

**Minutes of the Sinjar ABC Meeting**  
**21 June 2023, 12:30 – 14:00**  
**Sunrise Office – Sinjar**

**Co-Chairs** IOM

**Participants** Mr. Ali Omer (Ninawa Deputy Governor for NGOs' affair), Mr. Khalid Abdul-Kareem (Ministry of Displacement and Migration – Director of Ninawa branch), UNDP Youth Bridge, Sunrise, NPA, IVY, DRC, JRS, House of Coexistence, HI, MSF, YZDA, Local DSTWG, NRC, WFP, UPP, PUI, Malteser International, OCHA, UN-HABITAT, GRS, TDH, and Halat Relief Organization.

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**Objectives**

The main objective that has been discussed was an update from the Government, IOM's facilitation of voluntary movement from the Shairya camp to Sinjar, Follow up on the action point from the previous meeting, Outcomes of the partner's meeting with the government on Sinuni Hospital, Outcomes of the Yezidi Local Organizations Network meeting on IVY school issue, Coordination meetings regarding the recent IDPs' return to Sinjar.

**Main Points**

The IOM- FP welcomed the participants and before starting the meeting offered her deep condolences to the families of the victims who received the 39 remains of their families yesterday, and after the introduction the meeting started with the:

- Update from the Government: - Mr. Ali Omar confirmed that there is no update from the last meeting, the allocated 50 billion IQD was for the Sinjar district, and Ninawa's plain, but now Zummar has been included, but there is no clear instruction on how to spend this budget, and on which sector. Sinjar Reconstruction Committee was formed by the General Secretariat of the Council of Ministers.

It has been announced to be A special fund for the compensation file for the Sinjar district, but there is nothing yet. And because the Sinjar inhabitants delayed applying for the compensation, therefore, they will be delayed in receiving it.

Mr. Ali appreciated the IOM's facilitation of voluntary IDPs movement from the Shairya camp to Sinjar for 146 Families to Sinjar, Al Jazeraa complex, Tal Ezer, and Qahtaniyah. Additionally, hundreds spontaneously returned families and Mr. Ali requested the partners to support these families.

Mr. Ali Omer confirmed that he follows up with the group that occupied the school renovated by IVY NGO, and last week a delegation from the prime minister visits the school the PM has clear instructions for that to evacuate the school and the group agreed to evacuate the school but till now they did not evacuate. Mr. Ali Omer confirmed that he will follow up with them.

On 18 July a meeting will be conducted in Dahuk for the Ninawa Deputy Governor, Ninawa MODM, Sinjar Police, and education directorates with the authority of Dahuk discussion facilitating the process of IDP returning from Dahuk to Sinjar

IOM FP and the local SDTWG confirmed that IOM has a committee chaired by DMCR from 2 years ago for facilitating the process of IDP returning from Dahuks' camps to Sinjar.

- Mr. Khalid Abdul Kareem confirmed that the MODM has two approaches for returning the first one is through IOM and the second one is the direct contact between the returnees and MODM. Mr. Khalid confirmed that the voluntary returnees can visit the MODM office in Sinjar to change their situation as IDPs in the MODM system electronically. The MODM shared their contact information in the Dahuk IDP camps to facilitate the voluntary returnees, and on 20 June three families used the buses that provided by MODM to transport them to their AoOs. The transportation is flexible because of the good coordination between the MODM in both Dahuk and Ninawa for completing all the required documentation and sharing the names with the checkpoints in advance for security checks. The MODM is providing the food basket to the returnees directly and hiring the buses and trucks for the transportation of the returnees with their furniture, MODM is not paying cash for transportation, the returnees can contact Mr. Eskandor who is facilitating the transportation. The instructions are now clear for the MODM Dohuk branch on facilitating the transportation from Dahuk Camp to the AoOs. Mr. Khalid recommended conducting an ad-hock meeting with the MODM on the returnees in the Sinjar MODM office to unify the policies and strategies for supporting the returnees and avoid duplication and overlapping the services such as NFI, PHSS, education, and protection. Mr. Ali Omer requested the MODM to accelerate the process of distributing return grants because so far less than 20% have received the grant as the returnees will reach 13,000 Families and only 3,000 received the grant. For getting information on the returnees the partners can contact Mr. Khalid directly (ninavah.2019@gmail.com – 07512307048). And the partners can get the data from the IOM-TDM ([iraqdtm@iom.int](mailto:iraqdtm@iom.int))

- IOM's facilitation of voluntary movement from the Shairya camp to Sinjar. During the presentation, IOM briefed that started the pilot project a year and a half ago in Bareslya 1 and Sharyah IDP camps. The first movement was on 31 January 2023 from Barselya camp. On 6 June IOM facilitated the movement of 57 households (309 individuals) to Markaz Sinjar and Seebay Shehk Khadra. The second movement was on 13 June which facilitated the movement of 89 households (440 individuals) to Tal Azer.

The returnee household's entitlement is included: -

- Transportation cost and return grants.
- Reinstallation Grant (two weeks after return)
- Housing Assistance covering the houses with category 2,3,4 only and for whom has houses before displacement.
- Livelihood Assistance (Enterprise Development Fund, Individual Livelihood Assistance, Cash for Work)
- MHPSS Assistance (before and after return)
- Protection Monitoring
- Referrals

IOM implementing this program in Tal Azer, Seebay Shehk Khadra, and Markaz Sinjar. IOM provides infrastructure services to these areas. The IOM FP confirmed that the above services will be provided to the spontaneous returnees to these areas. The FP emphasized that the return area has a lot of gaps in child protection, GBV, and educational and entertainment programs for women and children.



IOM -TDM registered from 6 April till 6 June a total of 372 households (1927 individuals) of the spontaneous returnees 73% returned to AoOs and 27% settled in none AoOs in Sinjar and Baaj.

- Action Points from the last meeting:
  - For Solidarities to share the scope of the work for the project with the Sinjar ABC group. / **Pending**
  - For all the partners to check their project, update their activities in the Excel sheet, and share it with the Sinjar ABC secretaire today, COB. / **Done although not all the partners were active.**
  - For the FPs to follow up with Mr. Ali Omer on the Government construction campaign in Sinjar to avoid duplication and overlapping with the NGOs' activities. / **Pending because the Government construction campaign is pending also.**
- Outcomes of the partner's meeting with the government on Sinuni Hospital; Mercy Gorp facilitated an ad-hoc meeting for the health partners with the Government of Ninawa and the health directorate. The government requested to get feedback from the Sinjar ABC group if any partner can cover the gap either totally or partially after the withdrawal of MSF. DSO shared this request last month and no one responded. Mr. Ali Omer during this meeting sent a message to all the partners on the urgent need to support the Sinuni Hospital and after the Eid Holidays, there will be another ad-hoc meeting for the health partners and the government of
- Ninawa to discuss this issue.
- Outcomes of the Yezidi Local Organizations Network meeting on IVY school issue; IVY confirmed that the Japanese Embassy the downer of the project raised this issue to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), and they got feedback from the PMO that the situation has not been solved, but it is not and even Mr. Ali Omer today in the meeting confirmed that. The Local DSTWG confirmed that last Friday a delegation from the PM pays a visit to Sinjar and he conducted a meeting with the headmaster of the school, national security, and the group who occupied the school. The delegation has clear instructions for the group to evacuate the school and handover it over to the headmaster, but the headmaster did not receive the building because the directorate of Education should receive it second the headmaster confirmed that if the group did not evacuate the school, then the school will not be safe and even the parents will not send their children to the school.
- Coordination meetings regarding the recent IDPs' return to Sinjar. Nonviolent Peaceforce facilitated a meeting for the community, the organizations operating in Sinjar, and the security forces. The community identified the reasons for not returning which included non-payment of compensation while 70% of the houses in the Adnianiyah complex are demolished. Regarding the documentation for the properties, some NGOs requested data on the returnees, and the IOM with the CF will share the required information with them. NRC will facilitate the documentation for the returnees and the coordination with the other NGOs on this topic. UNOPS planned to rehabilitate 94 houses in Jedaly but they rehabilitated only 17 houses because the others has legal issues. As for the issue of war remnants, the security forces have informed the citizens to take caution and to inform the security forces in the event of seeing it and they will remove it.



### **Action Point**

- *For Solidarities to share the scope of the work for the water project in Sheren village with the Sinjar ABC group.*
- *For Mr. Ali Omer to follow up with the group who occupied the school and for DSO to follow up with Mr. Ali Omer.*
- *For the Sinjar ABC group to conduct an ad-hock meeting with the MODM on the returnees in the Sinjar MODM office to unify the policies and strategies for supporting the returnees and avoid duplication and overlapping the services such as NFI, PHSS, education, and protection.*
- *For the Ninawa MODM branch to request the MODM Baghdad to accelerate the process of distributing return grants in the Sinjar district.*
- *For the Ninawa MODM branch to share the contact information of Mr. Eskandoor with Sinjar ABC.*
- *For the FPs and Mr. Ali Omer to conduct an ad-hoc meeting with the health partners and health directorate to discuss the Sinuni Hospital issue.*
- *For the partners who can cover the gaps in child protection, GBV, educational and entertainment programs for women and children in Tal Azer, Seebay Shehk Khadra, and Markaz Sinjar to coordinate with IOM Sinjar Office.*