

Special situation report on Ramadi, Issue 2 April 21–24, 2015



WHO team conducts an assessment in Bizebaz. Photo credit: WHO

Highlights

- The security situation in Al-Ramadi worsened on 18 April 2015. As a result thousands of internally displaced persons (IDPs) fled from Al-Ramadi (Al Boferage, Al Sofiya and Al Garma districts) to Al-Khaldia, Amriate Al-Fallujah, Al-Habanyia tourist city, Baghdad, Babil and Diwaniah. Following the displacement into various areas, the Government and UN partners stepped up efforts to support those displaced. Camps were erected in various places while some displaced people moved in with relatives in host communities and others are being accommodated in mosques.
- An additional 149 displaced families from Ramadi arrived in Smawa, Muthana governorate, during this reporting period with more expected in the governorate.
- Ramadi General Hospital has re-opened its operations in Al Khalidiah to replace Al Rashid private hospital; rented by Anbar governorate.

- In Baghdad, mobile teams from health facilities nearest to areas where IDPs are currently sheltering are providing outreach health services to displaced people.

The table below shows areas where IDPs are currently seeking shelter in the above mentioned governorates, districts and towns and other proposed sites.

Location/camp	Number of displaced families
Al-Khaldia	2500
Amriate Al-Fallujah	850
Al-Amal IDP camp	280
Al-Habanyia tourist city	3000
Baghdad (Abo Ghrib and Rasheed)	9000
Suleymanaih (Kalar, Kifri, Salih Aga and Arbat districts)	2407
Babil (Mahawil district and Babil)	400
Diwania (Amin district)	60
Baquba/Diyala	40
Missan	34
Basrah (Basra centre, Al Zabair and Abu Al Khaseb districts)	12
Muthana (Smawa)	149
Grand total	18 732

Source: Partners, and Directorates of Health (Suleymaniah, Muthana, Anbar and Baghdad)

- Ramadi General Hospital, maternity and paediatric hospitals have remained closed for the past 5 days of the crisis due to insecurity.
- In Al-Anbar, the Directorate of Health continued renting a private hospital in Al Khaldiyyah used to manage patients displaced from Ramadi. Health workers displaced from Ramadi have been asked to provide health care in the rented hospital.

Functional areas

Initial risk assessment

WHO and the Directorate of Health of Baghdad conducted an assessment to three IDP sites in Baghdad City, namely: Burhan Al Deen/Jamaa camp, Dahaaa Rawee and Jabar Mosque in the Khadraa quarter.

Findings

- Mobile teams from the nearest health facilities in the assessed areas are providing curative and preventive services for IDPs; these are spontaneous rather than structured.
- Primary health care centres are located within 1–2 km from camps.
- Sanitation is an issue in the sites visited with a lack of or a very limited number of latrines and showers available.

Urgent

needs

One ambulance and one mobile team are needed to enhance health service delivery in the area. Essential medicines and human resources for health are urgently needed to support ongoing operations, among them; three medical doctors, six paramedical staff, two laboratory technicians, one pharmacist and two drivers.

Programmatic update

WHO has supported the Directorate of Health with one caravan to Al Khalidiah that will be used serve the health needs of displaced people.

Human resources

Currently, WHO has both international and national health professionals based in Baghdad and Sulaymaniyah to support ongoing response activities. Two national staff are dedicated to visiting Al Fallujah to monitor events and work with departments of health and the Federal Ministry of Health in the area.

Planned activities

The situation of IDPs will be assessed in different locations to identify gaps and needs in terms of accessibility to basic preventive and curative health care services. The following areas will be assessed on the following dates and WHO will provide support to these needs based on the assessment.

Saturday 25 April	Abo Graib	Baghdad
	Bizebaz	Baghdad
	Um Al Qwra Mosque	Baghdad
	Um Al Tobul Mosque	Baghdad
Sunday 26 April	Rasheed	Baghdad
	Hoor Rajab	Baghdad
	Dura	Baghdad

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