

Climate-induced displacement in central and southern Iraq

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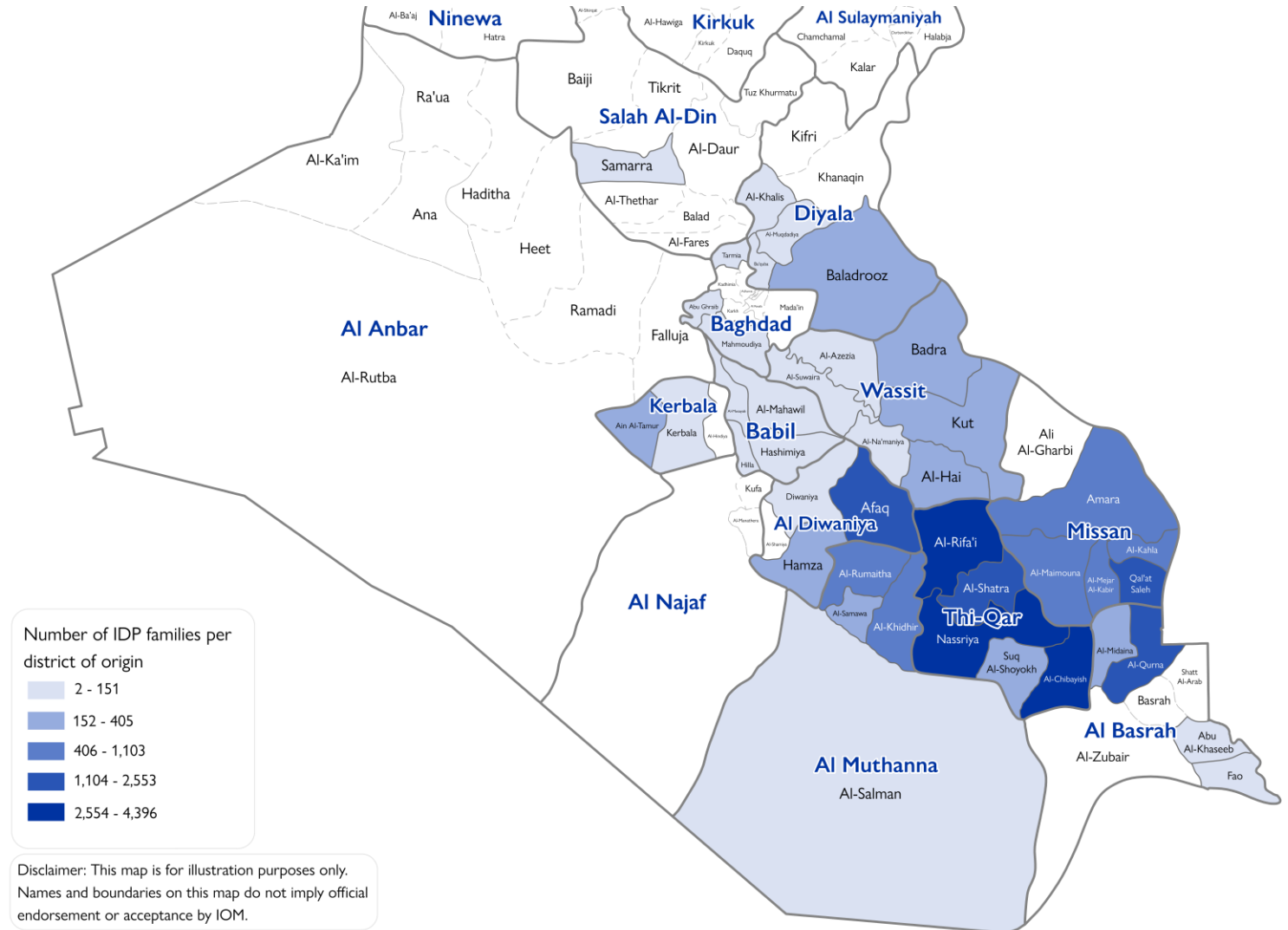


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Climate-Induced Displacement Tracking (March 2025)

Districts of origin for climate-induced displacement

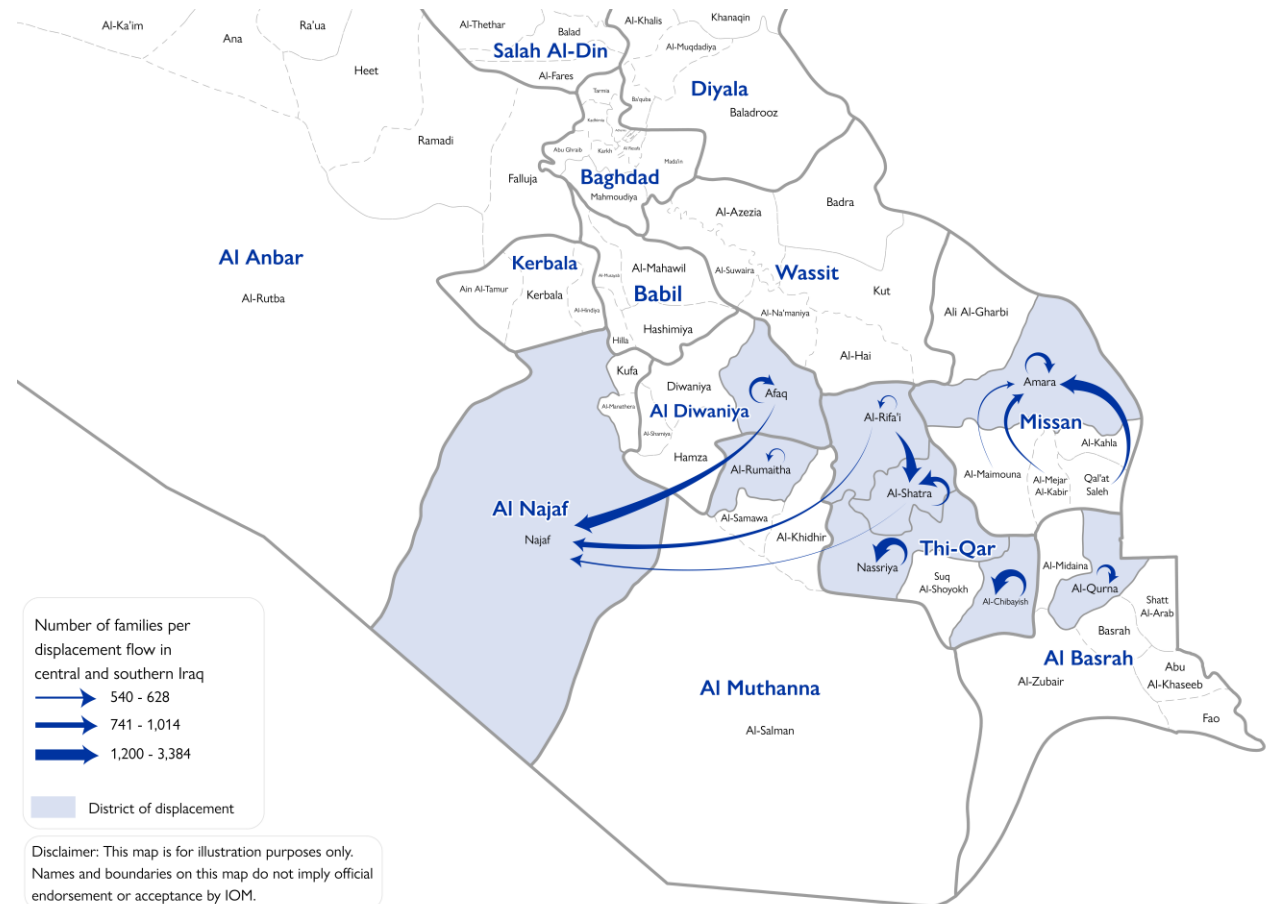
- Coverage
 - 12 governorates in Central and Southern Iraq
 - 475 locations assessed
- 28,701 families (172,206 individuals) displaced by drought as of March 2025
- Governorates of origin:
 - Thi-Qar (49%), Missan (19%), Al Diwaniya (10%)
- Governorates of displacement:
 - Thi-Qar (40%), Missan (18%), Al Najaf (11%)



Climate-Induced Displacement Tracking – Trends and Updates

- Flow analysis
 - Just under half of families displaced in two years: **2022** and **2023**
 - 40% of flows took place within **Thi-Qar**, including within **Al-Chibayish** and **Nassriya**.
 - Slight less than a fifth of flows took place within Missan Governorate, especially between **Qal'at Saleh** and **Amara** districts
 - Three in five families displaced to urban locations (60%), while the remaining share went to rural or peri-urban locations.
 - Many of those moving to rural areas go to **Najaf**, **Al-Chibayish** and **Nassriya**.
 - Key districts for urban displacement include **Al-Shatra**, **Amara** and **Nassriya**.

Top 15 climate-induced displacement flows in central and southern Iraq



Climate-Induced Displacement Tracking – Notes from the Field

- Movement patterns
 - Babil: Seasonal/circular migration toward Kerbala and Najaf for employment and engagement in agriculture
 - Al-Diwaniyah: Some returns indicated
 - Improvement in climatic conditions last winter
 - Expect to see an increase in displacement at the beginning of summer

Climate-Induced Displacement Tracking – Notes from the Field

MoMD Registration of Drought and Desertification IDPs by Governorate (as of 15 April 2025)

Governorate	Number of Families Registered
Thi-Qar	9,525
Missan	1,643
Al Diwaniyah	2,823
Muthanna	1,668
Basra	951
Najaf	742
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