



IOM emergency NFI distribution
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NFI distribution in al Qaim camp



NFI distribution in Nineweh



Winter NFI distribution at Domiz camp

Emergency Non-Food Item (NFI) Distribution

Since the end of July 2012, Iraq has witnessed a sudden influx of over 55,000 of its own citizens along with a new influx of Syrian refugees due to the continuing violence in Syria. According to UNHCR, 58,800 Syrians have arrived in the Kurdistan region, over 75% of whom are in Dohuk governorate.

In April 2012, IOM began to distribute emergency NFIs to Syrian refugees at Domiz camp in Dohuk and the two Al-Qaim camps in 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 (29 Nov.)

Location	Beneficiaries
Domiz Camp, Dohuk	4,958 Syrians
Al-Qaim Camp, Anbar	4,684 Syrians
Nineweh host community	265 Iraqi Returnees
Total	9,907 people

IOM Rapid Response Teams

In August-October 2012, IOM Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) carried out a comprehensive needs assessment of returnee and refugee populations, available online at: <http://www.iomiraq.net/Documents/SyriaReport.pdf>.

The assessment included key interviews with Syrian and Iraqi nationals recently displaced from Syria, border authorities, MoMD officials, local council members, and Camp and Transit Receiving Centre (TRC) managers.

As overall living conditions continue to deteriorate and resources become stretched, IOM will continue to assess and 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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