

# **Durable Solutions Technical Working Group Housing- Housing, Land and Property (HLP) Subgroup - updates**

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# Housing and HLP Services affected by U.S. Government Directive in Iraq

**The Executive Order issued on January 24, 2025,** suspending U.S.-funded humanitarian operations, has created an **acute crisis in Housing and HLP services.** Based on consolidated data from four subgroup members (DRC, Justice Center, IOM, Un-Habitat) **over 78,000** vulnerable individuals have had their **assistance interrupted or cancelled**, significantly undermining stabilization efforts and exacerbating protection concerns.

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## KEY IMPACT METRICS<sup>2</sup>



78,506

Individuals affected by suspension of Housing and HLP services



2,195

Housing units impacted, leaving families in inadequate shelter



\$11,320 million<sup>3</sup>

In critical funding suspended



Four governorates experiencing severe service disruptions

This data was collected in February 2025. Since then, some housing rehabilitation works have resumed following the waiving of certain activities and the reactivation of projects. The resumed works include approximately 1,686 housing units, targeting around 16,926 individuals, with an estimated cost of \$3,135,500.

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# Sector-Specific Impact

## HOUSING SERVICES

The provision of housing assistance through housing rehabilitation and reconstruction, shelter upgrades, and rental support is crucial to overcome key barriers to return and enable sustainable reintegration for displaced populations.



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# Sector-Specific Impact

## HLP SERVICES

HLP services ensure legal protection for property rights, prevent forced evictions, and facilitate durable solutions for displaced populations.



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## HUMANITARIAN CONSEQUENCES

1. **PROTECTION CRISIS:** Vulnerable households remaining in unsafe, inadequate shelter.
2. **SECONDARY DISPLACEMENT:** Families unable to return to areas of origin due to lack of housing solutions.
3. **DESTABILIZATION:** Increased tensions in communities receiving returnees without adequate support.
4. **RIGHTS VIOLATIONS:** Rising evictions and unresolved property disputes.



# Discussion on Advocacy points for Extension of Deadline for Compensation claims submission.

## Background

- Compensation covers two primary compensation categories: **property compensation** ( real estate and vehicles) and **compensation for victims of terrorism** (covering martyrs, injured, and wounded individuals).
- Central Compensation Committee in Baghdad has issued instructions to all the governorate compensation committees to issue a **deadline for submission of claims to 1 July 2025**.

## Updates from Compensation offices:

### Ninewa Compensation Department

- No new compensation applications were accepted after the **end of 2024** according to the Director of Ninewa Compensation Department, Judge Ammar Al-Darzi, except for internally displaced persons (IDPs) or those residing outside Iraq during the relevant period, provided they submit the required documentation.

### West Ninewa Compensation Office

- Is still accepting application for all areas until **1 July 2025** for those who have the needed documentation.
- The submission of **compensation claims for martyrs and injured individuals remains open** due to the ongoing discovery of mass graves, particularly in Sinjar and surrounding areas.

### Central Compensation Committee in Baghdad

- The deadline was confirmed by the Head of the **Central Compensation Committee in Baghdad**. Instructions were given to sub-committees across the governorates setting a six-year deadline for submitting claims counting from the end of the conflict (settled in 2019). The community reported that for **Sinjar it was opened only in 2021**.

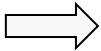


# Some compensation figures so far

## Ninewa Compensation Department

**69,666**

Real Estate Applications



**68,366**

Cases completed



**60,366**

Distributed

**8,000**

Approved and  
awaiting due to  
budget constraints

## West Ninewa Compensation Office

**43,000**

Martyrs and Injured  
Applications



**4,000**

Distributed

**22,000**

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# Observation and updates from HLP and Legal group members

## IOM

- IOM noticed an increase in new applications following the announcement of the deadline.
- **IOM Legal and Tribal Engagement teams are planning a workshop** with both the **central and sub-compensation committees in June 2025**. The workshop will **focus on access to compensation for victims' families** and strengthening the compensation system and it is planned to include discussions about the deadline issue on the agenda.

Other Org.: ?



# Advocacy points

- **Extension of Deadline for Internally Displaced Households**

According to DTM's December 2024 data, 1,031,475 individuals (about 171,912 households) are still displaced and may not been able to submit their claims as per the settled deadline.

- **Extension of Deadline for Iraqi Nationals living abroad**

Several iraqi Nationals are still living outside the country as result of the conflict in 2014 and may not been able to submit their claims as per the settled deadline.

- **Flexible Documentation Requirements**

Some households may have lost important documents during the conflict and need additional time to gather the necessary paperwork to complete their applications. Advocate for allowing for provisional submissions with the possibility to complete the documentation later.

- **Case-by-Case Review Assurance**

The Head of the Central Compensation Committee indicated that applications from displaced households would be reviewed on a case-by-case basis but are likely to be rejected. The different sub-committees must ensure that the case-by-case review process is fair and transparent, with clear criteria for acceptance to prevent automatic rejections. Monitoring mechanisms should be established to ensure fairness in the process.

- **Families Originally from Blocked Areas**

There are thousands of families from blocked areas who are unable to access their homes or to receive documents enabling application for compensation. Some exceptions should be made for these families.

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