BACKGROUND

Since the Government of Iraq re-established control over areas previously held by the so-called Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) in 2017, increasing numbers of internally displaced persons (IDPs) have returned to their area of origin (AoO). To support the Returns Working Group objective of voluntary, safe and durable returns, REACH conducted an assessment on the sources and channels of information related to returns in four governorates of northern Iraq, which together contain 65% of IDPs in Iraq. This factsheet focuses on IDP households (HH) in Erbil governorate where, as of 15 May 2018, there are reportedly 227,082 IDPs.[†]

METHODOLOGY

Findings reported in this factsheet are based on data from a representative sample of 190 in-camp and 376 out-of-camp IDP HH in Erbil governorate, collected between 22 April - 9 May 2018. Findings are generalisable to the assessed in-camp and out-of-camp IDP population with 95% level of confidence and 7.5% margin of error at the governorate level.

LOCATION MAP



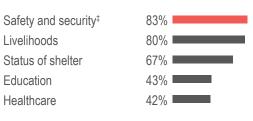
† IOM DTM, Iraq, as of 15 May 2018. * Respondents could select multiple response options.

‡ Fewer responses were collected for this indicator which may effect the margin of error.

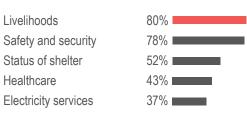


INFORMATION TOPICS

Main topics regarding their AoO that HH received information about in the 30 days prior to the assessment*



Top 5 HH information gaps regarding their AoO*

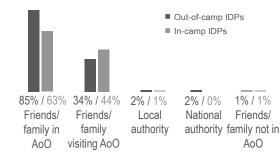


Top 5 information channels*

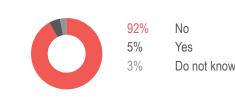
Phone call	52%	
In person communication	44%	
Direct observation	18%	
Television	3%	
Facebook messenger	2%	I

INFORMATION SOURCES

Main sources of information*

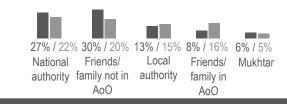


HH receiving returns-related information from humanitarian organisations



Least trusted information sources

Out-of-camp IDPs
In-camp IDPs

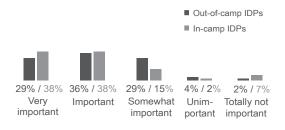


BARRIERS TO INFORMATION ACCESS

Top barriers to accessing returns-related information

DECISION TO MOVE

Importance of returns-related information to informing decision to move



HH reporting more accurate information would help them in planning to return



Would help Would not help Do not know

