



# World Health Organization

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# Iraq crisis



WHO Essential Medical Supplies airlifted to Haditha and Al Baghdadi Cities through Al Asad Airbase in Anbar Governorate, August 2015. © WHO



**6.95 MILLION**  
IN NEED OF HEALTH\*



**3.1 MILLION**  
INTERNALLY DISPLACED\*



**5.63 MILLION**  
TARGETED WITH HEALTH ASSISTANCE\*



**5.3 MILLION**  
VACCINATED AGAINST POLIO\*\*

### WHO PRESENCE IN IRAQ



UIMS doctor examining an IDP child in the WHO supported clinic in Amiriya at Al Falluja. Photo: © WHO/UIMS

### HIGHLIGHTS

- ⇒ A Consignment of 70 tons of medicines and medical supplies was donated by WHO to Haditha and Al Baghdadi districts in Al Anbar Governorate. The consignment which comprised of 30 Inter Agency Health Kits (IAHK) including the basic (medicines), supplementary, trauma, surgical, and diarrhea IDDK basic kits, were airlifted by the Iraqi authorities to Al Assad Airbase in the governorate.
- ⇒ Anbar DOH received three mobile medical clinics and five ambulances donated by WHO, the mobile clinics and ambulances were deployed by MOH to Khalidiya and Faris Arabi District.
- ⇒ A mop-up measles vaccination (door-to-door) campaign started in Diwaniya governorate on 3<sup>rd</sup> of August targeting children and contact households in affected governorates.
- ⇒ On 30 July 2015, WHO supported Duhok Directorate of Health with two Manual Jack pallets .
- ⇒ WHO Duhok Hub further assisted Duhok DOH warehousing team to prepare the governorate's needs assessment of medicines for year 2017.

### 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)  
**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

\* 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

- The Ministry of Displacement and Migration MODM revealed on 28 July that total number of IDPs in Iraq stood at 3,112,994, of which 67% are living among the hosting community, 20% in different shelters of under construction buildings, religious sites and schools, and 8% in IDPs camps now scattered along the different Iraqi governorates.
- Total number of displaced people in Al-Karkh sector of the capital city Baghdad reached 84,751 including 12720 under five years old.
- In Salah Al Din governorate, approximately 12000 families were reported by Salah Al Din Governor to have returned to Tikrit city and another 1000 families to Daur District on 5 August.
- A new IDP camp is established in the outskirts of Salah Al Din governorate with the capacity of 256 families. Al Hardaniya Camp, 15 km to the north of Dhuloiya sub-district is meant to accommodate the families originally from Duloiya villages of Azeez-Balad, Yathrib, and Dour and who were banned from returning back to their homes due to the ongoing military clearance operations in these areas. Physicians and medical personnel from Duloyia volunteered to provide free medical services to the camp IDPs.
- Southern governorate of Diwania received this reporting week a new batch of 22 IDPs families who escaped the instability in Falluja district in Anbar governorate.
- Information received on the use of chemical weapon by the Armed Opposition Groups (AOG) in Khalidiya district in Anbar governorate were classified as non-credible. Many suspected cases of Chlorine asphyxia were received in Khalidiyah emergency ward after mortars attack by AOG on the area.

## Humanitarian health update

- The Ministry of Health provided Diwania governorate with a consignment of 190,000 doses of measles vaccine, 100,000 doses of vitamin A (IUO), and 40,000 doses of the same vitamin but (IU). The consignment is part of the preparations for the coming measles vaccination campaign starting 15 August.
- In Diwania governorate, moreover, two cases of <-3SD weight/height malnutrition and five cases of anemia were reported among U5 years old IDPs children in the governorate.
- Sulaymanaih DOH reported acute shortage in medicines and medical supplies as well as medical human resources.
- Al-Daur PHCC was opened this reporting week in Al Daur district and staff were reported to have resumed their duties in the facility.
- In Garmian district, DOH started vaccinating all new IDPs children aged 0-15 years against both Polio and Measles.
- WHO health partner IMC signed an agreement with Ninawa DOH to manage the provision of health services in Rabea PHC starting July 2015.

## WHO action

- WHO Duhok Team attended the IDPs General Coordination Meeting held in Duhok Governor Office on 28 July 2015. The meeting focused on encouraging local NGOs to take lead in covering the gaps resulting from the reduction of funds in certain health activities/projects.
- WHO attended on 2<sup>nd</sup> of August a meeting organized by Duhok Preventive Health department to discuss the nutritional assessment report which was done by MEDAIR in Sharia IDPs camp. the assessment revealed a trend of increased number of MAM and SAM cases in children below 5 years old in the camp and recommended the following:
  - Training of national capacities on nutrition assessment first week of August.
  - Duhok DOH will provide the required supplies and equipment for the anthropometric and nutritional management of malnourished children.
  - In addition, blank distribution of organized and classified plumy Doz to be applied to all IDPs camps.
- Diwaniya governorate conducted a two-day training to four paramedics working on surveillance to build their capacity on the electronic data entry using WHO software.
- WHO Polio Eradication team visited on 27 July Akre Health Sector in Duhok Governorate to follow up on the (Acute Flaccid Paralysis- AFP) case which was reported in the district this reporting period. The team met with the AFP focal point in the health sector and notified the family of the patient on the 60 day follow medical examination. The team also checked the availability of Oral Polio Vaccine- OPV, cool chain maintenance and percentage of vaccination coverage in the District.
- In coordination with WHO, Anbar DOH conducted a vector control spraying campaign in Ameriyat Alfaluja IDPs Camps on 3-5 August.
- WHO supported the health facility in Habaniya Tourist City IDPs Camp with ten caravans to be used as a delivery room unit.
- In coordination with Ninewa DOH, Kapne NGO started support to Sinony hospital in Sinjar District. The 190,000 Euro budget support will include incentives for a medical team of two doctors, two female nurses, one pharmacist, and two drivers; medicines and medical equipment worth of \$100.000; furniture; and one 50kv generator with fuel supply.

## Communicable disease updates

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- In Baghdad, five cases of suspected measles were reported by Al Kharkh DOH and ten other scabies cases were also reported from Abu-Gharib IDPs camp.
- One case of measles, one of whooping cough and one case of cutaneous leishmaniasis were reported among the hosting community in Diwaniya governorate this reporting week. Total AWD cases for all districts in the governorate stood at 686, a figure which is below the alert threshold. The following syndromic diseases were also reported per district by the new IDPs surveillance teams in Diwania:

Syndrome	District
Upper respiratory diseases	54
lower respiratory diseases	4
Diarrhea	24
Suspected meseales	0
Unknown fever	31
Scabies	0
Animal bite	0
Others	1

- Duhok CDC unit received this reporting period one child case of suspected influenza from within the host community. Throat swab was collected and sent to Baghdad National Lab for confirmation.
- In Missan province, surveillance system reported four cases of Acute Watery Diarrhea (AWD) and 29 Acute Respiratory Infections (ARI) among IDPs.

### Public health concerns

Twenty one alerts were generated from IDP camps and three alerts from refugee camps this reporting week. Ten of these alerts were verified as true for further investigation and appropriate response by the respective Governorates' Departments of Health, WHO and the relevant health cluster partners. Fourteen alerts did not follow the case definition thresholds. The trends of epidemic prone diseases for each reporting site of the EWARN system are being monitored through a detailed monitoring matrix maintained at WHO EWARN Unit.

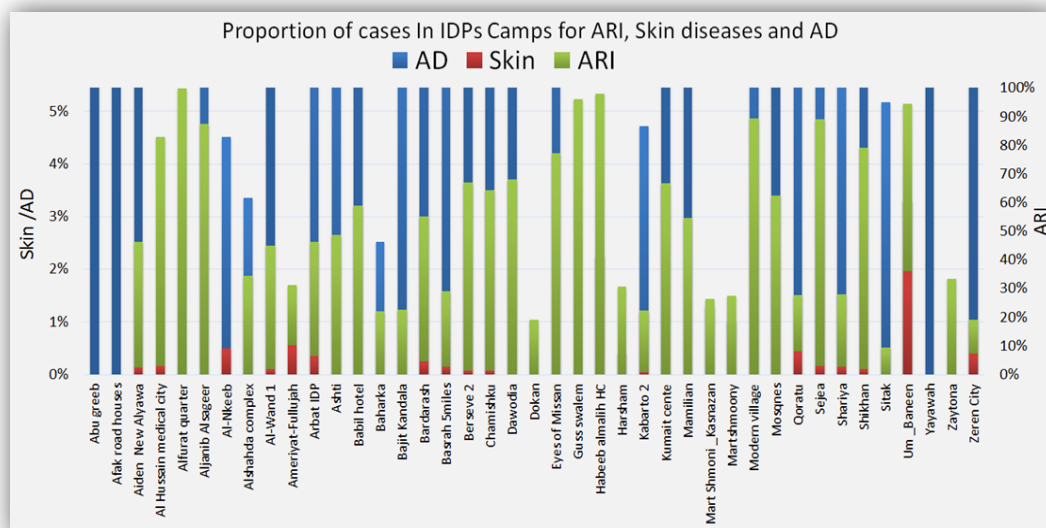


Figure I: Proportion of cases of ARI, Scabies and AD in IDP camps for week 27

## Resource mobilization

	Funds requested	Funds received
Health Cluster	60 Million	2.3 Million
WHO	22.5 Million	2.2 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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