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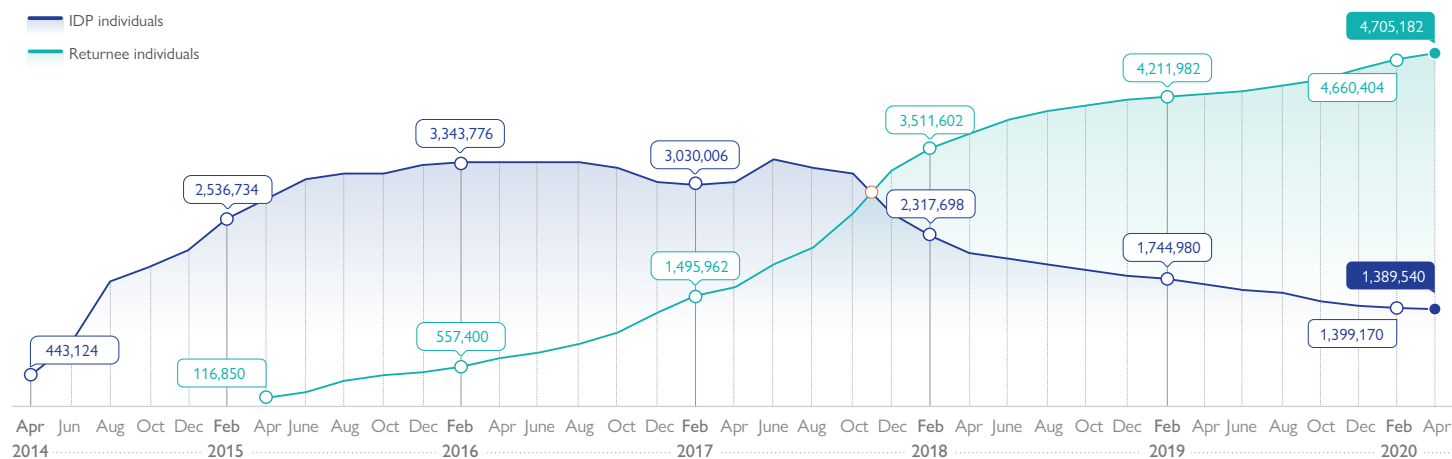












Figure 1. Number of IDPs and returnees over time

Data collection for Round 115 took place during the months of March and April 2020. As of 30 April 2020, DTM identified 4,705,182 returnees (784,197 households) across 8 governorates, 38 districts and 2,027 locations. An additional 44,778 returnees were recorded during data collection for Report 115, which is lower than the number of new returnees in the previous round (63,954 new returnees in Report 114). Most returnees were recorded in the governorates of Anbar (22,170), Ninewa (13,890) and Salah al-Din (7,974). This low return rate is unsurprising considering the mobility restrictions imposed by the Iraqi authorities starting in March 2020 to curb the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. The majority of new recorded returns were either households who had returned in previous months but were only identified in this round, or those who returned before the implementation of the country-wide curfew in early March.

During the same period, DTM also identified 1,389,540 IDPs (231,590 households) dispersed across 18 governorates, 104 districts and 2,986 locations in Iraq (-18 locations since the previous round). Despite the overall decrease in the number of IDPs (-9,630 since the previous round), 2,694 individuals were displaced during March and April, mainly in instances of secondary displacement.

In terms of areas of origin, 60 per cent of the current caseload of IDPs come from Ninewa Governorate, mainly from Mosul (277,506 individuals), Sinjar (266,088) and Al-Ba'aj (111,798). The second and third largest shares of IDPs come from Salah al-Din and Anbar governorates with 11 per cent each.

Displacement Overview		
As of 30 April 2020		
	1,389,540 IDP individuals	 231,590 IDP households
Main Governorates of Displacement		
Ninewa 328,212 IDPs	Dahuk 319,158 IDPs	Erbil 237,480 IDPs
Geographic Distribution		
 18 Governorates	 104 Districts	 2,986 Locations

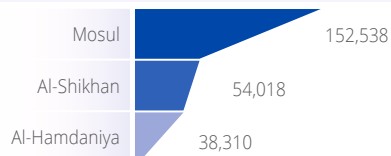
Return Overview		
As of 30 April 2020		
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Main Governorates of Return		
Ninewa 1,799,628 Returnees	Anbar 1,501,890 Returnees	Salah al-Din 688,920 Returnees
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 8 Governorates	 38 Districts	 2,027 Locations

DISPLACEMENT OVERVIEW

The below graphs show (1) the number of IDPs in all governorates of displacement, (2) the number of IDPs in each main district as well as (3) the proportion of IDPs per governorate of origin for each governorate of displacement.

Ninewa 328,212 IDPs

► Three main districts of displacement

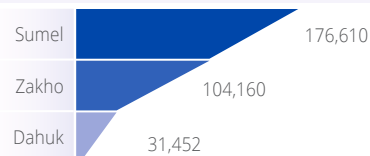


► Governorates of origin



Dahuk 319,158 IDPs

► Three main districts of displacement

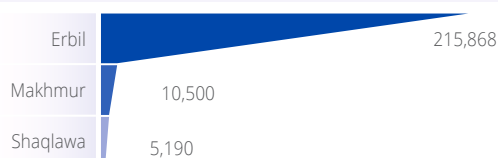


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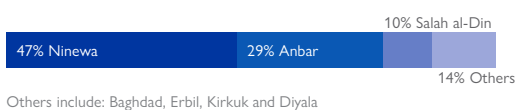


Erbil 237,480 IDPs

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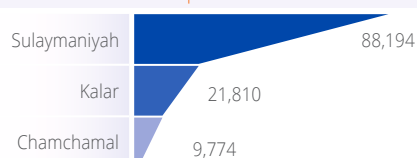


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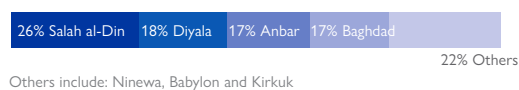


Sulaymaniyah 139,458 IDPs

► Three main districts of displacement

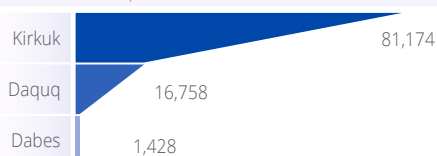


► Governorates of origin



Kirkuk 99,786 IDPs

► Three main districts of displacement

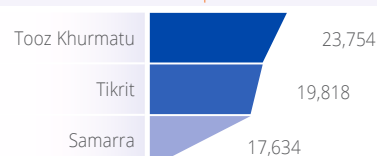


► Governorates of origin



Salah al-Din 70,776 IDPs

► Three main districts of displacement

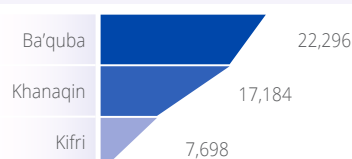


► Governorates of origin



Diyala 53,874 IDPs

► Three main districts of displacement

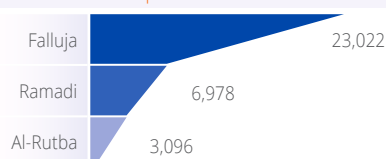


► Governorates of origin



Anbar 36,342 IDPs

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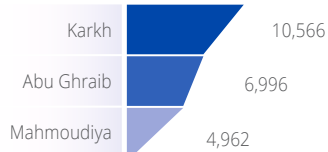


DISPLACEMENT OVERVIEW

Baghdad

36,162 IDPs

Three main districts of displacement



Governorates of origin

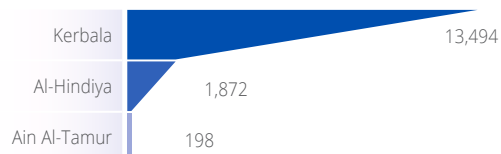


Others include: Salah al-Din, Diyala, Baghdad and Kirkuk

Kerbala

15,564 IDPs

Three main districts of displacement



Governorates of origin

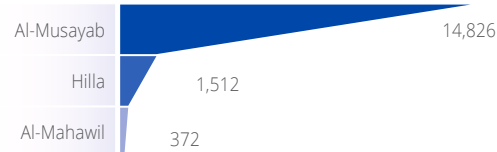


Others include: Anbar, Kirkuk, Diyala, Salah al-Din and Baghdad

Babylon

17,004 IDPs

Three main districts of displacement



Governorates of origin

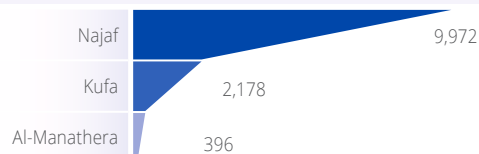


Others include: Anbar, Baghdad, Diyala, Salah al-Din and Kirkuk

Najaf

12,546 IDPs

Three main districts of displacement



Governorates of origin

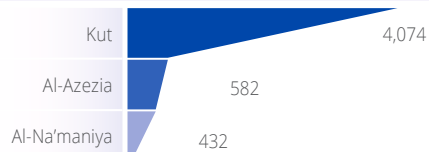


Others include: Diyala, Salah al-Din, Anbar and Kirkuk

Wassit

6,084 IDPs

Three main districts of displacement



Governorates of origin

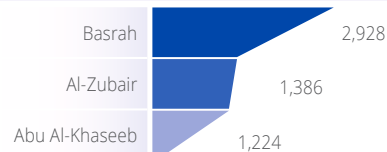


Others include: Diyala, Salah al-Din and Anbar

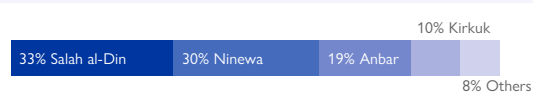
Basrah

6,564 IDPs

Three main districts of displacement



Governorates of origin

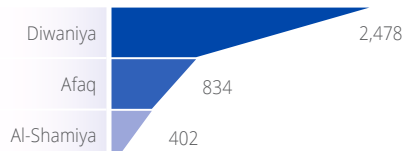


Others include: Diyala, Baghdad and Babylon

Qadissiya

3,888 IDPs

Three main districts of displacement



Governorates of origin

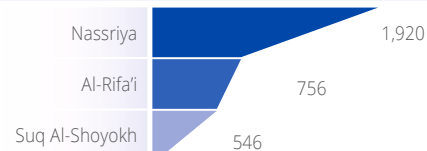


Others include: Baghdad and Salah al-Din

Thi-Qar

3,396 IDPs

Three main districts of displacement



Governorates of origin



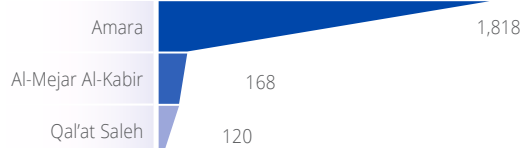
Others include: Baghdad, Salah al-Din, Diyala, Kirkuk and Babylon

DISPLACEMENT OVERVIEW

Missan

2,232 IDPs

Three main districts of displacement



Governorates of origin

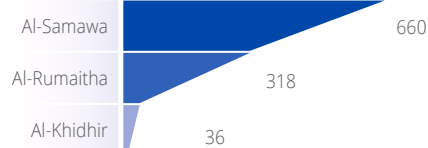


Others include: Baghdad, Anbar, Diyala and Babylon

Muthanna

1,014 IDPs

Three main districts of displacement



Governorates of origin



Others include: Salah al-Din, Kirkuk and Diyala

IDP SITUATION UPDATE

Overall IDP figures: During March and April, DTM identified 1,389,540 IDPs (231,590 households) dispersed across 18 governorates, 104 districts and 2,986 locations in Iraq. DTM recorded a decrease of 9,630 IDPs since the previous round, with the largest decrease taking place in Salah al-Din (-3,708, representing a -5% change in the IDP caseload in the governorate), followed by Ninewa (-2,958 -1%) and Baghdad (-1,914, -5%).

Recent IDP movements: Despite the overall decrease in the numbers of IDPs, 2,694 individuals arrived in assessed locations during March and April. The majority of new arrivals (2,064 individuals, 77%) came from other locations of displacement. In addition, 192 individuals were re-displaced after returning due to poor services, security concerns, lack of employment opportunities and lack of substantial financial means to remain in their area of return. The majority of these IDPs originally come from Hatra and Mosul in Ninewa, 72 and 60 individuals, respectively. Finally, 438 individuals were displaced from their area of origin for the first time, mainly to Erbil (366 individuals). Most of them fled Baghdad and Ninewa governorates due to the ongoing demonstrations, the worsening security situation, lack of services and lack of employment opportunities.

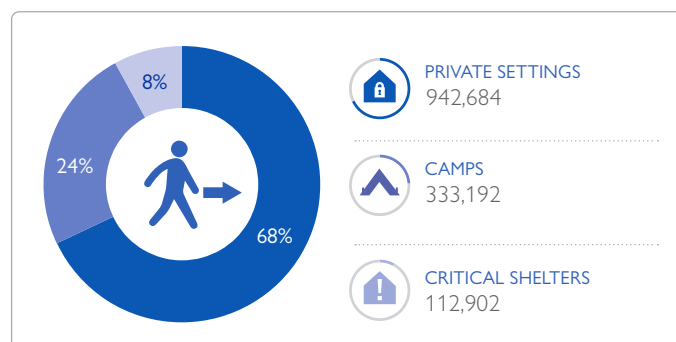
IDP areas of origin: 60 per cent of the current caseload of IDPs come from Ninewa Governorate, mainly from Mosul (277,506 individuals), Sinjar (266,088) and Al-Ba'aj (111,798). The second and the third largest shares of IDPs come from Salah al-Din and Anbar governorates with 11 per cent each. The top districts of origin are Tuz Khurmatu (40,530 individuals), Balad (29,532) and Baiji (28,422) in Salah al-Din and Ramadi (66,030), Falluja (48,762) and Al-Ka'im (12,258) in Anbar.

Shelter types: 68 per cent of IDPs are living in private settings (942,684 individuals), 24 per cent are in camps (333,192) and 8 per cent (112,902) are in critical shelters. A decrease of 2,634 IDPs in camp settings was recorded mainly in Najaf (-1,110), Sulaymaniyah (-930) and Ninewa (-420), in part due to the re-classification of 3 formal camps which are now considered informal settlements. At the district level, the three districts with the greatest decreases of IDPs living in camp settings are Najaf (-1,110), followed by Sulaymaniyah (-852) and Al-Hamadaniya (-648).

A small increase of 24 IDPs living in critical shelters has been observed since the previous round. While on a national level eight per cent of IDPs continue to live in critical shelters, there is notable variation among governorates: Anbar (44%), Salah al-Din (29%), Qadissiya (19%), Missan (11%), Dahuk (11%), Baghdad (11%) and Najaf (11%). Of those living in critical shelters, 68 per cent can be found in three governorates: Dahuk (35,010 individuals, 31%), Ninewa (20,916, 19%) and Salah al-Din (20,808, 18%). The top three districts hosting IDPs in critical shelters are Sumel (27,780 individuals, 25%), Falluja (12,816, 11%) and Samarra (9,798, 9%). There are also 78 locations where all IDPs are living in critical shelters, a total of 28,524 individuals, mainly in Anbar, Salah al-Din and Ninewa.

Reasons for movements: Overall reasons for the decrease in the numbers of IDPs remain consistent across rounds and include improvements in the security situation, the provision of services and the rehabilitation of houses in areas of origin. Moreover, some families in Al-Khalis and Ba'quba districts in Diyala were able to obtain the security clearance necessary to return to their areas of origin. Movements between governorates were limited due to the national curfew imposed in March in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Figure 2. IDP shelter types

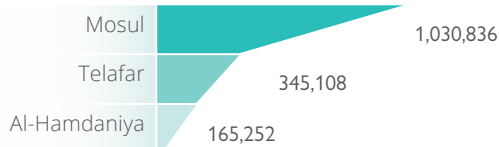


RETURNS OVERVIEW

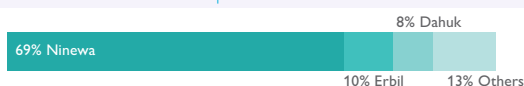
The below graphs show (1) the number of returnees in all governorates of origin, (2) the number of returnees in each main district as well as (3) the proportion of returnees per governorate of last displacement for each governorate of origin

Ninewa 1,799,628 Returnees

▶ Three main districts of return



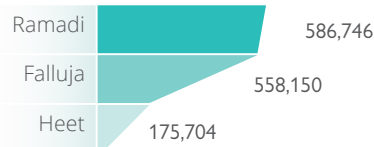
▶ Governorates of last displacement



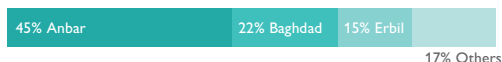
Others: Najaf, Kerbala, Baghdad, Babylon, Kirkuk, Wassit, Sulaymaniyah, Salah al-Din, Basrah, Missan, Qadissiya, Thi-Qar, Muthanna, Diyala and Anbar

Anbar 1,501,890 Returnees

▶ Three main districts of return



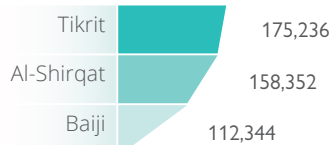
▶ Governorates of last displacement



Others: Kirkuk, Sulaymaniyah, Babylon, Salah al-Din, Dahuk, Kerbala, Ninewa and Diyala

Salah al-Din 688,920 Returnees

▶ Three main districts of return



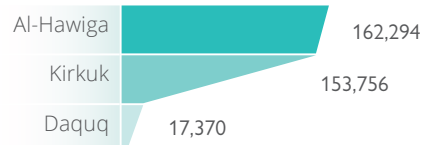
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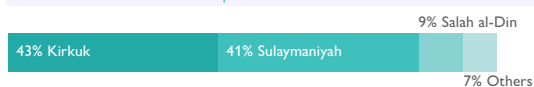
Others: Sulaymaniyah, Baghdad, Dahuk, Basrah, Kerbala, Najaf, Wassit, Missan and Diyala

Kirkuk 340,656 Returnees

▶ Three main districts of return



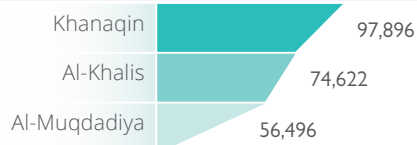
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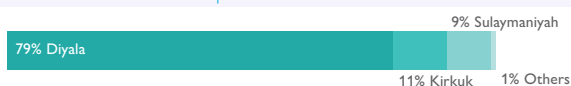
Others: Erbil, Ninewa, Baghdad and Babylon

Diyala 230,214 Returnees

▶ Three main districts of return



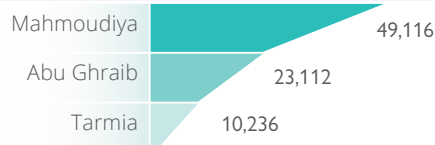
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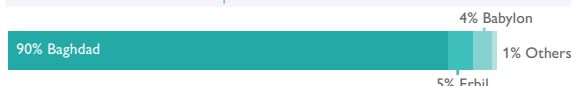
Others: Baghdad, Erbil and Kerbala

Baghdad 90,228 Returnees

▶ Three main districts of return



▶ Governorates of last displacement



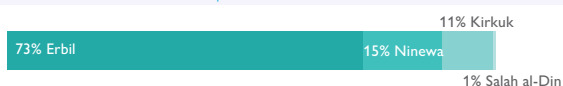
Others: Sulaymaniyah, Kerbala and Missan

Erbil 52,878 Returnees

▶ Three main districts of return



▶ Governorates of last displacement



Dahuk 768 Returnees

▶ Three main districts of return



▶ Governorates of last displacement

100% Dahuk

RETURNS OVERVIEW

RETURNEE SITUATION UPDATE

Overall return figures: DTM identified 4,705,182 returnees (784,197 households) across 8 governorates, 38 districts and 2,027 locations in Round 115. During this round, DTM expanded its coverage by including 71 new, previously unassessed areas: 67 new locations in Ninewa and 4 in Salah al-Din. Despite the increase in the number of assessed locations, the number of new returnees (44,778) recorded during data collection for Report 115 is lower than the number of new returnees in the previous round (63,954 new returnees in Report 114). This decrease can be partially explained by the movement restrictions imposed by the Iraqi Federal and Kurdistan Region (KRI) governments at the beginning of March in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Ninewa, Anbar and Salah al-Din are the governorates which have both the highest number of returnees and the highest increases in the numbers of returnees since the previous round, hosting a total of 1,799,628 individuals (including an additional 13,890 new returns since February 2020) in Ninewa, 1,501,890 (22,170 new returns) in Anbar and 688,920 (7,974 new returns) in Salah al-Din.

During March and April, DTM recorded 390 returnees who have arrived from camps. The majority of them returned to Ninewa (246 individuals) with the top three districts being Sinjar (114), Al-Ba'aj (108) and Telafar (24).

District-level figures: At the district level in the top three governorates, Mosul in Ninewa remains the district hosting the highest number of returnees: 22 per cent of all returnees (1,030,836 individuals). It also had one of the largest influxes of returnees in terms of raw numbers during this round (3,798 individuals). By comparison, the largest percentage increase of returnees took place in Al-Ba'aj, which witnessed a 27 per cent increase since February (7,824 individuals), followed by Tilkaif and Hatra with a 1 per cent increase each (1,062 and 660 individuals respectively). The increase in the number of returnees both in Al-Ba'aj and Mosul can be explained by the expanded DTM coverage of 52 and 11 new locations respectively.

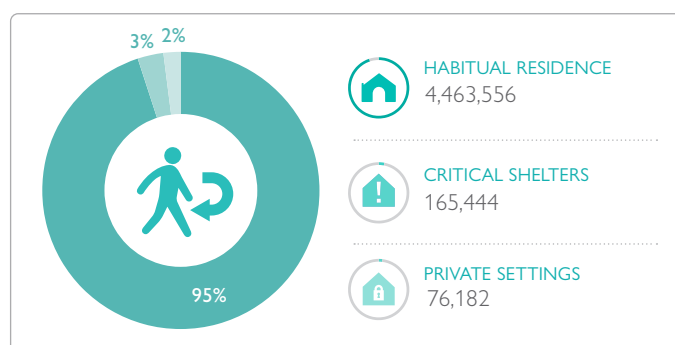
Ramadi district in Anbar has the second highest number of returnees (586,746 individuals, 12% of all returnees) followed by Falluja with 558,150 individuals (12%). Ramadi witnessed few returns this round with an increase of only 90 individuals, while Falluja had one of the highest increases in the number of returnees (19,362). The increase in Falluja is partly explained by an expansion of the DTM key informant network, which allowed for the identification of returnee households who were previously unreported. In addition, one of the largest percentage increases

of returnees took place in Ra'ua: a four per cent increase since February (642 individuals). In Salah al-Din, the largest increase in the numbers of returnees was observed in Tikrit (3,900 individuals) followed by Tuz Khurmatu (924) and Baiji (870) districts.

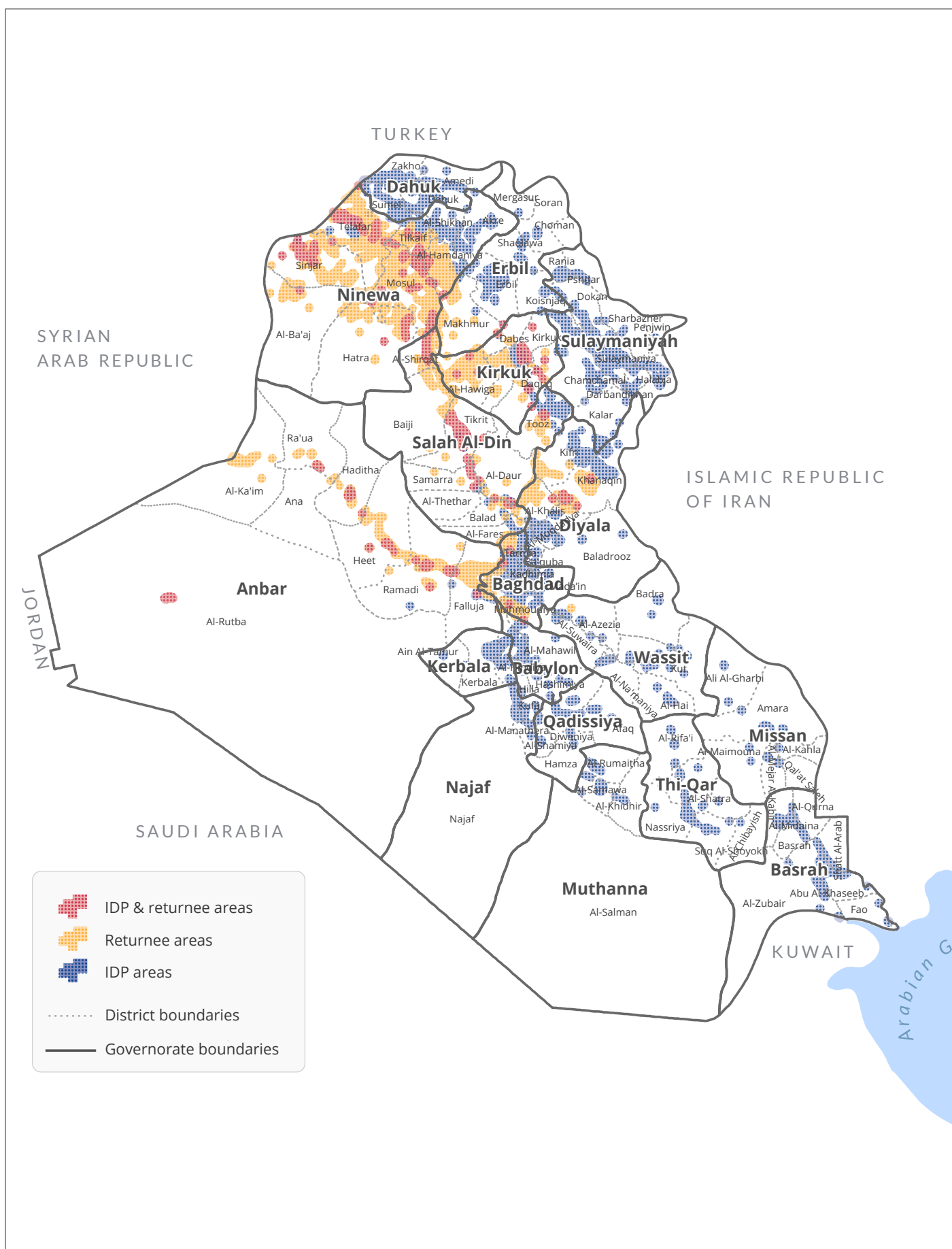
Reasons for return: Overall reasons for the increase in the number of returnees remain consistent across rounds and include improvements in the security situation and the provision of services, including schools, employment opportunities and the rehabilitation of houses in areas of origin. Moreover, in Tilkaif district in Ninewa as well as in Al-Fares, Baiji and Samarra districts in Salah Al-Din, some families were able to obtain the security clearance necessary to return to their areas of origin.

Shelter types: Nearly all households (4,463,556 individuals, 95%) returned to habitual residences that are in good condition and two per cent (76,182) are living in other private settings (with host families, in hotels/motels or rented accommodations). Three per cent of returnees (165,444) are living in the most vulnerable conditions: critical shelters. An additional 10,620 returnees were recorded as living in critical shelters during March and April. While on a national level three per cent of returnees are living in critical shelters, there is notable variation among governorates. In Diyala and Baghdad, as many as 10 and 7 per cent of returnees respectively are living in critical shelters. The districts hosting the highest number of returnees living in critical shelters are: Mosul (32,406), Falluja (15,552) and Al-Ka'im (12,846). There are also eight locations where all returnees are living in critical shelters, hosting a total of 3,546 individuals; specifically, these returnees are living in three locations in Anbar (1,362), two locations in Ninewa (1,182 individuals), two locations in Kirkuk (222 individuals) and one location in Salah al-Din (780 individuals).

Figure 3. Returnee shelter types



Map 1. Presence of IDPs and returnees by area



METHODOLOGY

IOM's DTM aims to monitor displacement and provide accurate data about the IDP and returnee populations in Iraq. Data is collected through IOM's Rapid Assessment and Response Teams (RARTs), composed of over 100 staff members deployed across Iraq. Data collection for Round 115 took place during the months of March and April 2020 across 18 governorates.

Data from the IDP Master List and Returnee Master List is gathered through a well-established large network of over 9,500 key informants that includes community leaders, mukhtars, local authorities and security forces. Additional information is gathered from government registration data and partner agencies.

IOM RARTs collect Master List data continuously and report it bimonthly. However, limited access due to security issues and other operational constraints can affect information-gathering activities. The variation in displacement figures observed between different reporting periods, in addition to true variation of the population figures, may be influenced by other factors such as the continuous identification of previously displaced groups and the inclusion of data on secondary displacements within Iraq.

The displaced populations are identified through a process of collection, verification, triangulation and validation of data. IOM continues to closely coordinate with federal, regional and local authorities to maintain a shared and accurate understanding of displacement across Iraq. To facilitate analysis, this report divides Iraq into three regions: the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI) includes Dahuk, Sulaymaniyah and Erbil governorates; the South includes Basrah, Missan, Najaf, Thi-Qar, Qadissiya and Muthana governorates; and the Central North includes Anbar, Babylon, Baghdad, Diyala, Kerbala, Kirkuk, Ninewa, Salah al-Din and Wassit governorates.

The methodology uses the following definitions:

The number of individuals is calculated by multiplying the number of households by six, the average size of an Iraqi household.

The DTM considers as Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) all Iraqis who were forced to flee from 1 January 2014 onwards and are still displaced within national borders at the moment of the assessment.

The DTM considers as returnees all those displaced since January 2014 who have returned to their location of origin, irrespective of whether they have returned to their former residence or to another shelter type. The definition of returnees is not related to the criteria of returning in safety and dignity, nor with a defined durable solutions strategy.

The location is defined as an area that corresponds either to a sub-district (i.e. fourth official administrative division), a village for rural areas or a neighbourhood for urban areas (i.e. fifth official administrative division).

Habitual residence is the same residence prior to displacement.

Private settings include owned property, rented houses, hotels/motels and host families.

Critical shelters include informal settlements, religious buildings, schools and unfinished or abandoned buildings. For returnees, it also includes habitual residences that are severely damaged or destroyed and for IDPs, long-term rental accommodations that are unfit for habitation (having characteristics of unfinished or severely damaged buildings).

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