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Iraq crisis



Part of WHO health services in the IDPs camps. Photo: © WHO



6.95 MILLION
IN NEED OF HEALTH*



3.2 MILLION
INTERNALLY DISPLACED*



5.63 MILLION
TARGETED WITH HEALTH ASSISTANCE*



5.3 MILLION
VACCINATED AGAINST POLIO**

WHO PRESENCE IN IRAQ



WHO continues its support of medicines and medical supplies to DOHs. Photo: © WHO

MEDICINES PROVIDED BY WHO



3.5 MILLION PEOPLE HAVE DIRECT ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL DRUGS AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT PROCURED AND SUPPLIED BY WHO

FUNDING US\$



22.5 MILLION

FUNDS REQUESTED (JUNE TO DECEMBER 2015)

14.1 MILLION

FUNDING RECEIVED SO FAR LEAVING 96% OF FUNDING GAP (JUNE TO DECEMBER 2015)

VACCINATIONS



5.3 MILLION

CHILDREN UNDER FIVE VACCINATED DURING MAY, 2015 POLIO VACCINATION CAMPAIGN



658,352***
3.7 MILLION****

VACCINATED AGAINST MEASLES SINCE 6 APRIL 2014 TO 28 FEBRUARY, 2015

HIGHLIGHTS

- ⇒ A national polio immunization campaign targeting U5 children was concluded in all Iraqi governorates scoring a coverage rate of 90%. The 6-day campaign was also implemented in the newly liberated areas of Telkyef, Sinjar, Shikhan and Talafar- districts of Ninewa governorate.
- ⇒ WHO handed over to Duhok DOH in October 2015 four complete IDDKs (Interagency Diarrheal Diseases Kits) in preparation for any cholera outbreak emergency.
- ⇒ WHO supported Duhok DOH with a consignment of medical equipment and furniture. The consignment included electrical beds with related accessories for the IC Unit in Azadi Hospital, medical equipment for the operation room, and furniture for Bardarash Health Sector. The support is part of WHO program of enhancing the secondary health services provided to the IDPs in Duhok governorate.
- ⇒ A health clinic of six caravans was established in the IDPs camp at Najaf road in Kerbala governorate. The clinic is equipped with a lab, pharmacy and wound dressing rooms in addition to an MCH services unit. The clinic will provide health services to approximately 5000 IDPs in the mentioned camp.
- ⇒ The Cholera task force continues its meetings headed by the Ministry of Health in Baghdad to collaborate the emergency response for the outbreak containment in the country.

* Figures cover the period June 2015 to December 2015, (Humanitarian Response Plan)

**Number of children vaccinated during the May National Polio Immunization campaigns; this however excludes Anbar governorate and Mosul due to insecurity

*** Number of children vaccinated in Erbil, Duhok and Sulaymaniah during the February mass measles vaccination campaign

**** Number of children vaccinated in 12 governorates during December mass measles campaign.

Situation update

- 18000 IDPs families returned back to their liberated city of Tikrit and another 4100 to Daur district in Salah Aldin governorate.
- With the support of the Ministry of Health and the neighbouring governorates' DOHs, Kerbala Health Directorate concluded its plan for Ashora anniversary commencing on the 24th of October 2015. The plan included the deployment of 35 clinics and 98 ambulances to different locations and entry points in the governorate. It also specified six state hospitals and one private hospital for the governorate visitors alongside 25 mobile medical teams assigned with monitoring food and water distributed to the visitors.

Humanitarian health update

- Kapne NGO continues supporting Senoney Hospital in Sinjar district of Ninewa with the required medicines and medical equipment required for the health services delivery.
- Tikrit Health Sector in Salah Aldin governorate was opened after rehabilitating and equipping the building with the essential requirement. Six PHCs were functioned in addition to rehabilitating the Primary Health Care Department in Salah Aldin DoH. Work also started to rehabilitate Al-Hajaj Private Hospital planned to be rented by Salah-Al Din DoH to support the returnees.
- In preparation for any cholera outbreak in Missan governorate, hospitals labs and PHCCs in the governorate were assessed and supported with the essential media and lab materials.
- In Shamia District of Diwaniya governorate IRaqi Red Crescent Society (IRCS) delivered 150 water tanks (10,000 litters) to support the remote areas that are not served by drinking water.
- In Ghamas area of Diwaniya also, four water purification compound units are still out of service due to low river water level. In addition, low chlorine level (< 0.05 %) was reported in many IDPs places during this reporting period. However, additional 12 tons of chlorine gas and four tons of Alum have been delivered to main Diwania water project to overcome the huge shortage in chlorine.
- In Diwaniya also, Shamia Health Sector conducted a health campaign to IDPs settling in Al-Hayall religious places. The campaign included activities such as vaccination of defaulters, health-education sessions on communicable diseases and hand wash, distribution of chlorine tablets, and insecticidal spray and rodents control activities.

WHO action

- WHO conducted a field visit for supervising the polio immunization campaign in Duhok and presented a monitoring report with the findings. The campaign achieved 101.3% coverage in the governorate.
- WHO supported Duhok DOH with a consignment of medical equipment including blood warming system, complete monitoring system, complete haemodialysis system in addition to one ultrasound machine; all were dedicated to the IC Unit in Azadi Hospital in Duhok. Another consignment of three infant incubators with installation services, training and maintenance were also delivered to Heevi Hospital in the governorate. WHO support extended to include other shipment of medical equipment (two Re-fretron laboratory machines with kits and reagents, two spectrophotometers machines, two laryngoscopes, and two complete sets of

dental chairs including portable X-rays) meant for Mamlan and Mamrashan PHCs in Duhok governorate as well.

- WHO attended the Health and Hygiene Working Group meeting held in Preventive Health Directorate in Dohuk DOH during this reporting period. WHO and health cluster partners attending the meeting reviewed preparations for the Global Hand Washing Day and exchanged updated data on the cholera outbreak situation in the country. WHO and attending members also discussed the establishment of the Cholera Command Control Center (4Cs) in the Federal Ministry of Health- FMOH. A face-out strategy for post emergency phase was among the meeting agenda.
- WHO team took part in the “Ninawa Humanitarian Access Workshop” jointly organized by the Coordinator of the OCHA Humanitarian Access Unit and the Protection Cluster. The workshop dealt with access-related restrictions for people displaced inside/from Ninewa governorate and the limitations they and other vulnerable populations in Ninewa have to humanitarian access.
- WHO and the Preventive Health Directorate in Dohuk DOH visited three IDPs Diarrhea Cases in the three locations of Shariya camp, Kebirto camp, and Sena village in Sumel district, all in Duhok Governorate. The visit was planned with the objective of filling the Diarrhea Cases Investigation form, collecting samples from the cases and contacts, checking water quantity in the three locations, performing onsite Residual Chlorine test, and assessing the general environmental/health situation of reported cases locations.

Communicable disease updates

- As of 20 October 2015, Karbala governorate reported 1044 cases of AWD-Acute Watery Diarrheal, 64 cases of which were confirmed as cholera. In addition, four cases of measles were also reported among hosting community in the Centre of Kerbala city. Eight cases of Cutaneous Leishmaniosis were also recorded in various districts of the governorate.
- In Diwaniya governorate south of Iraq, total number of AWD stood at 1898 as of October 2015; of the number, 345 cases were confirmed by Diwaniya DOH local lab as cholera. The governorate also recorded four cases of suspected measles in addition to 28 visceral leishmaniosis reported from various locations in the governorate.
- Duhok CDC unit received this reporting period one child case with suspected influenza. Throat swab was collected and sent to Baghdad National Lab for confirmation.
- In Missan province, surveillance system reported four cases of Acute Watery Diarrheal (AWD) and 29 Acute Respiratory Infections (ARI) among IDPs.
- Communicable Diseases Centre CDC in Dohuk DOH reported two cases of AFP, one was from the host community in Dohuk and the other was from Zumar sub-district- a newly liberated sub-district in Ninawa governorate. Dohuk DOH also reported one confirmed case of Haemorrhagic fever among the host community.

Public health concerns

- Water treatment projects and supply stations in Diwaniya continue reporting acute deficiency in alum (Aluminum sulphate) and chlorine material due to funding gaps.

Resource mobilization

- Two cases of <3SD weight/height malnutrition among <5 years IDPs children were reported in Diwaniya governorate as well.
- In light of the recent cholera outbreak in center and south Iraq, water quality monitoring activities in hosting community and IDPs and Refugees camps in Dohuk governorate need to be scaled up for more effective prevention measures against the spread of the disease to Duhok and Ninawa Governorates.
- The revitalization of the ORT corners among community through mobile teams is an issue for health authorities' consideration.

	Funds requested	Funds received
Health Cluster	60 Million	33 Million
WHO	22.5 Million	14.1 Million

**** The funds WHO requires will be used to respond to the health needs of more than 5.63 million people from June to December 2015 (2.96 million IDPs and 2.73 million from host communities). All funds requested and received are in US dollars

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