

MOVEMENT OF CAMP IDPs

Period covered: 11 January – 17 January 2021

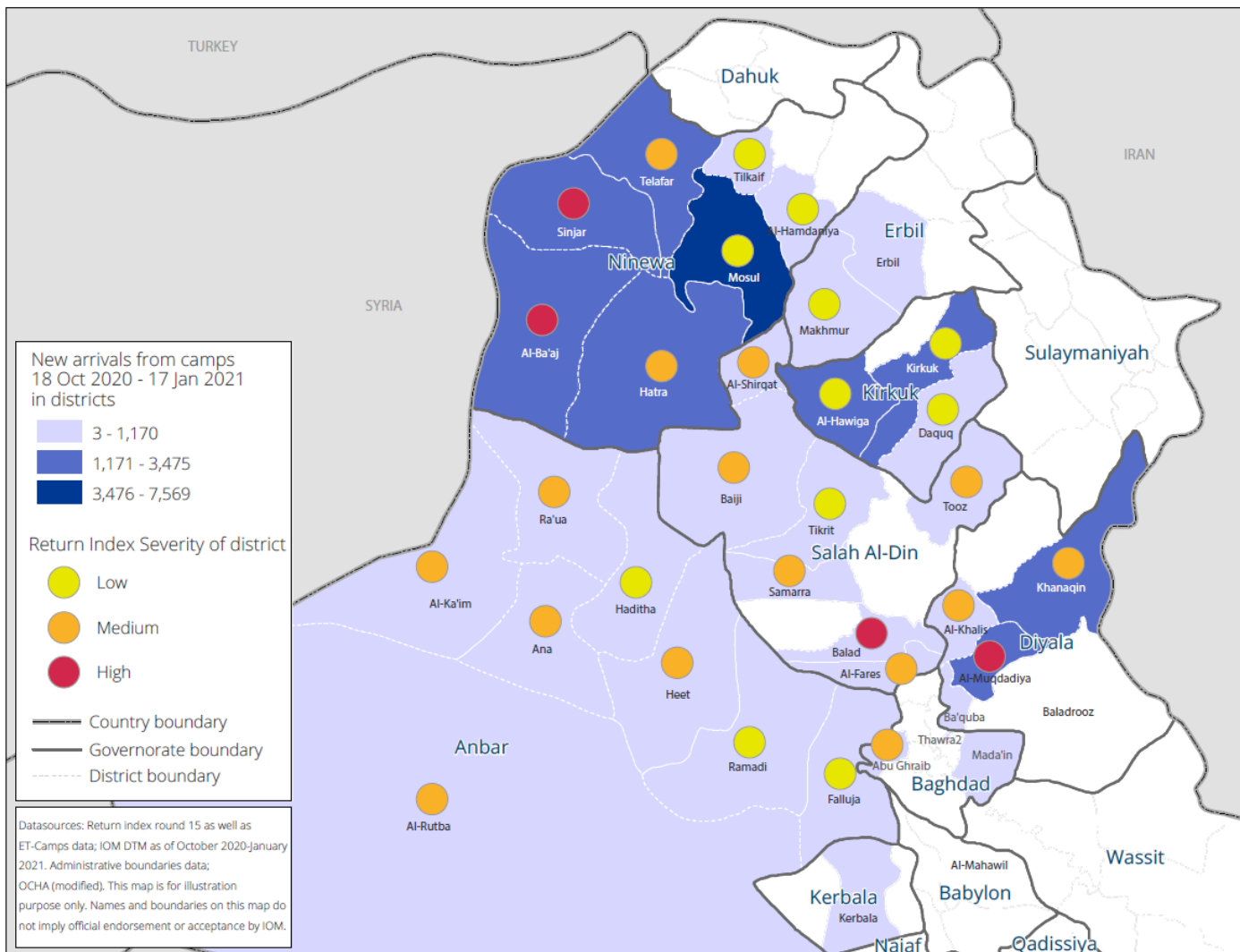
ARRIVAL OF IDPs FROM CAMPS TO NON-CAMP SETTINGS¹

Arrivals

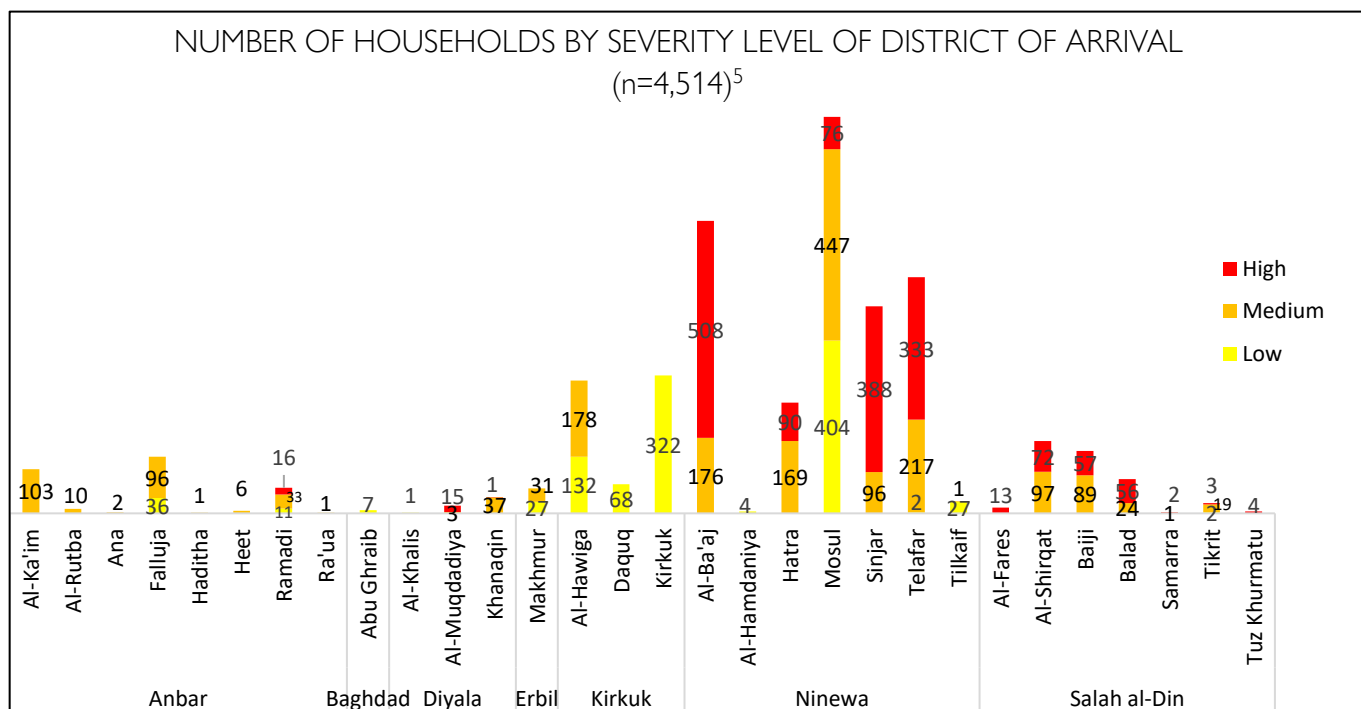
6,519 Households
33,290 Individuals²
70% as returnees
30% as out-of-camp IDPs³


Between 11 and 17 January 2021, a total of 857 new households (4,274 individuals) have been recorded as arriving to non-camp settings following the closure or planned closure of camps that have taken place. A total of 6,519 households (33,290 individuals) have been recorded as arriving to non-camp settings since camp closures began in mid-October.⁴ These households have arrived to the governorates of Anbar, Baghdad, Diyala, Erbil, Kerbala, Kirkuk, Ninewa, and Salah al-Din. Of the total recorded arrivals since 18 October 2020, 1,965 households (30%) have not returned to their location of origin and are now considered to be secondarily displaced, while 4,554 households (70%) have returned to their respective village or neighborhood of origin and are considered to be returnees.

Information shared in an email by CCCM and Protection Clusters on 17 January 2021 highlight that a total of 16 IDP camps and informal sites have now been closed or reclassified since mid-October (12 formal camps closed including As Salamyiah, two informal sites closed, two formal camps reclassified to informal sites).



- 1 Unless specified otherwise, camp settings include both formal camps and big informal sites.
- 2 In most cases, data on the number of individuals departing camps and arriving to new locations was collected. Where this could not be collected, the number was estimated based on an average household size of 6.
- 3 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. Individuals having returned to their district of origin, but not location of origin (village or neighborhood), are still considered IDPs. Individuals who have been able to remain in location of displacement and are seeking to integrate are still considered IDPs. The DTM considers as returnees all those displaced since January 2014 who have returned to their location of origin (village or neighborhood), 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.
- 4 Some households have been retroactively added to the data set collection upon confirmation of arrivals from camps.



The above chart brings together data from this Emergency Tracking exercise and the Return Index Round 11 to identify the level of severity in the districts of return that households have arrived to following their departure from camps.⁶ DTM's Return Index tool measures the severity of conditions in locations of return. In 15 out of the 51 districts having witnessed new arrivals from camps, a total of 1,634 newly arrived households (36%) are hosted in high severity locations. As of the latest Master List of December 2020, these locations were already hosting a total of 36,161 returnee households, including an estimated 4,473 households in critical shelters. This represents an eight per cent decrease in the number of returnees living these areas as compared with the previous Return Index Round (RI 10) in October 2020. In addition, 1,837 newly arrived households (41%) now live in locations with medium severity across 23 of the districts of return while a total of 1,043 households (23%) departing from camp settings to locations of return settled in locations with low severity. Ninewa governorate hosts the highest number of households living in highly severe conditions, especially in the districts of Al-Ba'aj (508 households), Sinjar (388), followed by Telafar district (333).

Return Index Round 11: Number of Returnees that have Arrived to Each District, by Severity Level

| District | Governorate | RI Severity level | Total # returnees in district (Individuals) | Total # of IDPs in district (individuals) (Nov-Dec 2020) | Total # new arrivals from camps to district (individuals) (18 Oct – 17 Jan 2021) |
|--------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mosul | Ninewa | Low | 1,047,540 | 109,282 | 7,569 |
| Al-Ba'aj | Ninewa | High | 49,938 | 6,810 | 3,475 |
| Telafar | Ninewa | Medium | 355,722 | 9,450 | 3,072 |
| Sinjar | Ninewa | High | 110,766 | 35,922 | 2,974 |
| Khannaqin | Diyala | Medium | 100,794 | 12,770 | 2,611 |
| Kirkuk | Kirkuk | Low | 153,504 | 82,386 | 2,435 |
| Al-Hawiga | Kirkuk | Low | 166,068 | 534 | 1,852 |
| Hatra | Ninewa | Medium | 48,582 | 3,138 | 1,448 |
| Al-Muqdadiya | Diyala | High | 59,790 | 198 | 1,318 |
| Baiji | Salah al-Din | Medium | 103,890 | 600 | 1,170 |

⁵ Figures based on the first districts arrival in locations of return.

⁶ IOM DTM Return Index round 11, available at: <http://iraqdtm.iom.int/ReturnIndex>.

DEPARTURE OF IDPs FROM CAMP SETTINGS

Departures (18 Oct 20 – 17 Jan 21)



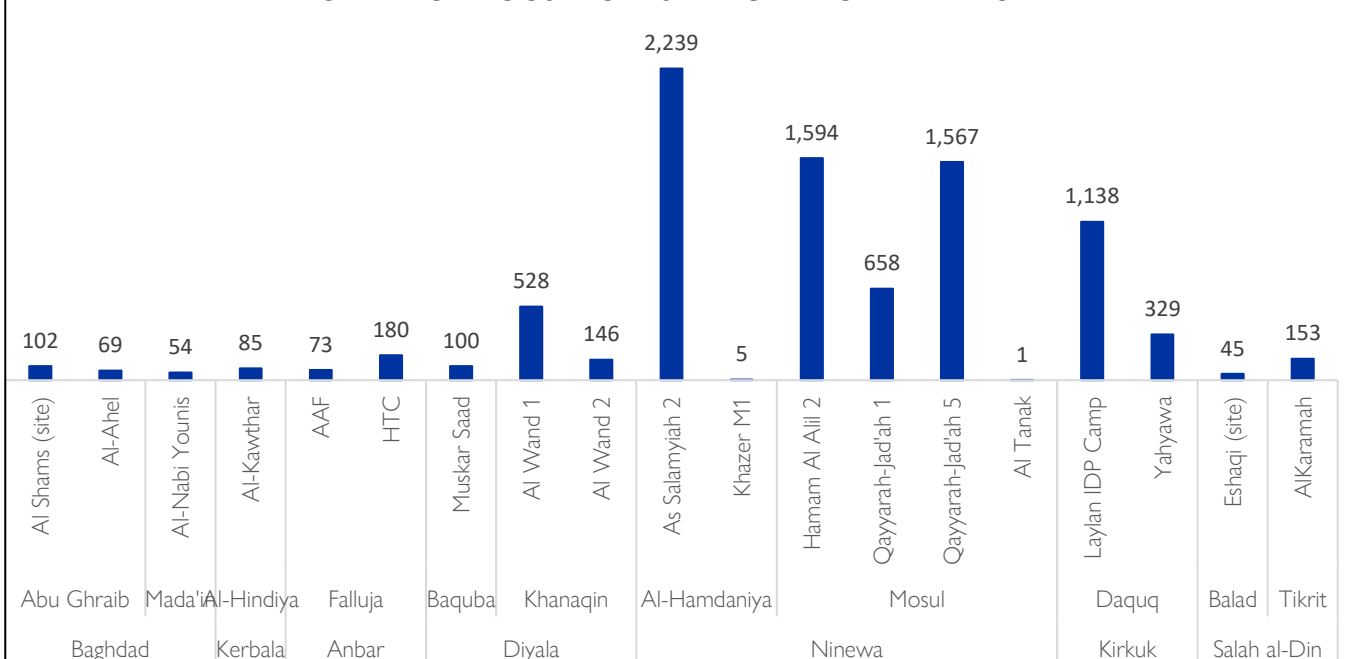
9,066 Households

45,039 Individuals

22% of all camp IDPs have departed a formal camp⁷

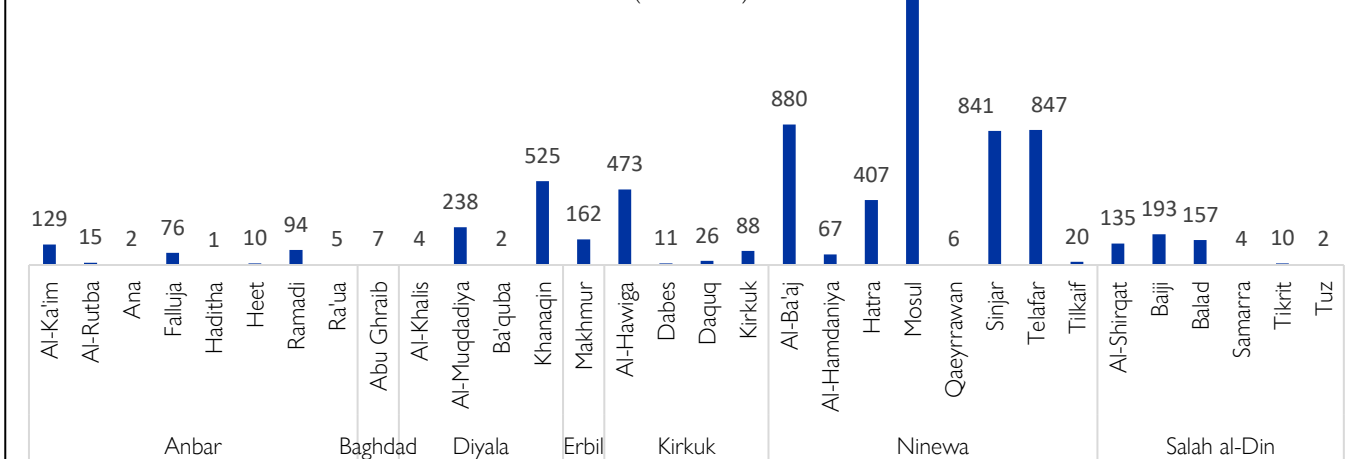
In the same reporting period, a further 1,255 households (6,318 individuals) were recorded as departing from camp settings, all from As-Salamyiah 2 camp in Al-Hamdaniya district, Ninewa governorate, following the closure of the camp. This brings the total number of departures to 9,066 households (45,039 individuals) that have departed from camps since this round of camp closures began in mid-October 2020. While most departures have taken place from Ninewa governorate, departures have also been recorded from camp settings in Kirkuk, Diyala, Anbar, Baghdad, Salah Al-Din and Kerbala governorates. CCCM and Protection Clusters report that 50 per cent of the households that have departed from As Salamyiah camp indicated their intention to return to their areas of origin, with 46 per cent leaving to other destinations in secondary displacement while, six per cent moved to other camps. Additionally, 46 per cent of the families who departed are female-headed.⁸

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS PER CAMP OF DEPARTURE



REPORTED DISTRICT OF ORIGIN OF IDP HOUSEHOLDS DEPARTING CAMPS

(n= 7,103)



⁷ Calculations are based on the Iraq CCCM Camp Master List and Population Flow, December 2020.

⁸ CCCM and Protection cluster email on Iraq camp closure updates (17 January 2021)