

Returns Working Group

June 2026



Agenda

Time	Agenda Item	Description / Details
11:00 – 11:10	Opening & Minutes	Welcome, introductions, and adoption of previous minutes
11:10 – 11:30	Context Update	RWG Field Update
11:30 – 11:50	DTM Presentation	Key findings from the Anbar Climate reports
11:50 – 12:10	IOM Protection Presentation	Presentation of recent Protection Monitoring findings
12:10 – 12:20	IOM FVM Presentation	Facilitated Voluntary Movement programme progress
12:20 – 12:25	DS Updates	Durable Solutions updates
12:25 – 12:30	AOB	Any Other Business and closing remarks

Centre South Field Update

May – June 2026

Return Updates - Diyala

Type of return (MoMD, FVM, individual)	Total (Household)	Area of Displacement	Area of Return	Date (Month)
Spontaneous	2	Khanaqeen, SAD	Khalis District (Sharqiyah, Mansuriyah)	May
Spontaneous	1	Khanaqeen	Muqdadiyah District (Khilaniyah Village)	May
Spontaneous	3	Khanaqeen, SAD	Baaquba (Markaz Baaquba, Al-Ma'bar)	May
Total	6			

Return Updates - Salah al-Din

Type of return	Total (Household)	Area of Displacement	Area of Return	Date
Spontaneous	2	Sulaymaniyah	Yathrib subdistrict	May and June
Spontaneous	10	Kirkuk	Tuz & Suleiman Beg	May and June
Spontaneous	2	Erbil	Tikrit district	May and June
Spontaneous	1	Erbil	Samarra district	May and June
TOTAL	15			

Return Updates - Anbar

Type of return	Total (Household)	Area of Displacement	Area of Return	Date
Spontaneous	4	Hamam al-Alil	Haditha district	May and June
Spontaneous	1	Kirkuk	Ana district	May and June
TOTAL	5			

Ninewa Field Update

May – June 2026

Key Updates – Ninewa JCF #18

Tax

- NGOs asked to solve tax problems.
- Need a simple tax system for NGOs.
- Move tax files to Ninewa.

Sinjar Committee

- A new joint committee will be created.
- It will choose priority projects.
- It will support returns and recovery.

Social Security

- Project closure takes too long.
- Give more authority to Ninewa office.
- Make the process faster.

Bzeibiz Response: Progress & Operational Update (Anbar Governorate)

Bzeibiz Response: Coordination Updates

Population & Context Update:

The total number of affected families was revised to **1,242 households** (previously 1,350) following updates from the local government; the change is attributed to seasonal work travel. Currently, **300 households** are identified as having total tent loss, and **450 households** have sustained partial shelter damage.

Operational Progress by Partners:

- **IOM:** A verification exercise for the 300 most affected families was finalized, and **275 tents** were secured for immediate distribution.
- **Mercy Hands:** Food and hygiene kits were distributed to **130 families**, with a second round for an additional 130 families currently pending.
- **DRC:** Plans were made to support **65 households** with cash for shelter through field partners in Anbar.
- **WFP:** Resettlement funds were confirmed and are ready for implementation within two weeks once a de-duplicated beneficiary list is verified.

Government Coordination:

Close contact was maintained with the Governor's office and JCMC. A preference for **in-kind support** (such as tarpaulins and plastic sheets) over cash assistance was expressed by the authorities to avoid social tension and ensure funds are used for shelter repairs.

Joint Assessment and Way Forward:

A joint verification exercise was agreed upon by partners to validate existing lists and manage social sensitivity through a blanket distribution approach. The response was noted as extremely urgent as the site has transitioned from rainy weather to extreme heat reaching 50 degrees.