



IOM emergency NFI distribution
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NFI Distributions in al Qaim camp



NFI Distributions in Nineweh



Syrian refugee in Domiz camp

Emergency Non-Food Item (NFI) Distribution

Since the end of July 2012, Iraq has witnessed a sudden influx of over 45,000 of its own citizens along with a new influx of Syrian refugees due to the continuing violence in Syria. According to UNHCR, 34,400 Syrians have arrived in the Kurdistan region since March 2011. Duhuk governorate hosts approximately 27,000 Syrians, followed by Erbil (5,852), and Suleimaniya (1,683).

In April 2012, IOM began to distribute emergency NFIs to Syrian refugees at Domiz camp near Duhuk and Al-Qaim camp near Anbar in coordination with UNHCR and the MoMD (Ministry of Migration and Displacement). In October 2012, IOM began NFI distribution to vulnerable Iraqi returnees in Nineweh.

The emergency NFIs include household items such as blankets, mattresses, pillows, and hygiene kits. These items specifically target the needs of vulnerable populations by complementing supplies distributed by other organizations and filling supply gaps.

Total NFI Distribution (18 Oct.)	
Location	Beneficiaries
Domiz Camp, Duhuk	3,196 Syrians
Al-Qaim Camp, Anbar	573 Syrians
Nineweh host community	265 Iraqi Returnees
Total	4,034 people

IOM Rapid Response Teams

In mid-August, IOM Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) carried out a needs assessment of returnee and refugee populations which revealed that 80% of Syrian families and 43% of Iraqi returnee families cited NFIs as their top priority need.

In October, an IOM RRT in Mosel conducted vulnerability assessment surveys among **90** Iraqi returnee families from Syria. The assessment revealed that **46** families needed urgent NFI assistance in Mosel and Telkaif. In response, on October 17, each family received a gas stove, a kerosene heater, a carpet, and a storage container. Each family also received six mattresses, pillows, and blankets and an appropriate amount of soap and cleaning powder.

As overall living conditions continue to deteriorate and resources become stretched, IOM will continue to cover current gaps in the humanitarian response through the distribution of emergency NFIs to both Syrian refugee and vulnerable Iraqi returnee populations.

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