

DS Update

Peacebuilding Fund Project in Sinjar: *Advancing Peace and Stability in Sinjar:*

- The DSTWG presented a new Project in Sinjar implemented by UNDP, IOM and UN Women, focusing on:
 - Supporting peacebuilding, transitional justice, and social cohesion
 - Enhancing access to livelihoods and MHPSS services
 - Community participation in reconstruction
 - Strengthening leadership of women and youth
- The Project Steering Committee was convened on the 9th of July in Baghdad and officially launched in Ninewa on 17th of July, attended by RC and PM Advisor

Ad hoc Meeting on Defining caseload and solutions pathways:

- The last meeting was held in December 2024 and minutes shared with agenda.

JCF:

- **Salah Al-Din / 23 June:** Chaired by Deputy Governor and SEDO with a focus on drinking water scarcity due to declining Tigris River levels.
- **Ninewa / 30 June:** Chaired by Governor's Assistant with UNICEF with key concerns around the delay in federal budget impacting housing in Sinjar. IRC also presented updates on activities in Mosul.
- **Anbar / 1 July:** through an online meeting format, focused on the preparation for the joint fact-finding mission to Al Amal Rehabilitation Center and return areas.
- **Diyala / 2 July:** Co-chaired by Deputy Governor and IOM, but with a low attendance; discussed new returns to Jabbara villages.
- **Kirkuk / 4 June:** July meeting pending due to Governor Assistant's absence abroad

Sinjar ABC:

- Last meeting held on 2nd July with key updates on tapoo (land title) documentation challenges for government-allocated plots, a briefing on high-level delegation visit to Sinjar and a presentation on ongoing programming: **77 initiatives by 31 partners currently active in Sinjar.**

Next steps

DSTWG advocacy messages (as shared with RCO):

- Climate Resilience Guidelines were finalized and reviewed by Government counterparts, NGOs and UN Agencies.
- Call for MoMD–EJCC agreement on departure processes from Dahuk and Erbil camps
- Increased support to families in areas of return
- Urgent need for resumption of MoMD cash grants

DSTWG membership

- Membership profile under review to ensure effective representation
- Transition in leadership noted (Precillar and Nawal concluding their tenure; Rabih taking over)

Next steps for DSTWG

- Sustain support to JCFs and ABCs in operational areas
- Strengthen inter-agency coordination and stakeholder advocacy
- Follow up on emerging trends (e.g., reverse displacement, unregistered returns)
- Align subgroup activities with updated government strategies and donor interests

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DISPLACEMENT OVERVIEW ¹

RETURNS	DISPLACED	OUT OF CAMP	IN CAMP	CAMPS	CRITICAL SHELTER
596,252 HH	352,962 HH	574,465 HH	21,787 HH	20	58,408 HH

While some 318 House Holds (1,438 individuals) departed from Dohuk, Erbil and East Mosul camps between January and May 2025, broader return movements have been largely suspended since July 2024 following the halt of the official return programme. Of those who have returned this year, 904 Households (approximately 5,424 individuals) returned via the IOM facilitated voluntary movement program. Many families remain eager to depart but face key barriers such as:

- Lack of security in areas of origin
- Absence of essential services and livelihoods
- Inability to access exit documentation to leave camps legally

The June Newsletter is available on the DS website under the following [LINK](#)

Key highlights:

- Displacement overview/return and displacement figures.
- Advocacy points
- JCF and ABC updates
- Progress towards DS.
- Latest publications