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Displaced Iraqis in Erbil receive winter NFI kits provided through US Government in-kind support | 28 January

IOM, through its Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM), observed a marked increase in displacement due to ongoing conflict during the months of December 2015 and January 2016, most notably in Anbar, Ninewa, Salahaddin, and Kirkuk. During these cold months, IOM has intensified its winter non-food item (NFI) and fuel distributions to vulnerable displaced Iraqis.



IOM distributed more than 4,600 NFI kits across 10 governorates in January 2016. The kits were provided through the support of the US Government, Germany and ECHO. IOM also distributed: 1,400 barrels of fuel funded by the US Government; and shelter support to more than 300 recently displaced families in Salah al-Din and Baghdad, including tents funded by Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and sealing-off kits for unfinished buildings funded by ECHO.

According to DTM Emergency Tracking, over 1,600 displaced Iraqis returned to Diyala governorate on 31 January after they received clearance from authorities to return. Since the end of August 2015, IOM DTM has identified more than 107,000 individuals who have returned to Diyala, particularly to Al-Muqdadiya and Al-Khalis districts.

Amir, who was displaced from Mosul and currently living in Duhok said: "My mother suffers from a back problem; she is always sitting or lying down. In this cold weather she needs a heater by her side to keep warm. I am so



Displacement


IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM)
January 2014 - January 2016

<p>IDP Families </p> <p>548,385</p>	<p>Individuals </p> <p>3,290,310</p>
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To access the IOM Iraq DTM, please visit:
<http://iomiraq.net/dtm-page>

Emergency Relief Distribution

<p>Family non-food item (NFI) kits </p> <p>163,596</p>	<p>Emergency shelter </p> <p>18,365</p>
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<p>Fuel Vouchers </p> <p>25,221</p>

happy today because I am receiving a barrel of kerosene and a heater. With the high price of fuel and few job opportunities, I wouldn't be able to give her enough kerosene on my own. Thank you very much, I am really grateful."

Saa'di's Family

“I'm very grateful for these relief items. Now we have a heater and kerosene to run it. This will help my children to be warm in the tent.”

Saa'di Mohammed Jasim, a 40-year-old father, was displaced from Falluja with his family in January 2014, taking only their identification papers. They left after ISIL shelled the city heavily. “All the families were very scared so we all fled. We rented a car and left with many other families.”

After arriving in Baghdad, the family could not afford rent and settled in a school building. “I worked as a day laborer in Falluja. The money I earned was immediately used on daily needs so I didn't have any savings. I have a big family, seven girls and one little boy. My oldest daughter is 13 years old, and I am the only provider for the family.”

The family suffered another unexpected tragedy when Saa'di's wife was diagnosed with cancer. Saa'di said, “My wife started to experience intense pain so a relative took her to a doctor. She had breast cancer, which later spread to her body. The doctor said that an operation would not help because the cancer had already spread, so we treated her with chemotherapy every 22 days. The government usually covers that, but when it doesn't friends help us to pay for the treatment.”

The family stayed in the school for over a year until the school was reopened. They could not afford to pay for housing so they moved to a tent in the same area. “It's very cold in the tent. It floods when it rains so then we have to ask our neighbors to take us in. Living in a tent is more difficult than anyone can imagine.” Saa'di added, “I can't even send my girls to school. I cannot afford the school materials or transportation.”

Saa'di's family received a German-funded non-food item kit and kerosene from IOM. Upon receiving his kit Saa'di said, “I work as a day laborer but the work is very slow; I work only a few days per week. The money is barely enough for food. I'm very grateful for these relief items. Now we have a heater and kerosene to run it. This will help my children to be warm in the tent.”



Saa'di upon receiving his non food item kit in Bzebiz, Baghdad

IOM is responding to life-threatening needs in a rapidly changing environment, in addition to monitoring movements on the ground.

