


During the peak of the 2014-2017 Daesh crisis, almost six million people were internally displaced across Iraq due to violent conflict. With the gradual improvement of the situation in most areas, millions had returned by December 2017, when the Prime Minister of Iraq declared victory over Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and recapturing of territory. Since 2018 the government has progressively consolidated and closed 65 camps in the country from the 91 which were created to shelter displaced families. Today 26 camps alongside more than 400 informal sites remain in Iraq. Both Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and returnees continue to face obstacles to successful return and post-return reintegration including:

A durable solution is achieved when the IDP no longer has any specific assistance and protection needs connected to their displacement and can enjoy their human rights without discrimination due to their displacement.

There are three pathways to a durable solution:

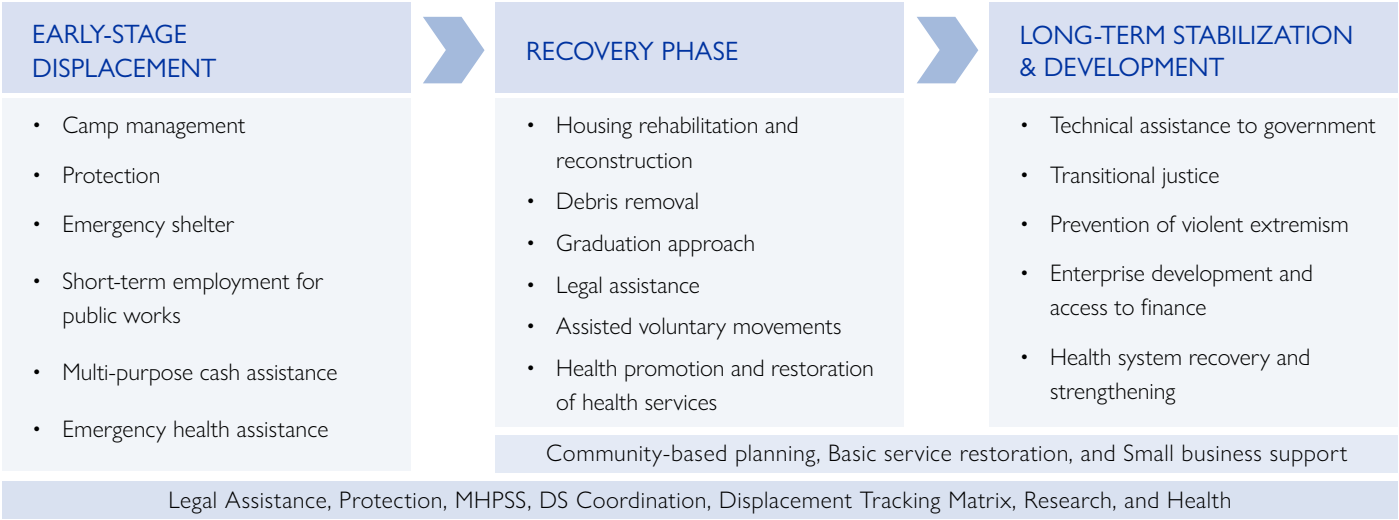
- Voluntary Return
- Local Reintegration
- Resettlement in 3rd location

IASC Framework for Durable Solutions for Internally Displaced Persons, April 2010

 4.9 million
Returnees

 1.1 million
IDPs

-  Damaged, destroyed housing
-  Lack of access to basic services
-  Safety and security
-  Trauma and psychological reasons
-  Insufficient livelihood opportunities
-  Social cohesion challenges
-  Blocked returns



UNDERSTANDING DISPLACEMENT DYNAMICS

COORDINATION AND GOVERNANCE

Recognizing that the Government of Iraq is the primary duty bearer in enabling and promoting durable solutions to displacement, IOM works in close cooperation with authorities at the national, regional and local levels, providing technical support, material assistance, capacity building and support to the development of legislation and administrative processes to enhance access to solution pathways. Achievements include:

| LEADING | SUPPORTING |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Returns Working Group established in 2016 as part of humanitarian response• DS architecture established in 2020• Co-chair of Returns Working Group, Durable Solutions Technical Working Group and Durable Solutions Task Force• 8 Area-Based Coordination forums established, area-based DS plans | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 25 trainings & roundtable discussions on durable solutions held with authorities and other stakeholders• Ongoing support to Ministry of Migration and Displaced to develop SOPs for local integration• Technical support on development & implementation of Yezidi Survivors' Law |

DATA AND RESEARCH

IOM Iraq's approach is underpinned by rigorous, cutting-edge research on barriers to and conditions for the achievement of durable solutions.

The Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) is the centrepiece of this approach, and some of its outputs include:

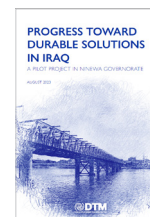
OVERVIEWS

- Master List
- Return Index
- Displacement Index
- Ad hoc emergency tracking

DIVING DEEPER

- 15 Reports on Access to Durable Solutions
- 12 Reports on Protracted Displacement
- 6 Reports on Return & Reintegration

SPOTLIGHT ON



4-Year longitudinal study in collaboration with Georgetown University



8,042 interviews from IDP, returnee & host communities, providing sub-district level data for the first time

BUILDING RESILIENCE: FROM DISPLACEMENT TO DEVELOPMENT

Efforts towards enabling access to durable solutions should start from the moment a person is displaced and continue into the recovery and development phases. With this in mind, IOM Iraq has been able to work across the full spectrum of people's displacement experience:

Displacement



5,535

families assisted to return or relocate via housing, grant, livelihood, protection, MHPSS &/or legal support*



45,561

individuals reached with primary health care and health promotion assistance***



150

communities supported with planning*



660

infrastructure projects supporting access to basic services**



1,170

families supported to rehabilitate or rebuild their homes*



26,140 m3

of rubble removed



11,500 m3

recycled for infrastructure*



20,600

individuals provided with legal services on HLP and civil documentation*



8,633

jobs created**



31,073

people supported with individual livelihoods assistance**



1,866

small & medium-sized enterprises supported to expand**



10,654

individuals reached with peace- and resilience-building activities*



1,670

applications for reparations under YSL submitted by genocide survivors



838

decisions issued

Development

* Figure measured since 2020

** Figure measured since 2015

*** Data from Sep 2022 - Aug 2023