Field reports indicate that IDPs from Tikrit in Erbil City, including a group with pregnant women and a large number of children, are seeking shelter in the main mosque and public parks. A reported 3,825 IDP families from Diyala have arrived in Khanakeen in urgent need of lifesaving supplies. IDPs have begun arriving in Khan (approximately 10 km south of Baquba city).

While reports indicate that there is not free movement into Kirkuk for IDPs, approximately 4,800 IDP families have arrived in Kirkuk Center. The Directorate of Water confirmed that water and health services are provided to IDP’s in Kirkuk by the government.

Currently, 78 IDP families (including 250 children) reside in Gamarwa Camp, 35 Km from Dohuk.

Displacement to the south is continuous, with 106 families reportedly arriving in Quadisiya, 41 in Missan, 51 in Najaf and 24 in Thi-Qar. Notably, some of these are from Baghdad and Babil.

The deterioration of the security situation in Al-Qaim is reportedly preventing access to Al-Obeidi Camp for Syrian refugees. UNICEF facilitator reports confirm interruption to internet and social media services throughout Anbar, with additionally failures of the mobile network in some areas. UNICEF facilitators also report acute fuel and food shortages in all of Anbar (cost of one cooking gas cylinder raised from 3.5 to 35 USD).
Highlight: During an emergency meeting today, joint UNICEF and WHO advocacy culminated in the Minister of Health’s approval to conduct a mass vaccination campaign. This campaign, scheduled for 29 June to 03 July, will provide for polio and measles vaccinations across the KR-I and specifically at checkpoints, IDP camps and border crossing points.

PROGRAMME UPDATE

Local authorities in Samarra have urgently requested from UNICEF two tons of bleaching powder for water treatment plants, in order to overcome stock shortages.

UNICEF and the Mayor of Sinjar have established a committee that will coordinate distribution of 3,900 bottles water and 1,000 adult hygiene kits to IDP families.

UNICEF water trucking and garbage collection is ongoing in Heet, Rutba and Abu Ghraib. In Al-Baghdadi/Heet, UNICEF distributed hygiene kits to 200 IDP families. The Anbar Directorate of Water has requested four tons of bleaching powder from UNICEF in order to overcome growing shortages, which are delaying water projects.

UNICEF installed four latrines in Garmawa IDP camp and dispatched an additional 12 for installation tomorrow.

At Khazar Camp there are now 10 latrines at the checkpoint and 30 latrines in the temporary camp, two water tanks at the check point and 18 in the camp. UNICEF delivered 65,000 liters of potable water today and distributed 200 hygiene kits.
In Garmawa Camp, vaccination has begun among children under five for polio and measles. UNICEF procured 1 million doses of measles vaccine for the KR-I and procurement for 2 million doses of polio vaccine is underway. UNICEF will provide technical assistance throughout the vaccination campaign.

UNICEF will distribute 25,000 leaflets, advertising the ‘Child Helpline,’ throughout the KR-I and particularly in areas with large refugee and IDP populations. UNICEF and the IMC plan to initiate IDP interventions focusing on child rights monitoring, the establishment of an identification and registration system for separated and unaccompanied children, and referral to psycho-social services as needed. UNICEF and Save the Children agreed to open a Child Friendly Space in Khazar Camp.

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The final exam for grade nine, originally scheduled for today, is postponed in many areas of Anbar, Diyala and other governorates.