Since 2019, DTM Iraq has been implementing migration monitoring activities as part of the Regional Evidence for Migration Analysis and Policy (REMAP) project, which aims to strengthen evidence-based formulation and implementation of humanitarian and development policy and programming on migration and forced displacement in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Iran, Iraq and Pakistan.

As a part of the REMAP project, DTM collected information on the numbers and locations of mobile population groups, in the current case the presence of foreigners in Iraq. This document provides an overview of locations – those areas at the sub-district level which host at least five IDP and/or returnee households – in which there is the presence of individuals of foreign nationalities (non-Iraqi). The data presented in this factsheet is taken from the Integrated Location Assessment (ILA) – Round IV (completed from 1 May to 30 June 2019). ILA IV provides an in-depth look into both displacement and return movements in Iraq, including the demographics of displaced and returnee populations, their current living conditions, movement intentions, vulnerabilities, and the state of social cohesion in the locations in which they currently live.

Data collection for ILA IV was conducted through a network of about 4,000 key informants in 3,645 locations hosting either IDPs or returnees (or both). These key informants were asked about the presence of foreigners, with the option of providing the number of these persons.

Key informants reported the presence of foreigners in 18% of assessed locations, namely 642 out of the 3,645 locations.

Foreigners were reported in 16 of the 18 assessed governorates. The three governorates with the highest proportion of locations reporting the presence of foreigners were Sulaymaniyah (35%, 225 locations), Baghdad (19%, 123 locations) and Erbil (12%, 80 locations).

63% of the locations with presence of foreigners reported a total of 19,078 foreigners. Two of the three locations reporting the highest figures were located in Dohuk Governorate in Amedi District: Sheladze and Deralook subdistricts reported 950 and 490 foreigners present, respectively. Markaz Sulaymaniyah in Sulaymaniyah district (Sulaymaniyah Governorate) reported the presence of 425 foreigners.