

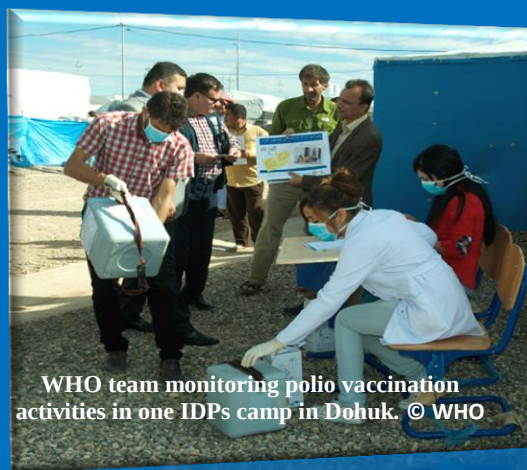


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Iraq crisis



WHO team monitoring polio vaccination activities in one IDPs camp in Dohuk. © 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

HIGHLIGHTS



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- ⇒ Number of returnees to Tikrit and Daur cities in Salah Al Din governorate reached 18200 families as of 25 September 2015.
- ⇒ Ministry of Health of Iraq has announced the confirmation of twelve Vibrio Cholera (VC) positive cases serotype Inaba tested at different public health laboratories between 8th – 12th Sept, 2015.
- ⇒ A WHO Cholera response team arrived Baghdad to support the Ministry of Health with the technical and logistic assistance required for cholera outbreak investigation, containment, and health interventions in governorates of Baghdad, Najaf, and Qadissiya.
- ⇒ Measles immunization rounds were concluded in Sinjar and Baaj districts of Ninawa governorates despite the funding and security challenges.
- ⇒ Diwaniya health authorities reported acute deficiency in alum and chlorine in main water projects and water stations in the governorate.
- ⇒ Health authorities in Duhok and Ninawa governorates coordinated the distribution of chlorine tablets to the population in liberated areas in Ninawa to minimize the risk of watery diarrheal diseases as cholera.

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

- A new influx of displaced population from Anbar governorate was reported to arrive in Diwania south of Iraq and is now living in religious houses there.
- Salah Al Din General Hospital in Tikrit governorate resumed providing surgical services and is preparing for the opening of an obstetrical ward.
- In Anbar governorate, the Department of Health finalized the rehabilitation of the PHCC in Alkhairat sub district in the governorate.
- IDPs families sheltered in the area near Mosul Dam were relocated to Garmawa IDPs camp in Duhok.

Humanitarian health update

- Measles vaccines were successfully delivered to Salah Al Din Health sectors during this reporting period to conduct the measles vaccination campaign in the governorate covering the two unstable districts of Shirqat and Baiji.
- The Ministry Of Health EWARN Notification Centre alerted the surveillance section in the ministry on the absence of the weekly EWARN reports from many health sectors in Diwania governorate.
- One mobile medical team from Anbar DOH visited the IDPs camps near Bzaibiz bridge- linking Anbar governorate with the capital Baghdad- to assess the health situation there and provide medical services to pilgrims from Ameryiat Alfalluja IDPs camps.
- Low chlorine level (< 0.05 %) is detected in many IDPs settlements in Diwaniya governorate during this reporting week.

WHO action

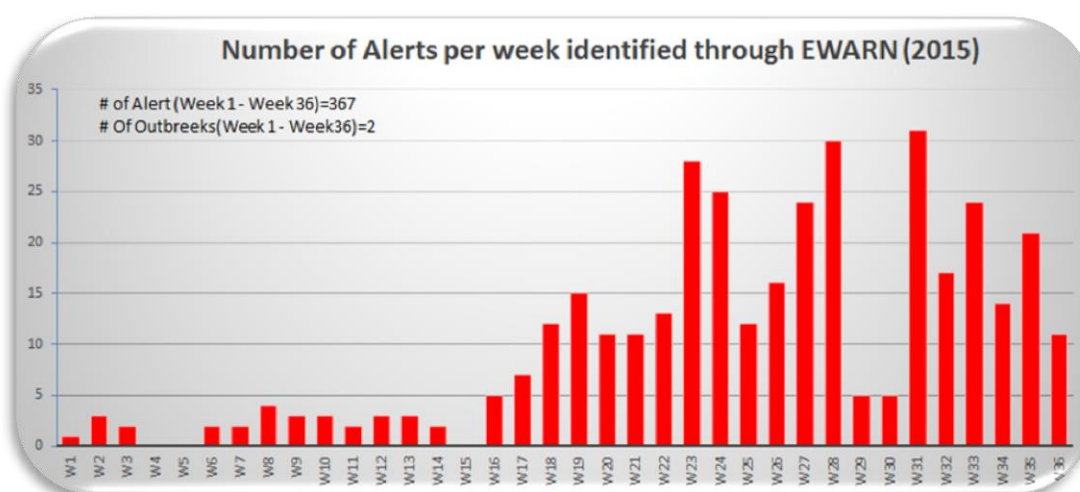
- WHO is in the process of logistically shifting three Cholera kits (each serving between 250 - 500 diarrheal cases, depending on severity) from Erbil to replenish the existing stocks at Baghdad level.
- In follow up on the two new AFP cases reported lately from Dohuk and Ninawa governorates, WHO Hub in Dohuk conducted a field visit to Al-Shekhan Health Sector hospital and PHCs. The visit also tackled the sector preparations for the Measles/Rubella campaign planned for the unstable regions in Ninewa Governorate.
- WHO organized a meeting with the ICRC and UNDP to discuss ways of enhancing coordination and communication among the three agencies to support Rabea PHCC with the required medical equipment.
- WHO conducted a field visit to the PHCC serving Kebirto 1 IDPs camp in Dohuk. The visit aimed at coordinating the delivery of health services with Saint Elizabeth University, currently running the mentioned PHCC.
- Dohuk DOH submitted WHO Hub in Duhok a request for support with one Inter Emergency Health Kit (IEHK) - basic unit.

Communicable disease updates

- A sudden increase in acute water diarrheal cases was recorded in governorates of Najaf, Diwaniya, and the capital Baghdad during this reporting period. Twelve cases were confirmed as Cholera INABA type, and WHO and national health authorities are investigate the situation.
- Total number of Acute Watery Diahrea (AWD) reported from all IDPs camps and hosting community in Diwania governorate stood at 814 cases, a figure that is yet below the alert threshold.
- Seven AWD, 47 ARI, and six fever cases were reported among IDPs in Missan governorate.
- According to CDC unit in Duhok Preventive Health Department, last week 2 cases of AFP been reported (one among host community and the other one is IDPs), stool samples been taken from the patient and the contacts and sent to Baghdad Central Lab for confirmation, action been taken accordingly.
- Proportion of Acute Respiratory Tract Infections (ARI) indicates a slow drop-down trend since the beginning of summer season.
- Proportion of skin infestations including scabies have increased from 2.55% during the last reporting period to 4.56% this reporting week.

Public health concerns

- Nine (9) epidemic prone diseases alerts were generated during this reporting period, of which seven (7) were from IDP camps, one from a refugee camp, and one from a hospital. Each of the reporting sites is being monitored through a detailed monitoring matrix maintained at WHO EWARN department. EWARN alerts generated since week 1 2015 to this reporting period are reflected in the below graph:



Resource mobilization

	Funds requested	Funds received
Health Cluster	60 Million	33 Million
WHO	22.5 Million	15.1 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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