return.







## Meeting outcomes

1. Next meeting to be held inside Akashat city to discuss returns needs in details.
2. PMU's Anbar operations to assign a focal point to be in charge of coordination all IDPs return matters.
3. PMUs to prepare a plan to evacuate governmental buildings such as schools.
4. RWG center south team to coordinate with UN agencies and international organizations to attend the meeting and to find out interests of UN agencies and international organizations to implement projects in Akashat.
5. Technical committee to be formed by Rutba mayor including all services departments and police department to prepare a study on the needs and this study should be done before the next meeting.
6. Anbar compensations committee to prepare a study on the needs for compensation for Akashat entitled HHs and find opportunities to priorities them.
7. WhatsApp group to be created to include all those who attended the meeting to add recommendations/action points/next steps until the next meeting is organized.

## MoMD conduct live session on Facebook

- Since mid of May 2024, MoMD started conducting live sessions on Facebook to answer inquires and questions by the ministry beneficiaries on the Ministry's Facebook page.
- The sessions are presented by DGs.
- Each DG presents one session per a week or two.
- Sessions are interactive. Thousands of comments, however, most questions raised to inquire on return grant which is already suspended until July 30, 2024.





## Women Empowerment Unit Activities

- In cooperation with USAID, MoMD's Women's Affairs Unit in Salah al-Din organizes a dialogue session to confront online blackmailing.
- In support of UN through Tajdeed Organization, MoMD's Women's Affairs Department holds the second conference to unify religious discourse and support women survivors of violence in Ninawa.
- MoMD Women's Affairs Unit in Tal Afar holds a symposium on the role of education in reducing violent extremism.
- Funded by the Holy Shrine of Imam Hussein, MoMD Women's Affairs Unit in Karbala, is following up on the issuance of the first batch of the production of the work of the sewing course for women who are breadwinners for their families.
- MoMD Women's Affairs Unit in Anbar, Wasit, and Najaf held community health awareness sessions.