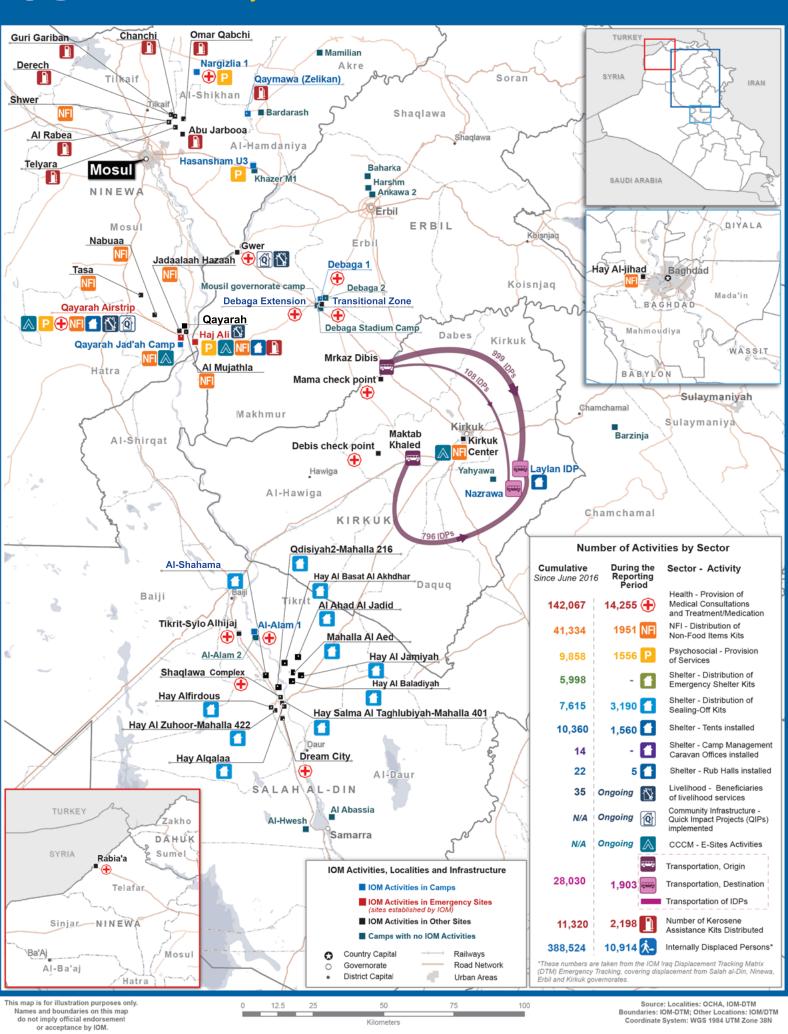


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Above (© Raber Y. Aziz/IOM Iraq): With support from Kuwait, IOM is expanding the Qayara Airstrip emergency site by adding 2,000 tents. Tent set up has been completed; humanitarian partners are installing WASH facilities.



Above (© Raber Y. Aziz/IOM Iraq): IOM's health clinic in Qayara Airstrip emergency site provides more than 19,000 primary health consultations per month to displaced Iragis. The clinic is funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID).



Above (©IOM Iraq): As part of the Sanad Campaign, IOM Iraq and Qatar Red Crescent delivered a second round of medical equipment and supplies as well as furniture and computers to 10 primary health care centers (PHCC) in east Mosul. The aim of the campaign is to restore the full capabilities of the 10 PHCCs so that they can provide better

Left (@Marwah Adil / IOM Iraq): Recently displaced families from Hawija, Kirkuk governorate, had no belongings when they arrived in Kirkuk city. IOM responded with the distribution of 290 non-food item kits, funded by the Government of Germany.

Stories of Displacement: Najat

"My name is Najat. My sons and I are from Mosul. Life there had become very difficult. There was not enough food, and we were hungry. We finally decided to flee because of the fighting around our home.

"The first time we tried to leave, ISIL caught us, took away our IDs and sent us back home. We made other attempts to escape; we were caught twice more, but finally on our fourth attempt we got away. We fled at night, at around 11. It was just my sons and I, and we were very afraid.

"We did not bring any bags because we thought that we would be caught, so we do not have any other clothes. We spent seven hours walking and had to cross the river. When we arrived at the Iraqi Army checkpoint, they brought us here to Qayara. Our neighbors are here also."

"My sons and I stay together in a tent. During the day they play games and soccer with other children. I cook in the tent - rice, tomato paste, hummus and chicken.

"My oldest wants to be a teacher. He is literate, but the younger boys can't read or write; because of ISIL's presence, the school system changed and they lost three years of school. I want them to go back to school."

"Life here is good. We are together, but it is better to be home. When it is safe to go back, we will return."

Right (©Sandra Black/IOM Iraq 2017): Najat and sons at Qayara Airstrip emergency site.

























