

# DSTF Meeting #28

13 May 2025





# Agenda

1. Welcome, tour de table and agenda (*DSTF Co-chairs*)
2. Opening Remarks (*Co-chairs*)
4. DS Current State of Affairs
  - i. Displacement Camps (UNHCR)
  - ii. Returns (IOM)
  - iii. Government Committees
5. Review of DSTF Tor and Input from members

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# Opening remarks by the co-chairs



# DS Coordination



# DS Coordination Meetings

## DSTWG

Meetings are on-going, data collection on impact of funding cuts on sectors and beneficiaries

### Ad hoc meetings on Displacement Stock Figures

- DTM data on progress towards durable solutions
- Priority areas of concern for all population groups, governorate specific
  - Housing
  - Livelihoods

## RWG

- Meetings ongoing
- Workshop on Access to Safety and Security June 2025

# DS Current State of Affairs



# MoMD Figures (April 2025) Displacement



Governorate	# Families
<b>Dahuk</b>	85,686
Erbil	71,813
<b>Anbar</b>	62,374
Kirkuk	36,553
<b>Sulaymaniyah</b>	29,644
Baghdad	28,857
<b>Salah Al Din</b>	18,302
Diyala	11,259
<b>Ninewa</b>	2,301
<b>Babel</b>	3,311
<b>Karbala</b>	1,803
<b>Basra</b>	1,528
Qadisiyah	712
<b>Total</b>	<b>352,962</b>

# MoMD Figures (April 2025) Returns

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Governorate of Arrival	Return	Local Integration	Total
<b>Anbar</b>	<b>210,310</b>	0	210,310
<b>Ninawa</b>	<b>192,691</b>	0	192,691
<b>Salah Al Din</b>	<b>95,610</b>	0	95,610
<b>Diyala</b>	45,328	<b>1,725</b>	47,053
Kirkuk	28,082	0	28,082
Baghdad	17,482	632	18,114
<b>Karbala</b>	0	<b>1,803</b>	1,803
<b>Najaf</b>	0	<b>923</b>	923
Basrah	0	502	502
Babil	346	102	448
Dhi-qar	0	188	188
Wasit	0	188	188
Qadisiyah	0	166	166
Missan	0	112	112
Muthana	0	62	62
<b>Total</b>	<b>589,849</b>	<b>6,403</b>	<b>596,252</b>





**IDP CAMP UPDATE  
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# IDP Camp Update – May 13th

- **Overall Figures:**
  - 20 IDP camps remain in Kurdistan  
Harsham camp, Erbil, is closed since January 2025
  - Total Population (as of end March 2025)
    - Dohuk – 97,157 across 15 camps
    - Erbil – 5,343 across 2 camps
    - East Mosul Camps – 5,046 across 3 camps
  - Majority are Yazidis, except the population of the EMCs

# Context Updates – Service Delivery

- Overall services remain ad-hoc, with some (food) supported through private donors.
- Distribution of Hygiene Kits remains suspended since 2024
- Camp schools continue to function
- Healthcare services have been impacted due to financing considerations with some Dohuk camps having services suspended and others having services resume but at a diminished level.
- Mental health and Psychosocial Support Services (MHPSS) have also been impacted by financing considerations, leaving many IDPs without this important component of their recovery process.
- Residual legal assistance and support in accessing civil status documentation in the East Mosul Camps has been transitioned to IOM



# Context Updates – Impact on Departure

- Organised return movements have largely been suspended since July 2024, including ability to register an interest to depart
- Current departure rates are small – from Dohuk and predominantly IOM supported, other cases are those who registered ahead of July 2024 cut off.
- Individuals seeking to depart from the Dohuk camps, even in an unsupported manner, are unable to do so
  - Lack of exit documents
  - Lack of DMCR approval
- EMC Camp Consolidation continues to be a topic of discussion, with U2 chosen to remain operational if consolidation happens.
- A new more secure fence is currently being erected around U2

# IDP Camp Update – Renewed Advocacy

- Ongoing ‘void’ of information
  - Official process for departure has been suspended for 10 months
  - Several committees have been initiated with no clear decisions or plans being issued
  - Approaching end of school year/summer and decisions related to the IDP camps, and their residents, need to be taken in a timely manner and clearly messaged to the IDP communities, to facilitate their planning and decision making.
- Need to support camp departures for those who wish to leave, supported or unsupported, and ensure sufficient budget to cover all components (including financial assistance, shelter rehabilitation components and decent compensation grants).
- Services should be maintained for IDPs who wish to remain in the camps, until such a time when a voluntary durable solution is achieved.
  - This may require thoughtful camp consolidation and support with adequate shelters.
  - Ensure adequate budget provision to maintain services, especially in EMCs
- Specific attention is needed to support durable solutions for the residents of East Mosul Camps including support with access to UIDs, the elimination of the Tabri’a requirement (whether formal or informal), resolution of security issues.

# Update on Returns and Reintegration

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*May 2025*

# Return and Reintegration – Return Index

January 2025



## 4,927,890 Returnees

+65,268

Since Round 20 (September – December 2023)

9

governorates

39

districts

821,315

households

2,230

locations  
+43 since Round 20

Data Collection Period: **September–December 2024**

Figure 1. Proportion and number of returnees by category of severity

High severity	Medium severity	Low severity
<b>12%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>49%</b>
609,954 returnees	1,919,748 returnees	2,398,188 returnees
+5,298 since Round 20	+7,134 since Round 20	+52,836 since Round 20

# Facilitated Voluntary Movement Updates

January to April 2025

**9 rounds** of departures were facilitated from Duhok to Sinjar & Baaj since January 2025.

**536 households** have **returned or relocated** through the FVM programme (2,521 total of individuals).

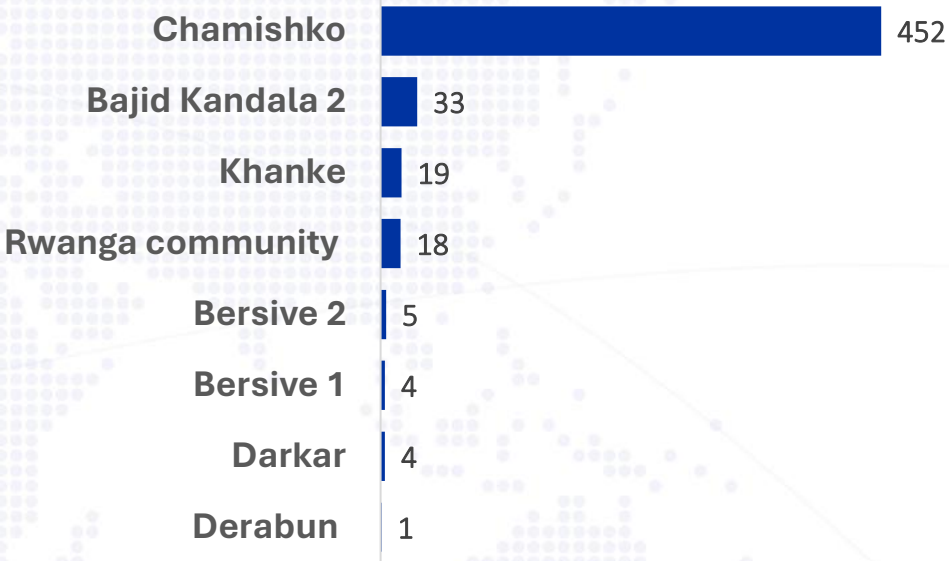
Additional rounds of departure are currently being organized from Dohuk, EMCs, and Erbil.

**369 households** from Khanke camp (Dohuk).

**70 households** from EMCs (M1 and U2).

**8 households** from Baharka camp (Erbil).

## IOM facilitated movements in Q1 2025





# Context Updates Influencing Returns and Reintegration

- **Compensation applications deadline** settle by the end of July 2025. After this deadline families will not be able to apply for compensation of damaged properties.
- **Ongoing unclarity and reported suspension of MoMD return grants** have significantly impacted the return intentions of displaced families. Despite having registered, many households remain on the waiting list and have yet to receive the grant. This uncertainty has contributed to hesitation among families considering departure from the camps.
- **UN and NGOs funding freeze or termination** has increased unclarity over availability of services and assistance in AoR.
- **IOM is currently the unique formal option for IDPs' departure from Dohuk camps**, since registrations for departures were suspended after 12 July 2024 and not resumed yet.
- **Provision of land ownership deeds** for the eleven Yazidi complexes, with the process having started in the Qahtaniya and Duguri (Hateen) complexes. This initiative has resulted in the return of between 400 to 500 families to their AoO, with approximately 520 land ownership deeds distributed to families in April 2025.

# Reintegration Needs

## Housing

Housing remains the most reported need among both returnee and relocated households.

Initially, 68% of households (baseline) were either hosted without paying rent or renting accommodations. This figure remained similar at the endline nine months after arrival (64%), with a noticeable shift towards more households renting their homes.

## Livelihoods

Nine months after departure, livelihoods support has become the second most reported need among households.

This highlights the ongoing economic vulnerability of displacement-affected populations and underscores the need for sustainable livelihoods programming to enhance household resilience and self-reliance.

## Civil Documentation

21% of households initially reported that at least one family member was missing civil documentation.

This proportion increased at the nine-month follow-up. The most frequently missing document was the Unified National ID card, highlighting the need for targeted civil documentation support to ensure households can access basic rights and services and fully reintegrate into their communities.

# Urgent Advocacy to support Durable Solutions

**Keep IDPs and DS on top of advocacy, even though Governmental counterparts are prioritizing other topics.**

**Reinstate Departure Grant of MoMD and provide answers to IDPs** interested in departing after camp closure deadline.

**Informal sites** remain largely unrecognized and under-resourced, with IDPs facing unsafe shelter, limited access to WASH, health, and education services. Moreover, women and children in informal settlements face high risk of GBV, exploitation, early marriage and face barriers to access reproductive health and justice.

**Invest in Sustainable Infrastructure and Service Provision:** For the GoI to increase efforts and budget allocations for the rehabilitation of the local infrastructure (water, electricity, schools, health centers) to restore public basic services. In addition, advocacy for the public staff allocation is highly needed specially in rural areas to reduce the financial burden on families.

**Compensation Applications Deadline:** Advocacy is needed to extend the deadline for the applications taking into consideration that:

- Households with missing documentation and limited resources need additional time to complete their compensation files.
- Housing remains the most reported barrier to return.



# Thank you

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# Government Committees

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## Committee Under Diwani Order 24529

- Members
- Progress to date
- Key observations
- Next steps

## Caseload of former detainees in EMCs

- RC office has advanced efforts on the case file of former detainees through convening a high level panel discussion on 22nd February
- Participants included the NSA, KRG Minister of Interior, Judicial representatives of Kirkuk, Erbil and Ninawa courts of appeal.
- Key conclusions and next steps

# DSTF TOR Amendment





## Background:

- Last revision of the ToR was in 2022 when clusters deactivated and transition from humanitarian focus to development
- Changes in National and Global Context
  - Council of Ministers: Camp closure decision of January 2024
  - Roadmap to the Implementation of the National Plan
  - Action Agenda and Post-Piper Initiatives on Durable Solutions

# Amendment to the DSTF ToR

## Comparison OLD

- Background and Mandate
  - Main DS Platform for collective action
  - Linkages with government
  - IASC Criteria and Iraq Inter-agency Durable Solutions Strategy
- Membership, leadership and Liaison
- Objective and Priorities
  - Information sharing
  - Strategic advice and coherence
  - Coordination and collective advocacy
    - Linkages with HRP, UNSDCF

## New ToR

- Background and Mandate
- Main DS platform
- Linkages the new Guidance on displacement & Solutions hub
- Proposed government participation
- Centrality of an operational framework
- Proposed four priority areas (Advocacy, Coordination across HDPN, Resource Mobilisation, M&E & Data driven decision making,)

# Member Inputs and Suggestions



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