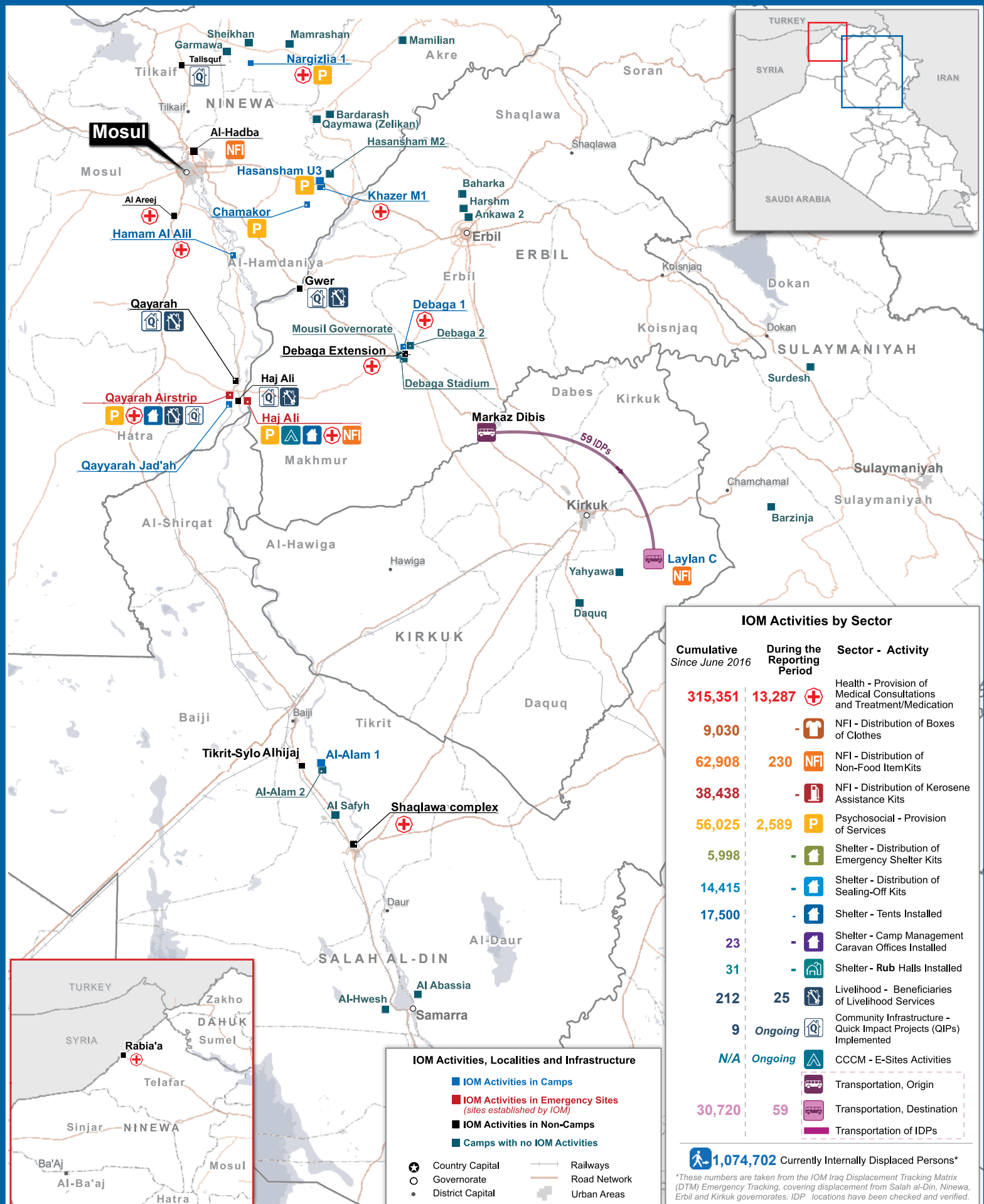




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Kilometers

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





On 2 August 2017, IOM distributed business support packages (BSP) to 25 beneficiaries in Qayara town, south of Mosul, to support the local population with livelihoods opportunities. Packages include essential tools that help the beneficiaries to re-start their micro/small businesses that they owned before ISIL took over Qayara in 2014. Business types include smithery/welding, motorbike trucks for transportation, construction equipment for rent, barbershops, restaurants, grocery stores, and other businesses. The BSPs are funded by U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM). (©Auday Alwee/IOM Iraq, 2017)



IOM is finalizing connecting each and every tent at Qayara and Haj Ali emergency sites to the electricity grid. Each tent is equipped with a florescent light and a power socket. Distribution boxes and 400 KVA and 250 KVA transformers have been installed in each sector. Test powering has already been done at Qayara emergency site. The tent lights will provide a safer environment for the camp residents at night, while the power socket will allow IDPs to use their fans and air coolers more often to cope with the summer temperatures, as well as recharging their electronic devices such as phones, power banks, and rechargeable fans. The project is funded by the Government of Germany. (©IOM Iraq, 2017)



Displaced girls at IOM's psychosocial support center in Hassan Sham camp, east of Mosul, are engaged in handcraft activities. The centre organizes recreational activities such as drawing, painting, handcrafts, sports and discussion sessions to help IDP children alleviate stress and reinforce their resilience. These activities are funded by Office of U.S.Foreign Disaster Assistance. (Raber Y. Aziz/IOM Iraq, August 2017)



Displaced Iraqis at Qayara emergency site take home non-food item kits distributed by IOM. The kits include items that help displaced people cope with the hot summer temperatures, such as cool boxes, rechargeable fans, plastic mats, bed sheets, mattresses and other necessary items. The kits are funded by the Government of Japan. (IOM Iraq, July 2017)

## Stories of Displacement: Abu Ahmed's Story

"I have seven children, between 7 and 15 years old. Before ISIL took control of Mosul, we had a normal, simple life. I worked as a daily paid worker to support my family. But when ISIL took over, our situation became very difficult.

There weren't many job opportunities. My eldest son, Ahmed, dropped out of school and started looking for a job. He looked for months until he finally found one in January 2017, in a private flourmill. We thought that we would have a better life with this additional source of income, but the mill was bombed shortly after, because most mills in the city were run by ISIL.

Ahmed stayed under the rubble for three hours before he could be extracted and taken to hospital, where he stayed in a coma for about a month. Because he did not belong to ISIL, he did not receive proper treatment. I had to sell everything I had. I had to ask for help, and borrow from friends and relatives to buy medication.

Things got even worse when the hospital was bombed; I took my son out of there, but he was in a critical condition. He was severely injured in the back of his head," said Ahmed's father.

Ahmed received health care support and a wheelchair at IOM's health clinic at Qayara emergency site, but he still needs more specialized support.

"Ahmed is alive, but because of his head injury, he cannot open his right eye, he has lost control of his left hand, is paralyzed and needs a surgery to go back to normal life," Abu Ahmed said.

IOM's Qayara and Haj Ali emergency sites, south of Mosul, host over 45,000 and 30,000 families respectively, who were displaced from Mosul and surrounding villages and towns.



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