IDP FACTSHEET: AL QOSH TOWN

NINEWA GOVERNORATE, IRAQ

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The worsening security situation in parts of northern and central Iraq has caused mass internal displacement across much of the country. With the view to inform the humanitarian response, the REACH Initiative is conducting rapid assessments on displacement trends and priority needs of Internally Displaced Person (IDPs).

Many IDPs are entering the town of Al Qosh, located 50km north of Mosul City after being displaced from their homes. The majority are remaining in their current locations despite decreasing economic resources. Their decision to remain or move elsewhere is largely influenced by the presence of family relatives or tribal associations.

REACH teams were rapidly deployed there on 25 June and assessed 56 families (334 individuals) staying either in rented or owned accommodation, in collective shelters, or with family relatives.

About REACH Initiative

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Displacement

Causes of Displacement

77% left their place of origin because of CONFLICT occurring in their village/neighbourhood or district

Occurrences and Length of Displacement

93% of IDP families reported that they were displaced for LESS THAN ONE DAY

Of those who did stop overnight, all reported staying somewhere in Mosul District before arriving in Al Qosh.

Date of arrival into Al Qosh Town

FAMILY

97% arrived with all immediate family members

- Of those with family members left behind (an average of 1 person), 67% reported that the left behind members would be joining them in Al Qosh.
AREA OF ORIGIN

36% OF IDPs ORIGINATE FROM SHIRAKHAN JUWAIA VILLAGE, TILKAIF DISTRICT IN NINEWA GOVERNORATE

- 21% originate from Mosul City, Mosul District, Ninewa Governorate
- 73% have regular contact with people in their place of origin.

REASONS FOR CHOOSING AL QOSH

45% CAME TO JOIN THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY

- 23% came due to tribal affiliations, and 13% due to the availability of shelter

INTENTIONS

PLANNED STAY OR MOVEMENT

61% IDPS INTEND TO STAY IN AL QOSH FOR AT LEAST NEXT 10 DAYS

- 38% did not know what they were going to do over the next 10 days at the time of the assessment.

PRIMARY REQUIREMENTS FOR RETURN TO PLACE OF ORIGIN

52% SAID THEY WOULD WAIT UNTIL SECURITY IS RESTORED TO PRE-CONFLICT LEVELS

- 43% reported that they would need to see conflict end before returning to their place of origin. The majority of these were from Tilkaif and Mosul districts.

CURRENT SITUATION

PRIMARY TYPES OF ACCOMMODATION

80% WERE LIVING IN COLLECTIVE CENTRES, 14% HOSTED BY FAMILY AND THE REST OWNED AN APARTMENT

PRIMARY MEANS OF MEETING BASIC NEEDS

86% RELY ON THEIR OWN SAVINGS

SUSTAINABILITY OF ECONOMIC RESOURCES

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EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE

ALL IDPS REPORTED RECEIVING SOME ASSISTANCE SINCE ARRIVING IN AL QOSH

- 98% received food assistance and 53% household items. Distributions in Al Qosh have primarily been conducted by local faith based organisations.

PRIORITY ASSISTANCE NEEDS

A MAJORITY REPORTED FOOD (57%), FOLLOWED BY SHELTER (18%) AND HEALTH (9%) AS THEIR PRIORITY ASSISTANCE NEEDS