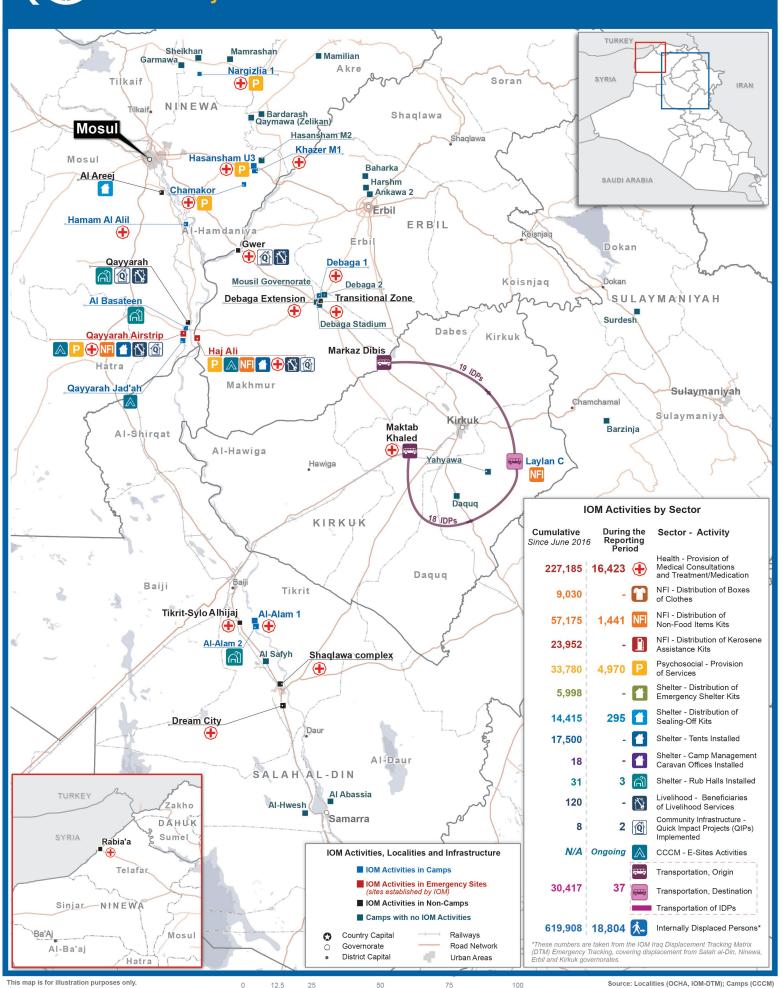


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Above: IOM Iraq distributed 295 Sealing-off Kits (SoKs) to internally displaced Iraqis (IDP) in Hammam Al-Alil. These kits include items that can be used to repair or upgrade damaged/unfinished buildings. IOM Iraq has distributed 14,000 SoKs in response to the Mosul displacements since October 2016 with supprot from CERF, OFDA, and ECHO. (©IOM Irag 2017/)



Above: IOM's mobile medical team provides eye-care support to displaced children in Hassan Sham Camp, east of Mosul. The process involves primary screening of children in schools and child-friendly spaces in the camps, followed by specialized eye checkups for those identified with opthalmologic issues, and then the prescription of eyeglasses. Finally, the children will be provided with eyeglasses based on the prescription. The eye-care activities are supported by the Government of Japan and Fuji Megane Co. (© IOM Iraq 2017/Raber Y. Aziz)



Above: IOM distributed non-food item kits to newly arrived displaced families from Mosul. The summer kits include necessary items such as mattresses, blankets, carpets, rechargeable fans, cool boxes, hygiene kits,\ and other items. The kits were funded by the Government of Germany. (©IOM Iraq, 2017)



Above: IOM is scaling up its psychosocial (PSS) activities in Qayara and Haj Ali emergency sites by opening two new PSS centers, in addition to the five currently operating PSS centres in Chamakor, Nargizliyah, Hassan Sham camps and Haj Ali and Qayara emergency sites. These two new centres, funded by the Government of Canada, will provide PSS services to hundreds of displaced children. (©IOM Iraq, 2017/Renato Libanora)

Stories of Displacement: Mohammed

"I am from Al-Asheq village, Telafar. I used to be a member of the 'Oil and Energy Police' at the Kasak refinery west of Mosul, and had a good salary and a good life; I owned two houses and a car. When ISIL entered the city, I lost my job and my salary... I had to sell my car and open a small business, just for us to survive.

To make things worse, my wife, who had not been feeling well, was diagnosed with kidney failure; we were told that she would need to undergo dialysis twice a week at the general hospital in Mosul city.

After the road between Telafar and Mosul was cut, she went without dialysis for 25 days, and her body started shutting down. So I decided to risk it all and walk towards the Iragi Security Forces lines; her life was at stake. We walked for 20 kilometres to get there.

We made it and finally arrived at Qayara Emergency Site, where we visited IOM's health center. They referred us to Erbil's hospital, and she is now able to undergo weekly dialysis in Ninewa's Rehabilitation Centre for the Disabled.

It is very hard, though, for when we left Mosul we left everything behind. I have nothing, not even the money to pay for her transportation to the hospital. It costs between 40 and 50 thousand Iraqi dinars (about US\$35-40), and I do not have this money," said Mohammed.



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