

Alert/Update

Iraq

Support to Internally Displaced People in Iraq following Mosul military operation

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1. Brief description of the emergency and impact

On October 17 2016, Mosul retake operation begun and the humanitarian partners in Iraq have estimated that up to 1.5 million additional people may be impacted. According to UNOCHA Flash Appeal, civilians on the west bank of the Tigris River are likely to flee southwards to Tikrit, where limited services are available. A significant number of families will probably flee northwards toward the Syria-Iraq border and to Iraqi Kurdistan. Displacement towards Tel Afar is also expected. The most immediate needs will be for water, food, emergency shelter, and medical assistance. UN has identified 4 zones of potential displacement locations: 1) Erbil, Duhok (Kurdistan); 2) Zummar, Rabea (Ninewa); 3) Tal Afar (Ninewa); 4) Tikrit (Salah Al Din).

One third of the total Iraqi population (approximately 34 million) has already been displaced prior to this new battle for Mosul; and is in need of humanitarian support.

2. Why is an ACT response needed?

In Kurdistan, Northern Iraq there are already more than 1 million Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and refugees. Already 2 years after the war of 2014 the burden on local authorities as well as communities is still immense. Mosul military operation may result in an additional one million displaced persons in need of immediate support. According to UN, in a worst case scenario, the humanitarian operation in Mosul is likely to be the single largest and most complex in the world in 2016.

3. National and international response

Humanitarian partners in Iraq have been planning for the response to the battle of Mosul since February 2016. As of 14 October, space is available to accommodate 60,000 displaced people in seven sites, including camps and emergency locations. 230,000 additional spaces are under construction or planned. However, there are gaps for all services. For ongoing displacement in Kurdistan, public services are overwhelmed, affecting both host and displaced communities.

4. ACT Alliance response

ACT Alliance members (NCA, LWF, CA and DKH) are working in Northern Iraq from 2014. Until now ACT Appeal Iraq141 and Iraq151 have been implemented. Iraq ACT forum was newly established in 2016. A new appeal to be launched will support the ongoing responses and incorporate the response for Mosul's battle.

5. Planned activities

Norwegian Church Aid (NCA)

For Mosul IDPs, NCA will respond in Zone 2. The first line response for the first month after displacement will focus on provision of basic water supply and sanitation services for 6,000 to 10,000 IDPs. For the second line response, i.e. the next three to five months, NCA will provide and maintain continuous Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) services.

Lutheran World Federation (LWF)

For Mosul IDPs, LWF will respond in Zone 1 and 2 directly, in Zone 4 through local partners. Main planned activities include: WASH activities in the second line response (water trucking, water supplies upgrades, etc.), NFIs and shelter kits distribution, and psychosocial support for women and girls through Women Listening Centers.

Christian Aid (CA)

For Mosul IDPs, Christian Aid will respond through its local partners NIHR and FUAD in Ninewa or Salah al-Din Provinces. The response will be unconditional cash transfers (if appropriate in the locations), or food, or NFIs. Cash is preference but will depend on suitability of location.

Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe (DKH)

DKH is working through the local partner REACH for the Mosul response project. The planned activities are food and NFI distribution in Zone 1.

Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA)

HIA is planning to support 650 newly displaced households fleeing from Mosul and surrounding areas in the following sectors: Health, Protection & Psychosocial support and NFIs, in cooperation with local partners.

6. Constraints

Security related to new IDPs from Mosul. Lack of financial resources for rapid response for newly displaced persons from Mosul. Lack of financial resources for protracted displacement crisis in Northern Iraq.

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Also access the following link - global e-portal to already indicate what support you can give:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1zEJGobz8ElvMKQxrj4hCJuOXCsmz1Ylr9R939pdbMA/edit?usp=sharing>

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