

CONTEXT AND METHODOLOGY

Between late 2013 and 2017, intensification of conflict in north and central Iraq has resulted in large scale displacement with 1.9 million internally displaced persons (IDPs) identified across Iraq as of August 2018.¹ Of these, approximately 95,000 to 116,000 IDPs are estimated to be residing in informal sites.² In order to inform targeting of humanitarian services to this population, REACH launched round VII of the Risk Assessment Site Priority (RASP) assessment in partnership with the Camp Coordination and Camp Management Cluster (CCCM) in Iraq.

Data was collected from 16 July to 14 August 2018 by REACH enumerators. The assessment targeted informal sites, as defined by CCCM.³ Sites were identified using the IOM Integrated Location Assessment Round 3 (ILA III, May 2018). Only sites with 15 or more households were assessed.

One Key Informant (KI) interview was conducted with the site leader. All figures reported in this factsheet are based on one KI interview per site, and findings should therefore be read as indicative only. Full details of the methodology are included in the [Terms of Reference](#).

This factsheet provides an overview of key demographic and sectoral findings for assessed informal sites in Sulaymaniyah governorate.

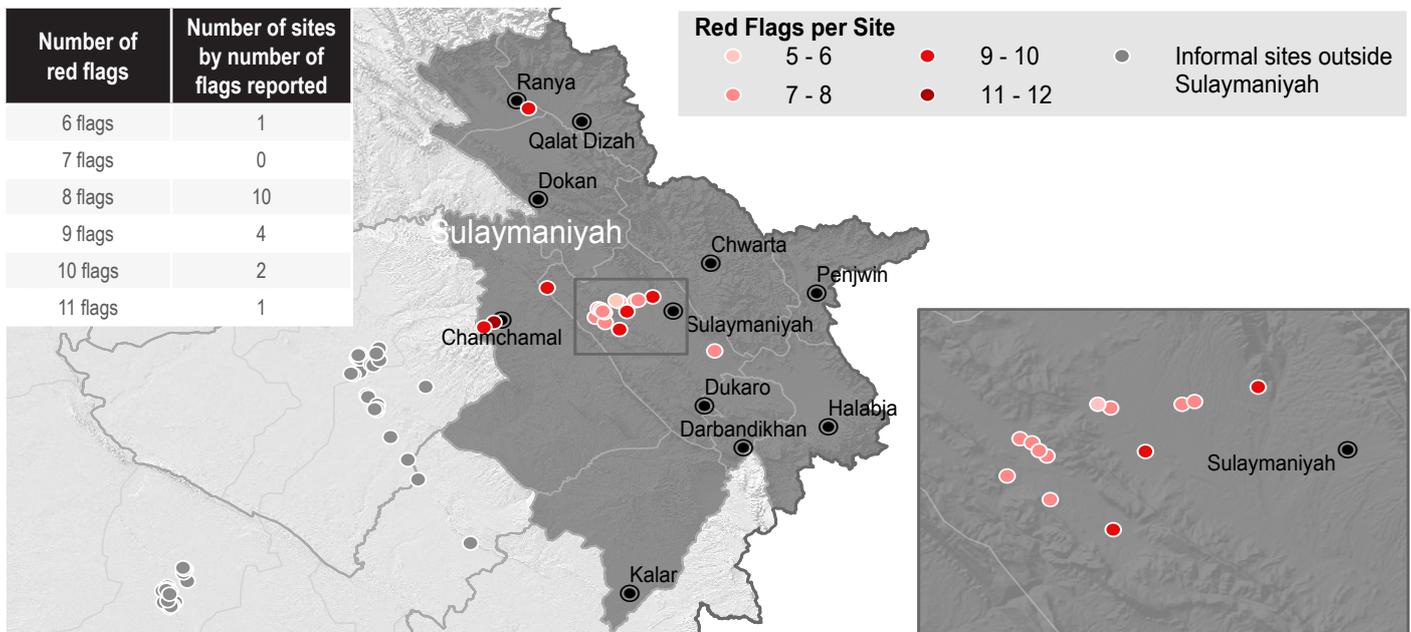
Assessed informal IDP sites:	18
Estimated number of households⁴:	530
Estimated number of individuals⁴:	3,000

RED FLAG INDEX

As part of the site assessment, REACH developed a red-flagging index in coordination with CCCM, to highlight sites that may be in need of further assessment and/or humanitarian intervention. A total of 18 indicators that KIs for each site reported on were selected, with at least one indicator included per sector covered in the assessment. These have been summed to provide an overall, cross-sectoral needs index of each site, as well as shown by indicator, to underline sector-specific concerns.

On average, KIs reported **8/18** red flag indicators per site in Sulaymaniyah Governorate.

SITE LOCATION AND RED FLAG INDEX MAP



¹IOM, Displacement Tracking Matrix (August 2018).

²As reported by the combined IOM ILA III and RASP dataset population figures.

³Informal sites are defined as: places not built to accommodate the displaced but that are serving that purpose, where authorities are not responsible for management and administration and there are at least five households. In these sites, services and assistance may be available but are not provided regularly.

⁴Key Informants were asked to estimate the number of households and total number of individuals in their respective sites. All population figures should therefore be read as an approximation of the IDP population living in informal sites in each governorate, and not necessarily the true population size. Household figures have been rounded to the nearest 10, and individual figures rounded to the nearest 100.



The below table lists each indicator included in the red flag index, and the number of sites in the governorate where the key informant reported on the corresponding indicator. 'Presence' indicates that one or more of the relevant demographic was reported to be present in the site at the time of interview.

Red flag indicators	Number of sites where each red flag indicator was reported (/18)
No fire safety equipment available within the site	18
Presence of young people under the age of 18 engaged in employment in the 30 days prior	18
Presence of female-headed households at the site	17
Presence of households within sites using 'severe' livelihoods coping strategies in the 30 days prior ⁵	17
The nearest accessible primary health care service reported to be further than 2km	15
Less than 75% of school-age children (6 to 17 years old) are attending formal education	15
Presence of unaccompanied children at the site ⁶	13
Presence of households within sites that did not have sufficient access to food in the seven days prior ⁷	12
Sites display evidence of overcrowding	10
Evidence of open defecation at the site	5
Households in the site have been forcibly evicted in the three months prior	4
Site residents reported to have three or more shelter needs	3
Sites experiencing tension between host community households and the site occupants	2
Presence of child-headed households at the site ⁸	1
On average households within sites spent seven or more days without access to their primary source of drinking water in the 30 days prior ⁹	1
No electrical supply reported to the whole site	0
Presence of unlabeled or unknown chemicals and/or UXOs or mines on or near the site	0
Security incident reported to have occurred in or around the site in the 30 days prior	0

DEMOGRAPHICS

Estimated household demographics

Average reported household size (estimated total number of individuals/ estimated total number of households): **6**

SITE TYPOLOGY

Reported site typology based on enumerator observation, by number of sites

Dispersed settlement		16/18
Small settlement		1/18
Self settled site		1/18

GOVERNORATE OF ORIGIN

Reported primary governorate of origin for the majority of site residents, by number of sites

1. Ninewa (9/18)
2. Salah al-Din (4/18)
3. Babylon (3/18)

⁵ 'Severe' livelihoods-based coping strategies include: Selling productive assets or means of transport (e.g. sewing machines, wheelbarrow, bicycle, car, etc); Selling house or land; Reducing food intake; Sending children (under the age of 18) to work; Engaging in high risk or illegal work.

⁶ Unaccompanied children includes children (under the age of 18) that were not living with their mother or father, or any other adult relative. Children that were reported to be head of their household may not be considered as unaccompanied, and therefore not necessarily reported under this indicator.

⁷ The KI was asked to report how many days in the last seven days, on average, households did not have sufficient access to food. The red flag indicates where households were reported to have insufficient access for any days.

⁸ Child-headed households were defined as households where the primary bread-winner or person in charge of financial management is under the age of 18.

⁹ The KI was asked to report how many days in the last 30 days, on average, households spent without access to their primary source of drinking water. When asked where households source water elsewhere, KIs reported that residents would store water from communal tanks in jerry cans, or purchase water when necessary.

SHELTER

Top three types of shelter in sites, and number of sites where the KI reported presence of each shelter type*

1. House or apartment (17/18)
2. Non residential structure (8/18)
3. Damaged residential building (6/18)

Top three reported shelter needs of residents, by number of sites*

Improved privacy/sense of dignity		8/18
Protection from climatic conditions ¹⁰		7/18
Improved basic infrastructure		7/18

HEALTHCARE

Reported accessibility of healthcare services, by number of sites



In **15 of 18 sites**, the KI reported that the nearest primary healthcare facility to the site was more than 2km away

In 18 of 18 sites, the KI reported that households encountered problems accessing healthcare in the 30 days preceding data collection

Of the 18 sites where KIs reported that households encountered problems accessing healthcare, the top three issues, by number of sites, were*

Cost of healthcare visits		14/18
Insufficient funds ¹¹		13/18
Medication not available		4/18

¹⁰Climatic conditions include: leaking roof, floor not insulated, opening in the walls, broken windows, lack of ventilation, missing heating system, etc.

¹¹Insufficient funds to purchase treatment/medication.

*Respondents could select multiple options and only top three results reported. Therefore, results may exceed the total number of sites.

WASH

Reported primary source of drinking water for the majority of site residents, by number of sites

Protected open well		15/18
Water trucking		2/18
Unprotected open well		1/18

Reported limited access to primary source of drinking water, by number of sites

In **1 of 18 sites**



the KI reported that site residents did not have access to their primary source of drinking water for seven or more days in the 30 days preceding data collection

FOOD SECURITY

Reported insufficient access to food, by number of sites

In **12 of 18 sites**



the KI reported that on average, site residents did not have sufficient access to food for at least one day in the seven days preceding data collection

In 18 of 18 sites, the KI reported that households faced challenges in accessing food

Of the 18 sites where KIs reported households to face challenges to accessing food, the top four issues, by number of sites, were*

Limited economic resources		15/18
Physical/logistical constraints		8/18
No cooking facilities		6/18
Agriculture/livestock disrupted		6/18



LIVELIHOODS

In 18 of 18 sites, the KI reported that households **used livelihoods-based coping strategies** in the 30 days preceding data collection

Of the 18 sites where KIs reported households to have used coping strategies, the top three strategies, by number of sites, were*

Borrowing money/buying credit		15/18
Reducing food intake		13/18
Sent children to work		12/18

Between 33% and 100% of households were reported by KIs to have **earned no income** in the 30 days preceding data collection^{12,13}

EDUCATION

In 17 of 18 sites, the KI reported that school-aged children **faced challenges to accessing formal education**

Of the 17 sites where KIs reported school-aged children faced challenges to accessing formal education, the top three issues, by number of sites, were*

Limited economic resources		14/17
Long distance to school		11/17
Physical/logistical constraints		10/17

Reported access to formal education, by number of sites

In **15 of 18 sites**



the KI reported that **less than 75%** of school-aged children were able to access formal education

PROTECTION

In 4 of 18 sites the KI reported that **forcible evictions had occurred** in the 3 months preceding data collection

Reported tensions with host community, by number of sites

In **2 of 18 sites** the KI reported that there were tensions between the site occupants and the host community



In 14 of 18 sites the KI reported that **there were persons with disabilities** residing in the site

In **13 of 18 sites** the KI reported that there were **no adequate mental health and psychosocial support services** available for persons in the site



Reported occurrence of security incidents in the 30 days preceding data collection, and site residents reported to feel unsafe in the site area, by number of sites

Security incident reported	0/18
Site residents reported to feel unsafe	0/18

In **8 of 18 sites** the KI reported that there were **no adequate facilities and/or services** available for persons in the site with physical, intellectual or mental disabilities



¹² The median proportion of households that were reported by KIs to have earned no income in the 30 days preceding data collection was: 87%.

¹³ These are the lowest and highest proportions of households that were reported to have earned no income in the 30 days preceding data collection across all sites.

* Respondents could select multiple options and only top three results reported. Therefore, results may exceed the total number of sites.