

THE RETURN INDEX: A NEW TOOL TO MEASURE THE QUALITY OF RETURNS

WHY?

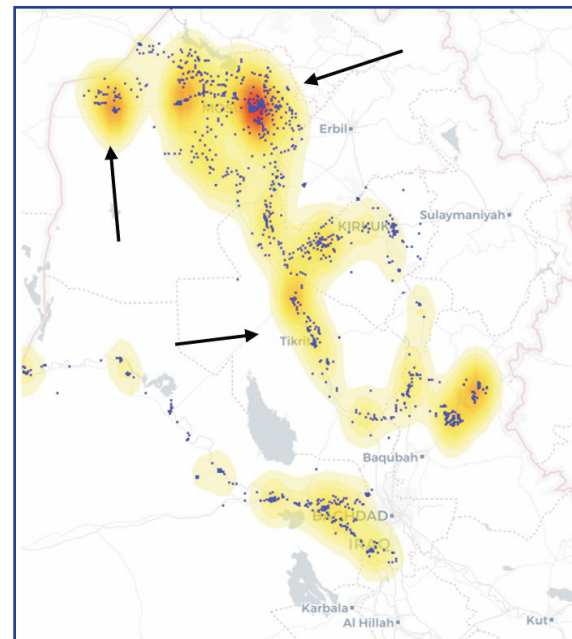
There are more than 3.9 million returnees in over 1,400 different locations in Iraq. To advocate for resources and support coherent operations within the recent and growing movement dynamic, precise tools and data responsive to the context are required.

WHAT?

To prioritize interventions the Return Index measures the quality of returns by evaluating conditions in areas of high return over time as well as the locations that have limited returns.

HOW?

Monthly data collection of indicators across two scales in each of the more than 1,400 locations of return in Iraq. The ranking system, based on a combined score of two scales, will allow partners to prioritize vulnerable areas or mitigate risks of push/pull factors for a more specific set of interventions on the part of humanitarian, recovery, and stabilization actors.



Concentration of locations with the worst conditions of return



3.9 Million
Returnees



1,400
Locations

Where Do We Stand?

The tool is currently being tested to improve the indicators and to ensure validity of the weighting system. A first round of data collection in June allowed DTM to develop the two scales. The second round completed in July will allow DTM to continue to refine the system. Consultations and discussions with partners are ongoing to ensure the data collected will be of use to not only IOM, but all actors involved in supporting the return process.

SCALE 1: Access To Basic Services And Livelihoods

- LEVELS OF DESTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS
- PRESENCE AND FUNCTIONING OF LARGE PRIVATE EMPLOYERS
- PRESENCE AND FUNCTIONING/REHABILITATION OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS
- PRESENCE AND FUNCTIONING/REHABILITATION OF PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRES
- RESTORATION AND FUNCTIONING OF MARKETS/SHOPS
- LEVEL OF PUBLIC ELECTRICITY PROVISION
- LEVEL OF PUBLIC WATER PROVISION
- PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT: REINCORPORATION OF EMPLOYEES AND REGULAR SALARIES
- AGRICULTURAL LAND: REACTIVATION OF FARMING ACTIVITIES

SCALE 2: Perception of safety, community tensions and social cohesion

- HLP ILLEGAL OCCUPATION: PRIVATE RESIDENCES ARE OCCUPIED WITHOUT PERMISSION OR NOT
- DAILY PUBLIC LIFE: STREETS ARE SPARSELY POPULATED WITH PEOPLE LEAVING HOME ONLY WHEN NEEDED OR ARE BUSY BUT TENSE
- PRESENCE OF ARMED ACTORS
- RESTRICTIONS OF MOVEMENT
- SAFETY CONCERNS
- CONFLICT RESOLUTIONS MECHANISMS
- LEVEL OF CROSS-LOCATION INTERACTION FOR JOINT INITIATIVES
- LEVEL OF LOCAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION BY COMMUNITY LEADERS
- CHANGE IN SECURITY SITUATION