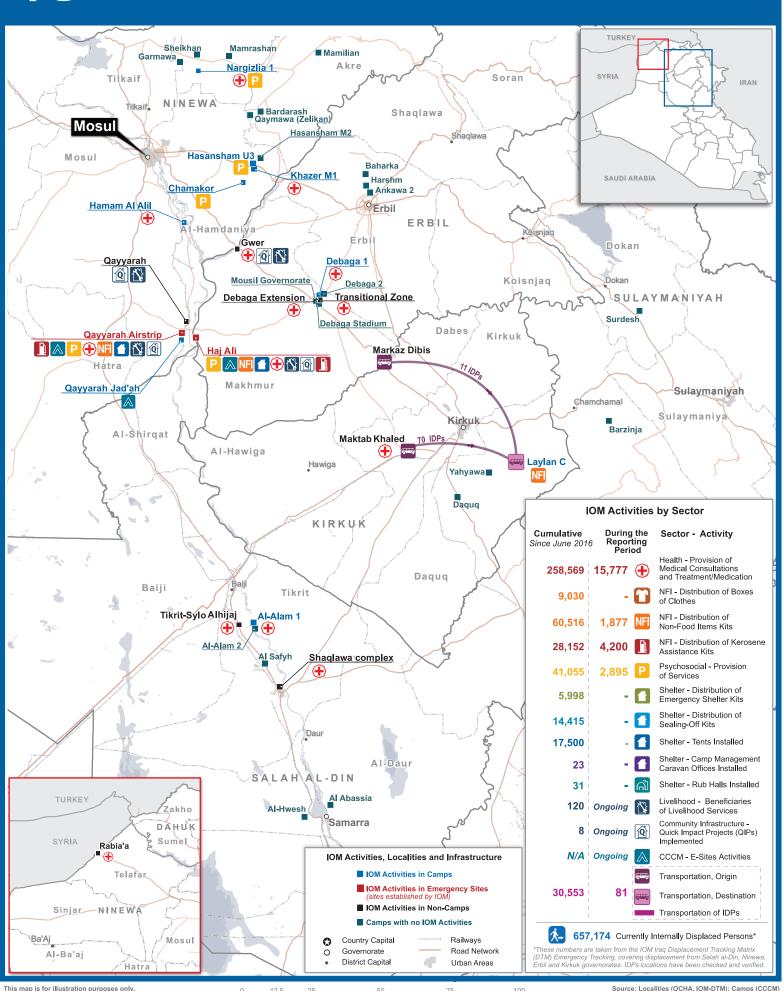


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IOM supports Kamari Hospital in Erbil with life-saving dialysis supplies and medical equipment so that the hospital can continue to provide free services to displaced Iraqis, host communities, and Syrian refugees. Displaced Iraqis from Mosul who need dialysis are usually transferred to Erbil hospitals for treatment. The items include wheelchairs, oximetry devices, oxygen regulators, double lumen and more. The donation is supported by United Kingdom and the government of Kuwait. (© IOM Iraq 2017/Raber Y. Aziz)



Saad is one of 601 displaced children who have received eyeglasses from IOM's mobile medical team since 1 March 2017. The team provides eye-care to displaced children living in Hassan Sham, Khazir and Shekhan camps, east of Mosul, as well as Erbil city. Primary screening of children in schools and child-friendly spaces in the camps is followed by specialized eye check-ups. Those who are diagnosed with ophthalmologic issues receive prescription and eyeglasses. These activities are supported by the Government of Japan and Fuji Megane Co. (© IOM Iraq 2017/Raber Y. Aziz)



With funds provided by the Government of Canada, IOM is scaling up its psychosocial (PSS) activities in Qayara and Haj Ali Emergency Sites by opening two new PSS centres that provide services to hundreds of displaced children. Five other PSS centres are currently operating in Chamakor, Nargizliyah, Hassan Sham camps and Haj Ali and Qayara emergency sites. (©IOM Iraq, 2017)



All the 12 sectors at Haj Ali Emergency Site, south of Mosul, are now adequately lit with poles and 250W lamps conforming to international standards, after IOM established the electricity grid with support from Germany. Streetlights are located along the roads and adjacent to WASH facilities to ensure safety during night use, providing safer environments for displaced Iraqis, especially children and women. The streetlights network is powered by two 250 KVA generators that are switched on from dusk to dawn. (©IOM Iraq, 2017)

## **Stories of Displacement: Emad**

Emad comes from a poor family from Mosul. He was a high school student when ISIL took control of his city. Because he was the oldest son in his family, he had to drop out of school to work, becoming the breadwinner of his family of five brothers and mother. Fearing for the family's safety, they all fled Mosul as soon as the opportunity arose, and settled in Qayara Emergency Site.

"My mother suffers from epilepsy and my father abandoned us four years ago," Emad said with sadness, recalling his suffering when his father left them.

Eighteen-year-old Emad is good at writing short stories and dreams of becoming a writer one day. But working to support his family is his priority for now. In the meantime, he tries to take advantage of the relative stability and peace of mind in Qayara to improve his writing skills.

His select group of readers liked his short story, 'They Are All Wonderful at the Beginning' and encouraged him to continue writing. Deriving his inspiration from his reality, as the tragedies caused by ISIL unfold around him, Emad's next story will be about a lost girl, as he said.

"I would love to become a journalist, it is the dream of my life," Emad



Standing in front of his tent at Qayara Emergency Site, Emad looks into his future and pictures himself a successful journalist (@IOM Iraq, 2017)





















