IDP FACTSHEET: SEMEL CITY

DUHOK 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).

The city of Semel is the 3rd largest in the Duhok Governorate of the KRI and is located 74 km north of Mosul City. Since the beginning of the conflict, many IDPs coming mostly from Ninewa Governorate have headed towards Semel City, principally to join family members, but also due to tribal affiliations.

REACH teams were rapidly deployed in Semel urban areas on 25 June and assessed 90 IDP families (453 individuals) living in rented apartments or hosted by family.

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DISPLACEMENT

CAUSE OF DISPLACEMENT

97% LEFT THEIR PLACE OF ORIGIN BECAUSE OF CONFLICT OCCURRING IN THEIR VILLAGE/NEIGHBOURHOOD OR DISTRICT

OCCURRENCES AND LENGTH OF DISPLACEMENT

ON AVERAGE, IDP FAMILIES WERE DISPLACED FOR 2 DAYS BETWEEN DEPARTING THEIR AREA OF ORIGIN AND ARRIVING IN SEMEL CITY

- 88% stopped at least once after entering the KRI, generally for a night in the Duhok Governorate, before arriving in Semel City

DATE OF ARRIVAL INTO SEMEL CITY

ENTRY POINT USED

96% ARRIVED THROUGH BADRIKA ENTRY POINT, LOCATED SOUTH OF DUHOK CITY
**Area of Origin**

94% originate from Mosul District in Ninewa Governorate
- 59% reported being in regular contact in their area of origin.

**Reasons for Choosing Semel**

79% came to join their immediate family
- 12% came because of the availability of housing.

**Family**

A majority of IDPs with immediate family members still in the area of origin reported they intend to join them in Semel City
- Most IDPs arrived with their entire family, and 38% still had immediate family in their area of origin. Of this percent, 76% said they intend to join them.

**Intentions**

**Primary requirements for return to area of origin**

45% said they would return once security is restored to pre-crisis levels and 43% of IDPs have no plan to return

**Planned stay or movement**

82% intended to stay in Semel (12% don’t know), and of those who intend to stay in the KRI it is for at least one month

**Current Situation**

**Primary types of accommodation**

70% are staying with relatives
- Remaining 30% are staying in rented apartments. Average cost of a rented apartment per week: 108,000 IQD (c. 93 USD).

**Primary means of meeting basic needs**

47% rely primarily on support of relatives and friends
- Employment was reported as a means of support by 4% of respondents and savings by 38% (only 14% reported savings as their only means of support).

**Sustainability of Economic Resources**

38% reported having sufficient economic resources to meet basic needs for less than one week and 34% for more than a month

**Priority Assistance needs**

84% reported food, 78% household items, and 77% rental support as a top three priority need