

DSTWG #51

11 June 2025



Agenda

1. Welcome and introduction
2. Agenda and Action Points May Meeting
3. DSTWG Update
 - o Subgroup updates
 - o JCFs & ABC update
 - o Displacement Advocacy Messages
 - o DSTWG Membership Review
4. IRC----Iraq Protection Needs Overview
5. AOB

Previous Meeting Action Points (May)

- o ZFD Conflict Analysis survey request ----DSTWG Members interested
(Completed)
- o Climate Resilient Livelihoods ---To identify 1-2 ISSA to present on their climate change work during the June Meetings, meeting feedback
(Ongoing)
- o M&A Subgroup to finalize the online reporting tool for DSTWG members to test (Ongoing)



DS Update



Subgroups Update

RWG Safety and Security Workshop

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Iraq Durable Solutions



Participants:

- MOMD
- Security actors
- Governorates Officials
- Heads of directorates from various Iraqi ministries

Key Recommendations:

- Policy-Level Engagement: Elevate the workshop outcomes to the Prime Minister's Office to ensure high-level policy consideration and support.
- Thematic Workshops: Convene focused workshops on priority issues, including:
 - Compensation and Reconstruction, in coordination with the Ministry of Finance and the Martyrs Foundation.
 - DS Technical Workshop addressing the “Tabriaa” with the participation of the Ministry of Interior, the Supreme Judicial Council, and MOMD
- Security and Access Coordination: Establish a security committee to address barriers in no-return areas and develop tailored plans to facilitate safe and voluntary return.





JCFs & ABC updates

- **JCFs**

- **Salahdeen:** JCF meeting conducted on 26 May. JCMC will assume the JCF secretariate role. A local NGO expressed interest to take over the co-chair role (SEDO). Next meeting date TBD soon.
- **Ninewa:** JCF meeting conducted on 26 May, chaired by Deputy Governor and UNICEF. Meeting notes shared both in Arabic and English. Next meeting last week of June.
- **Diyala:** Last JCF meeting convened on 29 April, with No meeting in May. June 19th .
- **Anbar:** JCF meeting convened on 25th May. A new secretariate was assigned by the government (JCMC).
- **Kirkuk:** June meeting of JCF convened on 4th. The RC has appointed a new co-chair (Thara'a Al Wae'e, local NGO). Governor Assistant named the new Secretariate from his office to replace DSO.

- **Sinjar ABC**

- The monthly meeting conducted on 28th chaired by Ali Omer and IOM. Sinjar and Ba'aj local authority attended the meeting as members.
- Ali Omer briefed on the
- Co-chair presented on the IOM-Facilitated Voluntary Movements (FVM) Program.

Displacement Advocacy Messages

RCO Office has reached out to update the advocacy messages

DSTWG Membership Review

- Interest by other organizations to participate in the DSTWG
- Departure of some organizations

DRC—Double Burden Recommendations

Government Recommendations

- o Strengthen IDPs and Returnees access to social safety nets by simplifying the application process and ensuring timely disbursement of the benefits
- o Include displaced and returnee women in the planning and execution of local and national policies, especially those related to durable solutions.
- o Enhance security in areas of origin through stabilization programs and conflict resolution mechanisms, rebuilding local governance structures to promote law and order, reducing risk of violence or instability.
- o Ensure that policies, laws and their implantation providing for the needs of IDPs and returnee families and female headed-households are aware of the specific social pressure and violence that women and girls face and prevent their negative impacts.

DRC—Double Burden Recommendations

International community Recommendations

- o Continue providing financial support to rebuild and repair damaged homes in areas of origin with the aim of improving access to housing and tenancy for returnees and IDPs
- o Continue funding projects expanding livelihoods opportunities for the displaced and returnee populations (esp women), such as providing targeted vocational training and loans for women to establish small businesses.



IRC Presentation Iraq Protection Needs Overview



IRC Iraq Protection Needs Overview *Oct 2024 – Mar 2025*

Iraq Durable Solutions Technical Working Group (DSTWG) Meeting

11th June 2025

Who We Are & What We Do

- IRC Iraq has provided humanitarian and protection services since 2003.
- Focus: IDPs, returnees, refugees, host communities
- Core Services: Legal aid, GBV prevention, documentation, child protection, case management

Donor Landscape & Programmatic Architecture

- ECHO: Protection case management, legal aid, protection monitoring (Anbar, Ninewa, Salah Al-Din via JC)
- FCDO: Access to justice, social cohesion, peacebuilding, durable solutions (Anbar, Ninevah, Salah Al-Din, Kirkuk)
- PRM: GBV prevention, livelihoods, returnee protection, monitoring (Anbar, Kirkuk, Ninevah)
- UNHCR: Legal assistance to refugees/asylum seekers in 13 governorates (Center and South)

District-Level Coverage by Donor & Program Focus

Governorate	Districts	Donor(s)	Key Activities	Implementer(s)
Anbar	Ramadi, Heet, Al-Qaim	ECHO, PRM	Legal aid, protection case management, protection monitoring	IRC , WEO
	Ana, Rawa, Heet , Al Qaim	FCDO	Legal assistance, social cohesion	LCN, TAD
Ninewa	Mosul (Qayyarah), Gayyarah	FCDO	Legal aid, social cohesion	JC, TAD
	Sinjar	ECHO, FCDO, PRM	GBV, legal aid, case management, reintegration	IRC, Al Mesala, HOC
Kirkuk	Kirkuk City, Dibs, Daquq, Hawija, Rashad	FCDO, PRM	Legal aid, GBV, refugee protection, reintegration	IRC, IAA, JC, PFO, Al Mesala
Salah Al-Din	Tikrit, Tooz, Baiji	ECHO , FCDO	Legal aid, returnee support, social cohesion	Justice Center, TAD
	Yanjaka	FCDO	Access to justice, documentation	JC, TAD
Central/South Iraq	Baghdad, Najaf, Basra, Maysan, Dhi Qar, Karbala, Babil, Wasit, Al-Qadisiyyah, Muthanna, Erbil, Salah Al-Din, Anbar	UNHCR	Legal aid for refugees and asylum seekers, documentation, child protection	IRC (Direct Implementation)

Protection Monitoring Methodology & Scope

- Tools: IRC Toolkit – HH Survey, KII, FGD, Observation (disability disaggregated)
- Standards: GPC-aligned, DRG-recognized
- Scope: Anbar, Ninewa, Kirkuk (Salah Al-Din resuming)
- Coverage: 178 HHs, 76 KIIs, 351 FGD participants

Key Protection Findings – Access & Legal Barriers

- 94% report access difficulties (top barrier: cost)
- Priority Needs: Livelihoods (92%), Legal Aid (53%), Healthcare (49%)
- 28% of households lack key documents
 - Child labor (45%), early marriage, school dropout
 - Gender-based mobility barriers
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Recommendations & Opportunities

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- Scale legal aid in high-return districts
- Strengthen referral and case management systems
- Expand services to climate-affected zones
- Support inclusive, government-led reintegration

Thank you for your attention.

Questions welcome.



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