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Iraq crisis



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An IDP patient is receiving treatment in Ameriyat Al – Fallujah Clinic supported by WHO and managed by UIMS.



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



Photo: WHO/UIMS
Lab Unit in WHO supported clinic in Amiryat Al Faluja in Anbar.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ⇒ A new IDP- Internally Displaced People's camp named (Yellow Camp) was established near Bzebiz Bridge - Anbar side with the capacity of housing 75 to 80 families.
- ⇒ New displacement of approximately 100 families from Habbariya and Kassra areas in Anbar was recorded. Primary Health Care Centres- PHCCs in the areas were eventually closed down.
- ⇒ The joint project of supporting Hevi Paediatric Hospital with intensive care unit to provide access to quality emergency and intensive care services in Duhok governorate was inaugurated on 9 July 2015 by WHO, Dohuk DOH, and the AISPO- Italian Association for Solidarity among People.
- ⇒ In response to the increased demand on health services by Anbar IDPs, the Federal Ministry of Health mobilized on the first week of July two basic mobile hospitals from Basrah DOH to Anbar's to be deployed in Amiriyat Al Falluja area.
- ⇒ Anbar DOH, currently operating from Baghdad, shipped on 6 July a consignment of medicines and medical supplies to health sectors of Faris Al Arabi, Khalidiya and the WHO supported clinics in Nukhaib and Amiriyat Al Faluja- all in Anbar governorate.
- ⇒ Limited funding continues to jeopardize the delivery of health services populations in need.

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)
2,2M 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 security situation in Al-Ramadi and other major towns in Anbar governorate remains fluid. Approximately 100 families were reported to have been newly displaced from Habbariya and Kassra (28 and 50 km north of Nukhaib respectively). Habbariya and Kassra PHCs were consequently closed.
- In Salahuddin governorate, more than 1500 families returned back to their home town of Tikrit between 23 and 29 June. Federal Ministry of Health resumed work in the governorate to rehabilitate Salah Al-Din General Hospital in the capital city of Tikrit.
- Same reporting period (week 26) demonstrated the new arrival of approximately (907) families to Erbil governorate in KRG, of which 823 families were from Anbar and 84 from Ninewa governorates.

Humanitarian health update

- In Anbar, two new PHCCs (Habbariya and Kassra) were closed this reporting week due to insecurity in Habbariya and Kassra cities. Although, Anbar DOH supported Faris Alrabi, Khldiyah, and Al Nukhaib health sectors with two consignments of medicines and medical supplies and provided WHO clinic- managed by the United Iraqi Medical Society/ UIMS in Amiriya Al Falluja with one ton of requested medicines. Furthermore, the DOH successfully deployed the two mobile hospitals mobilized by the FMOH from Basrah DOH to Amiriyat Al Falluja.
- Senone Hospital and PHCCs in Sinjar district in Ninewa Governorate are still reporting shortage of medicines and medical equipment and seeking health care workforce and funding solutions to resume services in the district as well as other liberated areas.
- In coordination with Ninewa DOH and GIZ (an international NGO), Dohuk DOH has started work on establishing a new PHCC in Kebirto IDP Camp in Dohuk governorate-KRG. The PHCC is due to be furnished & equipped within the coming three weeks.
- Three cases of malnutrition were reported among IDPs in Numanyhea district in Wassit governorate last week of June; cases were referred to Numanyhea Hospital for nutritional rehabilitation.
- Qushtapa Syrian Refugees camp reported a shortage in chronic diseases drugs. Reports from the camp also informed that 10 deliveries occurred during the month of May and 11 pregnancies have been newly registered this reporting week. Moreover, 12 cases of psychological disorders were diagnosed and treated by UPP (an international NGO).

WHO action

- Two Mobile Medical Clinics (MMCs) donated by WHO with support from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the MOH, 10 ambulances, and six Mobile Medical Teams (MMTs) are still delivering essential health services to the new displaced population in Anbar governorate. Anbar DOH, temporally performing from Baghdad, has, moreover, distributed 34 permanent and resident doctors to Ameryiaht Alfalluja General Hospital with additional eight male/female doctors relocated to support Habbanyiah tourist city PHCC. An additional 50 medical staff including dentists and pharmacists were also deployed to Faris Alarabi health sector in the governorate.
- A second PHCC named Al Razi was opened in Tikrit, capital of Salah Aldin governorate this reporting week after the operation of Ibn Rushid centre earlier in June. Salah Aldin DOH supported the newly opened centre with medicines and medical requirements to respond to the health needs of returnees to the governorate. Salah Aldin DOH has also been granted the MOH approval on the budget raised to rehabilitate Salah-Aldeen

General Hospital.

- The Baghdad Al-Karkh DOH visited Dahaa Alrawi IDPs camp in Al- Khadhraa district west of Baghdad. The camp accommodates 109 families, medically served by a mobile medical team with ambulance deployed by Al- Khadhraa PHCC. Drinking water and sanitation services are available. EPI Vaccination was administered to the camp children below the age of five years.
- WHO health partner “Emergency” held a meeting with management of Arbat Hospital in Sulaimaniya governorate- KRG. The provision of secondary health services delivery to IDPs and Syrian Refugees was assessed in preparation for the required action.
- The Health Cluster- led by WHO- coordinated a meeting for health involved UN agencies, governorates’ DOHs and NGOs to discuss the Cholera and Avian flu preparedness plan put earlier in anticipation of any seasonal outbreak. A set of recommendations was made focusing on renting tankers for transporting drinking water to IDPs in remote areas, performing stool swab for each Watery diarrheal case, distributing chlorine pills to displaced populations in areas where no pipe water is available, and the daily regular monitoring of the residual chlorine levels in areas surrounding PHCCs.
- A team from Diyala DOH conducted a visit to Saad IDP camp in Baquba, the largest city of Diyala governorate. The visit aimed at assessing the availability of drinking water in the camp, measuring the proportion of chlorine in the pipe supplied water inside the camp, and following up on the medical, lab, and vaccination services activities. Educational session was also given to the camp residents on the use of ice blocks for cooling purposes only. Environmental negative indicators were identified and a note submitted to concerned authorities for treatment.
- The surveillance unit in Basra DOH has joined the EWRAN system network last week and applied it to Basra IDPs camp as one important site among many other sentinel sites in the governorate.

Communicable disease updates

- A team from Communicable Diseases Control Centre (CDC) in Rasafa DOH of Baghdad conducted a visit to an IDPs collection of 26 families in Al-Anbiya’a Mosque in Al-Adhamiya district north the capital Baghdad. The visit inspected the environmental situation in the hosting site including drinking water test, insects and rodents control and spraying of anti-septics. Active laboratory surveillance for malaria was also run through the collection of 96 blood films from IDPs in the said site.
- A team from Basra health sector conducted a visit to Basra IDPs camp to register IDPs children under the age of five years for the routine immunization review.
- The monthly health coordination meeting held in Qushtapa Syrian Refugees camp in Erbil indicated the number of medical consultations registered for the month of May 2015 at 1530. Upper Respiratory Tract Infection is still the main disease with 311 registered cases. Diarrheal cases stood at 58 and 13 VC samples were taken and sent to preventive health department in the Public Health Directorate in Erbil DOH for a verification test. The camp also reported 11 new cases of scabies and anti-scabies treatment is made available at the health facilities serving the camp population.
- The routine vaccination program was activated in Sinjar district in Ninewa governorate supported by Dohuk and Ninewa DOHs. The program is now active in Senone hospital, the nearby PHC and mobile clinic serving Sinjar, one of the largest districts of Ninewa

governorate.

- Basra health sector conducted on the last week of June a routine EPI immunization campaign for Basra IDPs camp and administered different vaccines to 28 children under five years old.
- Kirkuk DOH implemented a 5-day vaccination campaign to immunize risk groups among IDPs and host community in the governorate against meningitis. Vaccine was successfully administered to 4120 people.
- Mobile medical team in Faris Alarabi health sector in Anbar governorate planned a once a week routine vaccination round to IDPs in Ameryiah Al Falluja camps.
- Directorates of Health of the southern governorates of Thiqr and Diwaniya conducted a (door-to-door) measles mopping-up vaccination campaign targeting the areas with confirmed measles cases reports in the two governorates. Diwaniya DOH announced the vaccination of 367 household contact children regardless of their previous vaccination status; results from Thiqr will be communicated the coming reporting week.
- Basra DOH registered (22) cases of suspected measles on the first week of July and sent samples to the CPHL for confirmation; two cases were confirmed, two were pending, and 18 were tested negative. Simultaneously, DOH of Wassit southern governorate also registered (53) cases of suspected measles and sent samples to CPHL for confirmation; 34 cases were measles confirmed, 13 were EPI-linked measles confirmed, and 6 were negatively tested.

Public health concerns

During week 26, proportions of Acute Diarrheal in IDP camps have increased gradually by two percent since week 25 (week 26=13%, week 25=9%). This increase indicates a steady scale up in trend during summer months. Skin infestations including scabies have decreased dramatically from 7% in week 24 to 2% in week 25 while proportion of skin infestations including scabies stood at 5% during this reporting week. Acute Respiratory Tract infections also showed a gradual decrease since week 10, (see below graph).

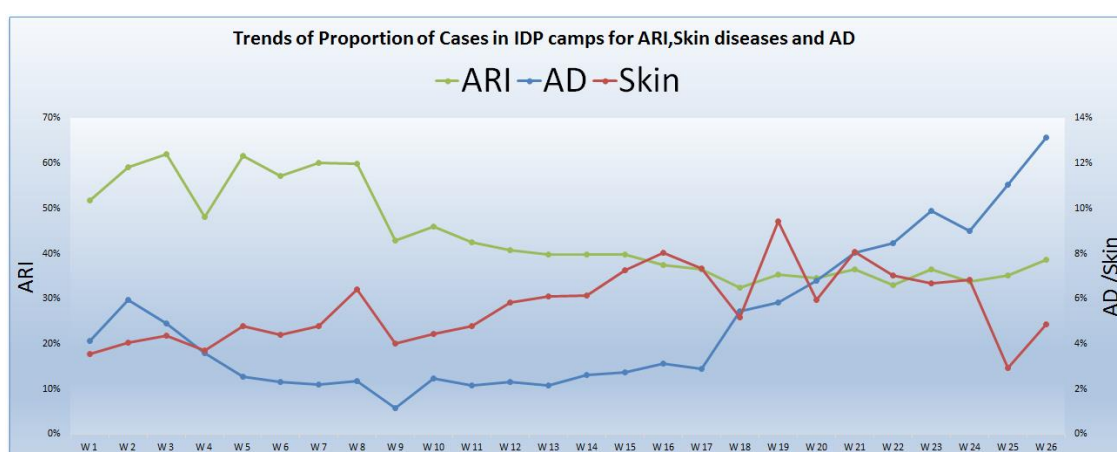


Figure II: Trend of proportion of cases of ARI, Scabies and AD in IDP camps (week 1 -26)

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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