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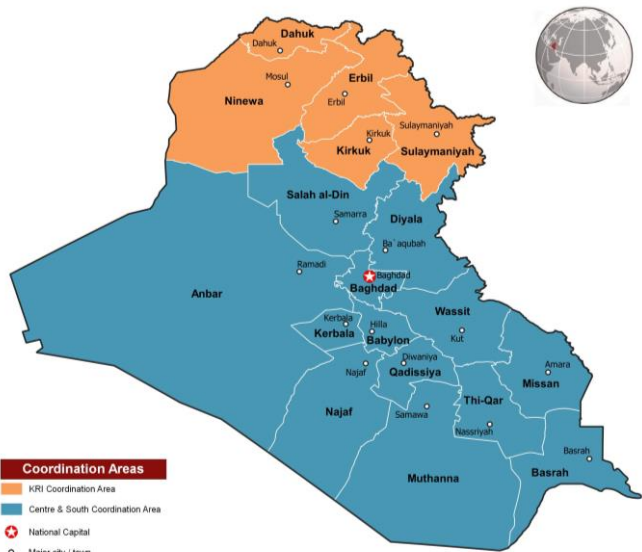
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Agenda

- I. Introduction of Shelter Cluster Iraq and context
- II. IDPs & Returnees Overview
- III. Shelter Cluster Response in 2021
- IV. Durable Solution and Transitioning
- V. Challenges and Proposed Solutions
- VI. Q&A

Current Cluster Team Structure

Since July 2021



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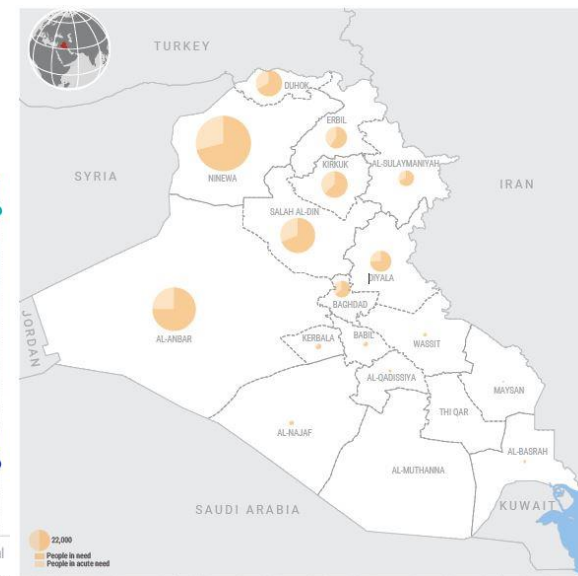
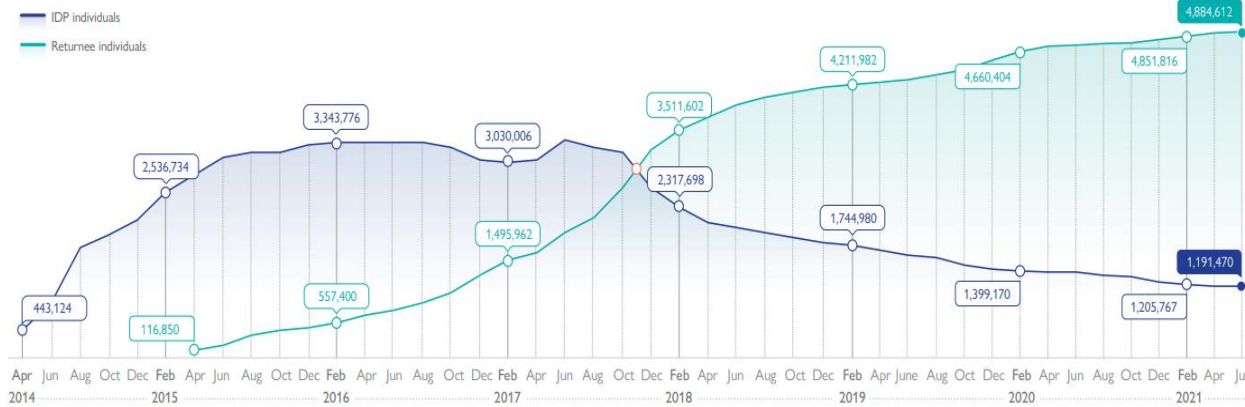
Coordinating Humanitarian Shelter

For more details check [IRAQ SNFI Cluster Coordination Structure 2021](#)

I. Iraq – Cluster activation & key dates

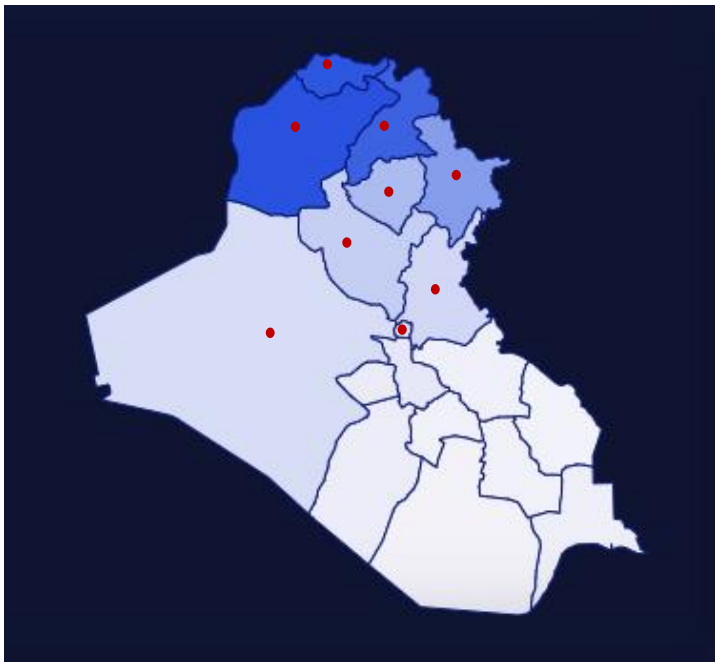
Cluster activation: January 2014 - In August 2014 an L3-emergency was declared in Iraq.

The outbreak of violence between Iraqi security forces and armed groups in January 2014 triggered ten significant waves of displacement.

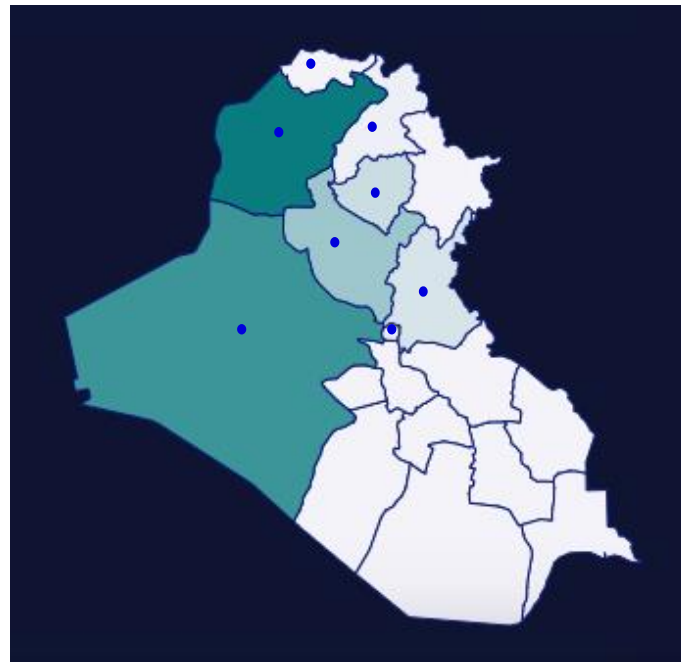


II. Iraq: IDPs & Returnees Overview

1.19 million IDP individuals are displaced in all 18 governorates but mainly in 9 highlighted.

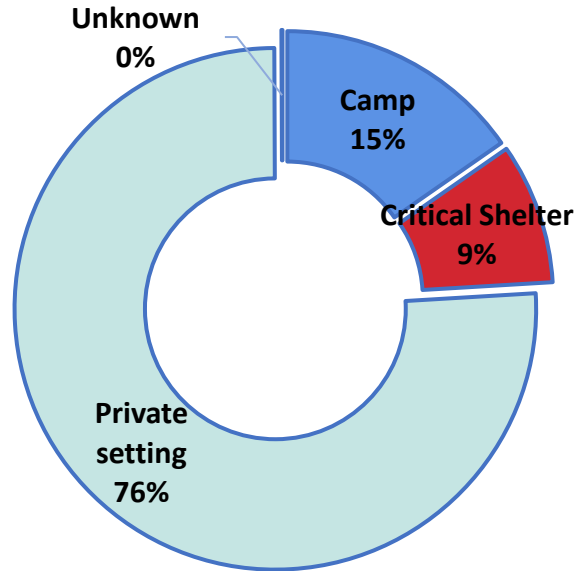


4.88 million returnees are only in 8 Governorates

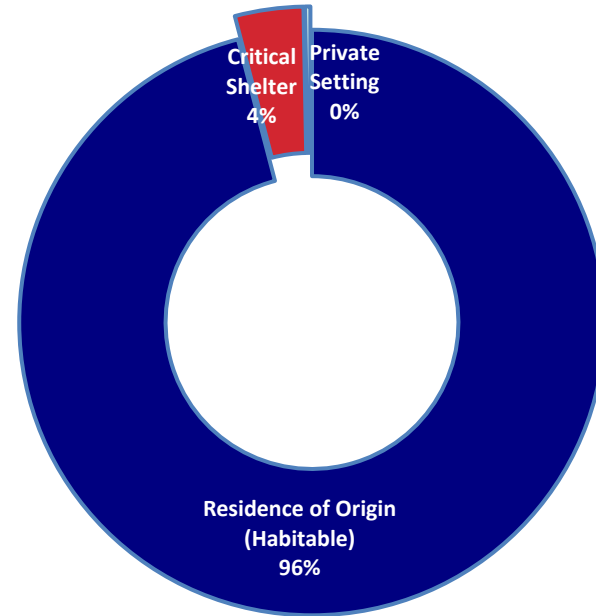


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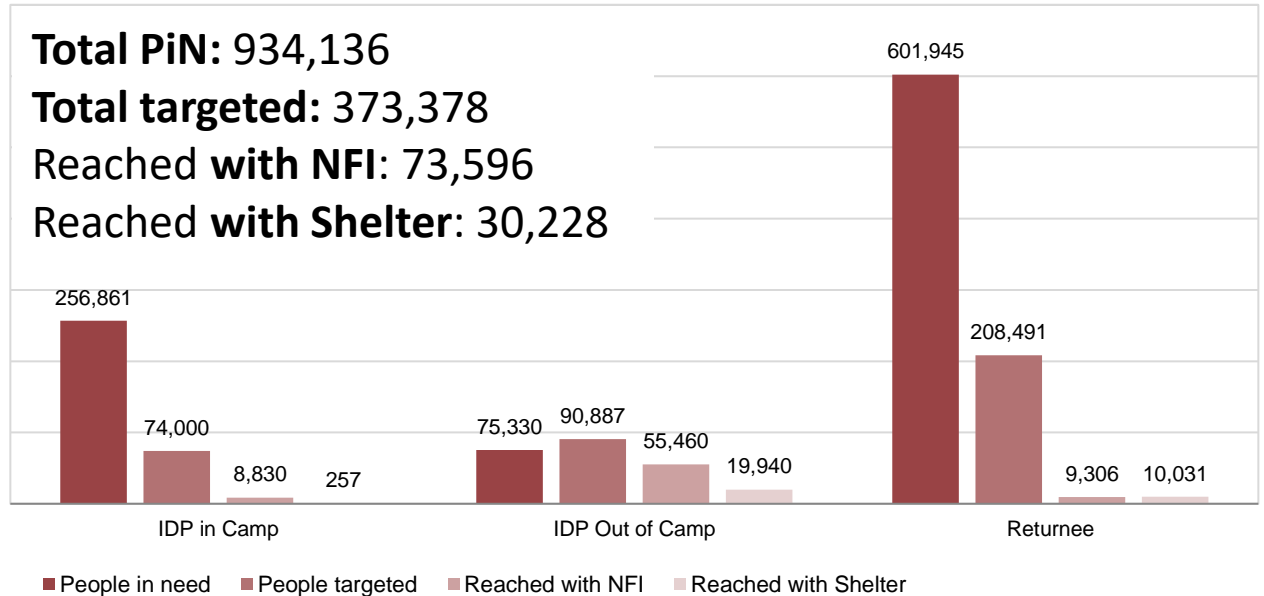


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III. Shelter Cluster Response in 2021 – People reached

People in need, targeted and reached per beneficiary groups



1. Very high need due to numbers of vulnerable people in poor shelter condition
2. Very small target because protracted displacement and also donor fatigue
3. Low level of response due to funding challenges but also COVID-19 movement restrictions to access most vulnerable people in need

Out of the overall Cluster target (373,378 ind.), **40%** have been reached with **NFI kits**; **16%** have benefited from **shelter interventions**

III. Shelter Cluster Response in 2021 - What

Our Activities

→ Non-Food Item (NFI) Kit



→ Shelter Upgrades in Camps



→ Critical Shelter Upgrades and Sealing-Off Kit



→ Rental subsidies - Cash for Rent



III. Shelter Cluster Response in 2021 – Who



III. Shelter Cluster Response in 2021 – Tools



Monthly Achievements Interactive Dashboard 2021



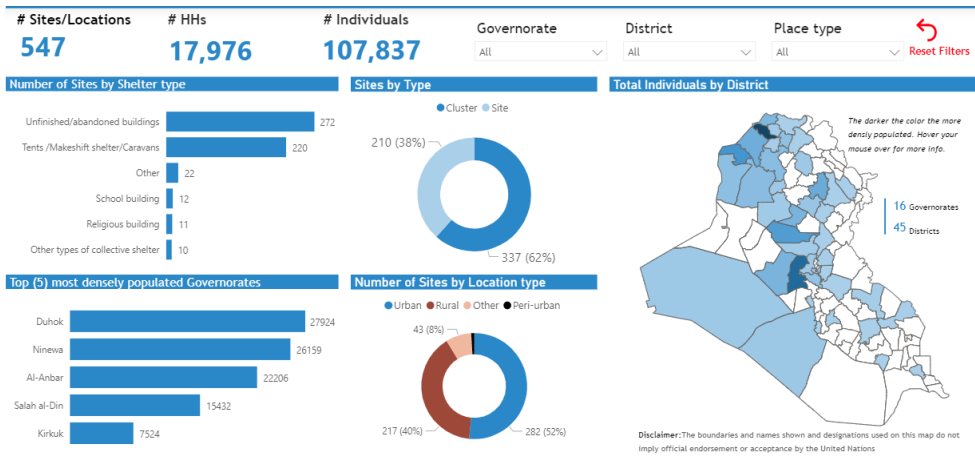
Date: Data as of 31 July 2021

Source: Shelter Cluster partners

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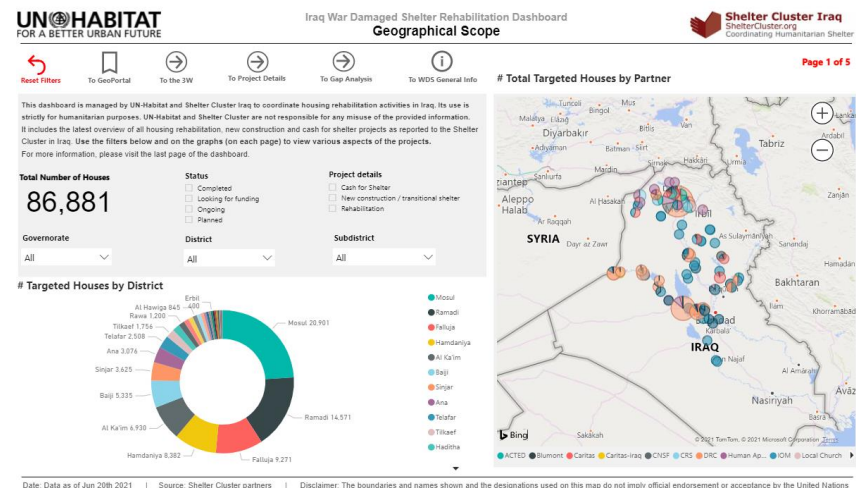


III. Shelter Cluster Response in 2021 – Tools



Informal sites data sources: IOM-DTM ILA 5 (July - August 2020), and sites reported by CCCM and other sectoral partners (May 2021). The full Informal Sites Masterlist can be requested from the CCCM Cluster. **Page 1 of 3**

For more details check [Iraq CCCM Cluster Informal Sites Mapping](#)



For more details check [War-Damaged Shelter Interactive Dashboard](#)

IV. DURABLE SOLUTION AND TRANSITIONING

- Since 2017, the shelter repair programs started gearing up to a large scale, under the War-Damaged Shelter Repairs activity as part of supporting durable returns for IDPs.
- From HRP 2021 WDS repairs was **excluded from HRP activities** but focus on durable solution continues.
- Also in 2019 another step was taken towards **transitioning away** from Emergency Shelter in IDP Camps starting with IDP camps in Dohuk governorate.
- A **note/position paper** was submitted to the governorate officials though this has been put on hold the same year.



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Fire incident in Shariya IDP camp, Dohuk Governorate in June 2021 redirected the government into **rethinking** the Transitioning Away from Emergency Shelter Note!



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The authorities as an act of emergency to support the effected families allowed the Camp Management to replace the burned tents with semi permanent concrete blocks structure on top of the tent base.



IV. DURABLE SOLUTION AND TRANSITIONING

First Step towards Transitioning Away from Emergency Shelter to Semi Permanent Shelter

Three options have been suggested to replace tents in IDP camps in Dohuk, under development to finalize the specification for a self-constructed shelter.



Concrete Block



Interlocking Compressed Stabilized Earth/Soil Brick



Adobe House
Traditional Mud House

IV. DURABLE SOLUTION AND TRANSITIONING

Transitioning

Phase 1: Set up the stage for transitioning [Sep-Dec 2020]

Based on the HRP 2020 strategy there is still a need and a critical role for the Shelter Cluster to play in supporting people in need.

- Winding-up activities and projects should be completed, while current and future needs,
- Priorities and responses are articulated for 2021 through the HNO/HRP process.

Phase 2: Handing over key cluster functions [Jan-Jun 2021]

In the absence of a single line ministry that could take upon all functions, the Shelter Cluster will look towards sustainable transitioning by gradually handing over key cluster functions to different actors.



IV. DURABLE SOLUTION AND TRANSITIONING

Phase 3: Durable solution [Sep-Dec 2021]

The Shelter Cluster will look towards Durable Solution Technical Work Group (DSTWG).

- Consultation with the Shelter Cluster **SAG members**.
- In-depth discussion on the Cluster transitioning with **ICCG**.
- Coordinating with the **Shelter/HLP Sub-Working Group** of the DSTWG.



V. Challenges

1. **Lack of/dwindling funding** - right from the previous year's HRP we have experienced reduced funding which makes it difficult for partners to implement planned projects.
2. Transition discussion has been going on however the **synergies between the ICCG and the DSTWG is still unclear**. Slow pace of progress in clarifying the transition vision.
3. **High severity of damage** in certain areas where partners unable to support/intervene.
4. **Access issues**, security incidents, and many/different on-ground security actors and the difficulties in coordination with all those actors.
5. The **COVID-19 pandemic** has been a major factor from its onset to date as it greatly restricted movement for partners on ground to implement projects.



V. Possible Solutions

1. **Donor engagement at various levels needed** thanks to solid technical support and IM tools, hence providing all measures to have a predictable, harmonized response.
2. Active participation by the cluster and partners in **durable solution task-force structures** at national and sub-national levels.
3. **Engaging/linking partners** with durable solution actors to enable smooth transition.
4. The Shelter Cluster is closely working with **ICCG** and reporting **access issues** facing our partners.
5. The Shelter Cluster developed **COVID-19 related guidelines** to our partners on
 - I. Outbreak Preparedness and Response in IDP Camps - Establishment and management of **Quarantine and Isolation areas**.
 - II. Construction Site **Safety Protocol** for COVID-19 Contexts.



VI. Questions





In Loving Memory of Petya Boevska

