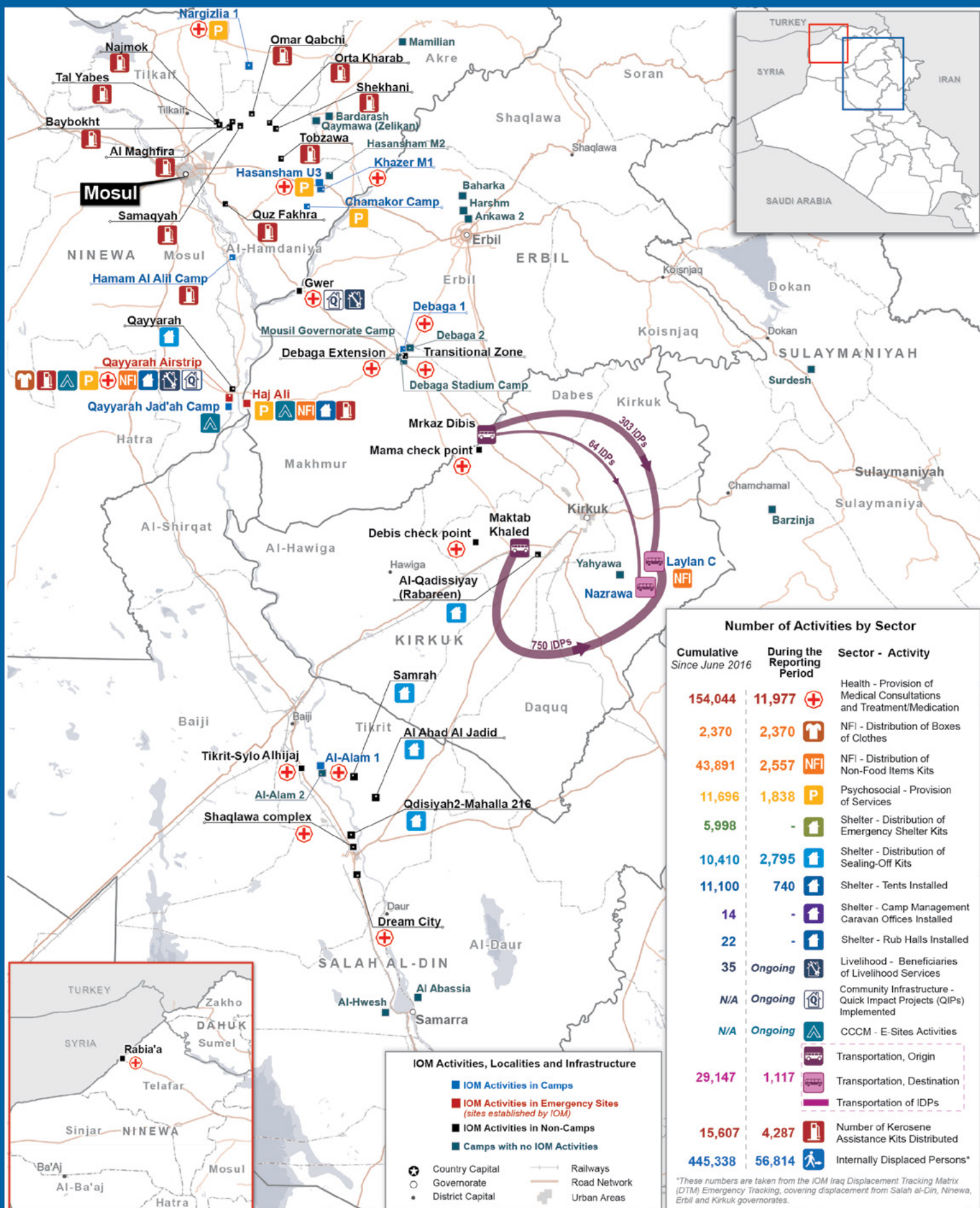




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Source: Localities (OCHA, IOM-DTM); Camps (CCCM) Boundaries: IOM-DTM; Other Locations: IOM/DTM Coordinate System: WGS 1984 UTM Zone 38N



Above (©IOM Iraq): Displaced children who recently fled, the town of Hawija south west of Kirkuk, with their families. IOM transports the IDPs to camps in Kirkuk and provides non-food item kits.



Above (©IOM Iraq): IOM's mobile medical clinic, funded by the UK, provides much-needed primary healthcare & medication services to west Mosul IDPs as well as local residents in Hammam Al-Aleel town south east of Mosul. Urgent cases are transferred in two UK-funded ambulances.



Above (©Raber Aziz/IOM Iraq 2017): Displaced children help their mother carry the boxes of clothes their family received from IOM on 23 February 2016. The Government of Kuwait funds the clothing distribution —for displaced Iraqis aged 14 and above. IOM distributed 2,370 boxes of clothes to displaced Iraqis at Qayarah Airstrip emergency site between 23 February 2016 and 8 March 2017. Distribution is ongoing.

Left (©IOM Iraq 2017): Abu Abdullah receives a jerry can of fuel in Hamam al-Aleel, south of Mosul, where IOM distributed fuel with funds from the government of Kuwait, to over 3,000 families. IOM has been one of the lead organizations in fuel distributions to Mosul IDPs.

Stories of Displacement: Mwafaq

"I had a photography business in Mosul before ISIL took over the city in 2014. I mainly did wedding photos and videography. I had a good business and our life was good. I could travel with my family to other places, especially to summer resorts in the Kurdistan Region," said Mwafaq, a father of four who now lives in Qayarah Airstrip emergency site for displaced Iraqis, south of Mosul.

"But then ISIL took over, and I was faced with two choices: either pledge allegiance to ISIL and work with them for a living, or lose my livelihood and sell my business to live on the cash I had."

"I chose the second. I sold my cameras, including my Nikon D610 camera that I loved very much. Piece by piece, I sold everything until it all came down to my digital point-and-shoot Sony camera, and an old model of Sony video camera that uses small tapes.

"I couldn't bring myself to sell those; not because they were the most valuable ones I had, but because I needed to hold on to something; something that would give me the hope that one day, I would be able to be a photographer again. So instead of selling these cameras, I asked my wife to sell her jewellery,"

"Jewellery can be bought again. Cameras can be bought again. I am thankful that all of my family members got out of there unharmed, and that we have a tent here and we receive assistance. I hope that we can return soon and rebuild our lives."

Right (©Raber Aziz/IOM Iraq 2017): Mwafaq displays his Sony video camera at Qayarah Airstrip emergency site.



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