Humanitarian Crisis in Iraq
(28 July to 14 August)

The information provided in this report is obtained from the Government of Iraq (GoI), Joint Coordination and Monitoring Center (JCMC) and International Organizations operating in Iraq.

Highlights

- The Secretary General of the Council of Ministers Dr. Mahdi al Allaq chaired the regular meeting of the Civil Crisis Management Cell and the Stability team, that takes over monitoring and coordinating the ongoing work during the two phases of restoring stabilization and reconstruction of areas liberated from terrorist gangs. The meeting was attended by members of the stabilization team, the head of the reconstruction Fund, the UNDP representatives, International Organizations, and relevant governorates and the ministries, in addition to Ambassadors of donor countries. The aim of the meeting was to review the course of funding and implementation, and the requirements of the next phase.

- The Preparatory Committee for the Donors' Conference held a meeting on 8 August in Kuwait with the staff of the Reconstruction Fund chaired by Dr. Mustafa Al-Hiti and the World Bank Working Group, in the presence of representatives of the Kuwaiti Fund for Arab Economic Development, the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Kuwait and the Central Bank. The meeting was meant to prepare for holding an International Donors Conference, which will help Iraq in the reconstruction of areas affected by terrorist acts.

Meetings and coordination activities carried out by JCMC

- The Coordination and Monitoring Center held a coordination meeting at its headquarters on 7 August with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the Ministry of Planning and representatives of the Higher Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Construction, Housing and Public Municipalities. The meeting addressed the need to share geographical and demographic data with all parties. The most prominent decisions taken in the meeting were that the Joint Coordination and Monitoring Center takes over a project or a national program covering the entire Iraq through conducting field surveys of all administrative units, and in cooperation with the participants of the meeting. A practical plan in this regard will be prepared with international logistical support.

- The Joint Coordination and Monitoring Center (CIMIC) held its CIMIC regular meeting on 2 August with the CM Coordination of the Coalition International forces to discuss humanitarian relief efforts for IDPs and scenarios for dealing with the number of IDPs from areas still under the control of the ISIL terrorists, in addition to the stabilization efforts and community reconciliation.

- The Joint Coordination and Monitoring Center held a coordination meeting on 1 August with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in the presence of the UNDP representative at the Center. The means of supporting and developing the Center's current and future programs and plans were discussed.

- On 30 July, the Joint Coordination and Monitoring Center held a coordination meeting in Erbil with representatives of United Nations agencies, International Organizations and the Iraqi Red Crescent Society. The efforts of the organizations were discussed in Nineveh governorate, where international intervention in the reconstruction, and contribution to combating extremism is crucial. The intellect behind this is calling for the consolidation of civil peace and community reconciliation through high coordination between international organizations and local and central government actors in order to unify efforts in facing challenges and obstacles.
On 27 July, the Joint Coordination and Monitoring Center held a coordination meeting with the United Nations Human Settlements Program / UNHABITAT on the review of the implemented programs and the projects under implementation.

The center provides humanitarian aid to displaced families through direct coordination with international organizations and facilitates the movement of this assistance on a daily basis. 128 facilitation letters were issued in coordination with the National Operations Center (NOC) between 20 July and 14 August, where the letters included facilitating the movement of 378 trucks carrying humanitarian relief items. The Joint Center also facilitated the issuance of (123) emergency and multiple visas to humanitarian workers in international organizations for the same period mentioned above.

Statistics

Displacement Movement:

Government Statistics

The Ministry of Displacement and Migration announced that the number of displaced persons since the start of the liberation of west side of Nineveh governorate from 19 February to 10 August reached 143,075 (786,431 individuals).

The Ministry of Displacement and Migration announced that total number of IDPs from the start of the Nineveh liberation operation until 10 August reached 188,908 families (1,030,972 individuals).

United Nations Statistics

As of 6 August 2017, the United Nations International Organization for Migration (IOM) has identified the displacement of 22,642 families (135,852 individuals) from Baiji, Shirqat and Qayyara districts since the beginning of military operations on 16 June 2016.

As of 6 August 2017, the United Nations International Organization for Migration (IOM) has identified the displacement of 16,560 families (99,360 individuals) from Hawija district in Kirkuk governorate since the beginning of August 2016.

As of 10 August 2017, the United Nations International Organization for Migration (IOM) has identified the displacement of 139,915 families (839,490 individuals) from Nineveh Governorate since 18 October.

Return Movement:

Government Statistics

On 10 August, the Ministry of Displacement and Migration announced the return of 52,624 displaced families (263,441 individuals) to their liberated areas.

As of 7 August 2017, the Ministry of Displacement and Migration has registered 2,057 returning families in Najaf governorate since 2014.

United Nations Statistics

As of 10 August 2017, the United Nations International Organization for Migration (IOM) has identified the return of 40,774 families (244,644 individuals) to Ninewa governorate since 18 October 2016.

Nineveh Governorate

On 3 August, the Chairman of the Reconstruction Fund discussed the strategic plan for the reconstruction of Nineveh governorate in the governorate building, in the presence of the mayors of the districts and sub districts as well as the administrative team in the governorate. They also discussed how identify the mechanisms of the work of the Fund and the modalities of the speculative estimations
that determine the proportions and the extent of destruction as well as a detailed presentation of projects completed by the Fund, and the names of the projects, the number of beneficiaries and the cost of each project were announced.

- The Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs announced the launch of loans for small income-generating projects for the people of Nineveh governorate as of 1 August, and the share of the governorate of loans as allocated in the fund to support small projects reached 24 billion Iraqi dinars. The loan amount ranged between 3-8 million without benefits in order to contribute to improving the living conditions of citizens who suffer from a lack of sources of income and unemployment.

- The technical agent of the Ministry of Health held a meeting in the Nineveh Health Department during his field visit to the governorate on 28-29 July. The most important outcome of the meeting was the receipt of the operation of the field hospitals in practical and progressive mechanisms in coordination with the World Health Organization to meet the need of the medical and laboratory supplies and equipment required both in IDP camps and liberated areas, as well as enhancing the epidemiological and laboratory monitoring and setting an emergency plan to strengthen health and preventive services during the liberation of Tal Afar and Hawija.

- The General Company for grain production in the Ministry of Trade announced on 26 July that a technical team from the Ministry of Science and Technology carried out a survey and radiation examination of liberated mill machines in Nineveh governorate to see if they were free from radioactive contamination after the recent military operations in the governorate and to ensure their validity to work in a healthy and appropriate environment, and to ensure the safety of production of the flour that is distributed within the ration card items.

- The World Health Organization (WHO) said in its 9-23 July report that a special team that is working on the prevention of cholera outbreak in IDP camps held a meeting with Erbil Directorate of Health to discuss details of cholera prevention at the Cholera Treatment Center, which was recently established at Al-Khazer M1 camp to receive 1,200 potential cases of Cholera among the 60,000 -70,000 displaced residents of the camp. It was agreed at the meeting to form a specialized medical team from the departments of the governorates of Erbil and Nineveh to oversee the operations center and identify the lists of essential equipment necessary to operate the center.

**Diyala Governorate**

- According to the representative of the Joint Coordination and Monitoring Center in the governorate, the completion of rehabilitation of Khanaqin-Naft-Khana-Mandili road, which is 62.5 km long, within the emergency loan projects of the Reconstruction Fund and under the supervision of Diyala Directorate of Roads and Bridges.

**Kirkuk Governorate**

- The Coordination and Monitoring Center in the governorate held a coordination meeting on 27 July, chaired by Mr. Azad Jabari, a member of the Provincial Council. International organizations also attended the meeting and they discussed the humanitarian plan for Hawija at the level of shelter, assistance and evacuation, where they also discussed the potential numbers of IDPs with the start of the liberation operations.

**Erbil Governorate**

- On 7 August, the State of Kuwait opened a special wing of the emergency hospital in Erbil, which aims to treat displaced civilians who have been amputated by military operations in the city of Mosul. The State of Kuwait and its charitable societies have also dealt with the treatment of more than 500 displaced Iraqis, surgical operations, limb-making and eye operations.
Anbar Governorate

- The UNHCR announced in its 27 July report that it is expanding the Kilo 18 camp in preparation for the expected displacement from western Anbar. UNHCR partners have begun the expansion of Kilo 18 camp in Ramadi district in Anbar governorate. The total capacity of the camp is about 996 family, and is currently occupied by 876 displaced families. It is hoped that the expansion work will add some 512 additional shelters to the camp.

Various Governorates

The Ministry of Transport transfers displaced persons from different quadrants of the ongoing liberation operation. The number of buses participating in the duty for the period from 22 July to 5 August was 300 buses and the number of displaced persons being transported was 16,315 individuals, while the amount of fuel provided to buses was 24.870 liters, according to data reported by the representative of the Joint Coordination and Monitoring Center in the ministry, in addition, the General Company for the transfer of passengers and delegations announced the latest statistics for the transfer of displaced as part of the efforts of the Ministry of Transport within the High Committee for relief and sheltering displaced persons in Nineveh governorate. As of 6 August, more than 2,050,918 displaced persons have been evacuated since the start of operations in Nineveh in all quadrants, while the number of transfers reached more than 43,632.

Humanitarian Response to displacement from Mosul

- As of 6 August, the United Nations camp coordination and management sector revealed the latest statistics on the number of vacant shelters in Nineveh governorate. There are 7,842 vacant shelters, while it is planned for an additional 20,278 shelters. In Hawija district, 7,587 vacant shelters were reported, and additional 4,700 shelters are planned. In Tel Afar district, there are 1,553 vacant shelters, and additional 8,498 shelters are planned.

Funding

- The United Kingdom has announced a package of humanitarian assistance and stability support for Iraq with £46 million. The international partners of the United Kingdom also pledged additional assistance to support Iraq since the liberation of Mosul, and this includes:
  - An additional € 30 million from the European Union to support stability and help children return to school.
  - More than USD 119 million as additional funding from the United States.
  - € 3.2 million from France to the World Food Program.
  - USD 1.4 million from New Zealand to FFIS to support stability.
- The US General Consulate in Basra announced that the United States has approved a USD 250,000 grant to AMAR International Charity to support the Business Management Guidance Program, which will give priority to supporting widows.
- The United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) announced on 3 August that the Grand Duchess of Luxembourg has donated 500,000 Euros to support the activities of the Program based on the priorities set by the Government of Iraq and local authorities in Mosul. This contribution would enable the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) increase its support and activities to ensure that explosives are identified and removed, in order to allow life-saving work and support safe return of displaced persons to Mosul.
Support Stabilization in the retaken area

- The British Embassy announced on 26 July that it is carrying out a campaign to clean up an area of one million and 700,000 square meters of liberated areas from a terrorist organization. “The campaign will include cleaning up these areas of mines and remnants of war” the statement reported.

- The UNDP Stabilization Program, funded by the US Embassy and through the US Agency for International Development (USAID) in Iraq, employs some 2,000 local laborers in Mosul within cash-for-work programs to clean schools and hospitals, remove rubbles, collect solid wastes and make minor repairs to damaged houses and removal of debris at Mosul University, east of Mosul.

- In the cash-for-work program, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) has been able to apply mobile money transfer technology. The Belgian-funded program supports around 12,000 vulnerable people in 30 villages in Kirkuk, Anbar, Salahuddin and Nineveh governorates. Local farmers will help to resume or expand their activities through rehabilitated infrastructure and the provision of agricultural livelihood opportunities for displaced persons returning to their areas.

- The Iraqi National Reconciliation and Implementation Committee of the Office of the Prime Minister and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) signed a partnership agreement on 4 August in Baghdad to promote reconciliation at the community level in Iraq. Through this partnership, UNDP will strengthen and support local peace committees and assist communities in gathering information on atrocities and abuses against citizens during the conflict.

Reconstruction Projects

- The Fund for the Reconstruction of the Areas Affected by Terrorist Operations signed an agreement with the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development on 6 August for managing the grant of the government of the State of Kuwait to support the health sector in the affected areas with about USD 100 million.

- The Ministry of Education announced on 6 August the start of the reconstruction and establishment of 55 schools in Anbar governorate. The demolition and reconstruction of 31 destroyed schools has started as a first step in the reconstruction projects of the liberated areas in the Ramadi, Fallujah, Karma, Khalidiya, Heat, Haditha. In addition, the direct demolition and reconstruction of 24 projects of the first group of school buildings has started in the governorate within the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

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