

Research Terms of Reference

Syrian Refugee Influx Rapid Assessment

IRQ1910a

Iraq

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1. Executive Summary

Country of intervention	Iraq		
Type of Emergency	<input type="checkbox"/>	Natural disaster	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conflict
Type of Crisis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sudden onset	<input type="checkbox"/> Slow onset <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protracted
Mandating Body/ Agency	UNHCR		
Project Code	10AMM		
Overall Research Timeframe (from research design to final outputs / M&E)	03/11/2020 to 31/12/2020		
Research Timeframe Add planned deadlines (for first cycle if more than 1)	1. Start collect data: 22/11/2020		
	2. Data collected: 22/11/2020		5. Outputs sent for validation: 27/11/2020
	3. Data analysed: 24/11/2020		6. Outputs published: TBD with UNHCR
	4. Data sent for validation: 25/11/2020		
Number of assessments	<input type="checkbox"/>	Single assessment (one cycle)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Multi assessment (more than one cycle) <i>First round (pilot) of data collection conducted Sunday, November 22, 2020. Data collected every Sunday and Thursday thereafter for 4 rounds. Last round of data collection will take place the week of 13 December 2020.</i>	
Humanitarian milestones Specify what will the assessment inform and when <i>e.g. The shelter cluster will use this data to draft its Revised Flash Appeal;</i>	Milestone		Deadline
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Donor plan/strategy	Last quarter of 2020
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Inter-cluster plan/strategy	--/ /----
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cluster plan/strategy	--/ /----
	<input type="checkbox"/>	NGO platform plan/strategy	--/ /----
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify):	--/ /----
Audience Type & Dissemination Specify who will the assessment inform and how you will disseminate to inform the audience	Audience type		Dissemination
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Strategic	<input type="checkbox"/> General Product Mailing (e.g. mail to NGO consortium; HCT participants; Donors)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Programmatic	<input type="checkbox"/> Cluster Mailing (Education, Shelter and WASH) and presentation of findings at next cluster meeting	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Operational	<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation of findings (e.g. at HCT meeting; Cluster meeting)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	[Other, Specify]		

			X Website Dissemination (Relief Web & REACH Resource Centre) <input type="checkbox"/> [Other, Specify]
Detailed dissemination plan required	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	X No
General Objective	The general objective of the assessment is to provide information on the influx of Syrian refugees crossing the Syria-Iraq border into the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KR-I). The assessment aims to inform and provide an evidence-base for humanitarian planning by UNHCR and relevant actors in the Syrian refugee response through up-to-date information on demographics, needs and displacement history of the people crossing from Syria into Iraq, including particularly Syrian refugees recently displaced or re-entering the KR-I.		
Specific Objective(s)	<p>The following specific objectives are identified to facilitate the understanding of the general objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Assess the demographics and needs of Syrian refugees crossing the Syria-Iraq border into KR-I. ➤ Assess the impact of COVID-19 and related measures on Syrian refugees' movement, intentions and needs. ➤ Provide an understanding of the motives and reasons of Syrian refugees crossing the border from Syria into KR-I ➤ Identify obstacles and challenges Syrian refugees meet while travelling to and crossing the border between Syria and Iraq. ➤ Provide an understanding on the displacement history and intentions of people crossing the border from Syria into KR-I. 		
Research Questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the profile of Syrian refugees arriving in the KR-I from Syria in terms of age and vulnerability (disability, pregnant and lactating women, health problems)? 2. What are the push and pull factors influencing the movement and intentions of Syrian refugees crossing into KR-I? 3. What information is available concerning the spread of COVID-19 for Syrian refugees arriving in KR-I and what are the needs/concerns related to COVID-19 for people crossing the Syria-Iraq border? 4. What challenges have Syrian refugees faced during the journey from Syria to KR-I, Iraq, and what are their needs upon arrival? 5. What are the short (coming days) and longer-term (>6 months) intentions of Syrian refugees newly arriving or re-entering into KR-I? What factors have affected these intentions? 		
Geographic Coverage	The geographic coverage corresponds with the area of origin and area of intended displacement of the respondents. Interviews will be conducted at crossing points at the		

	border between Syria and Iraq at the, Fish Kabour border and close to Al Waleed, Sahila and Shela villages.			
Secondary data sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Data received from UNHCR. - Former rounds of the Syrian Refugee Influx Rapid Assessment: https://www.reachresourcecentre.info/country/iraq/cycle/25624/#cycle-25624 - UNHCR. North-East Syria Update: https://reporting.unhcr.org/syriasituation - OCHA. Syria Flash Update - humanitarian impact of the military operation in north-eastern Syria: https://www.unocha.org/syria - Relevant news articles 			
Population(s) <i>Select all that apply</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	IDPs in camp	<input type="checkbox"/>	IDPs in informal sites
	<input type="checkbox"/>	IDPs in host communities	<input type="checkbox"/>	IDPs [Other, Specify]
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Refugees in camp	<input type="checkbox"/>	Refugees in informal sites
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Refugees in host communities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Syrian refugees at the border crossing Syria-Iraq into KR-I (new arrivals)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Host communities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Syrian refugees at the border crossing Syria-Iraq into KR-I (re-entry)
Stratification <i>Select type(s) and enter number of strata</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Geographical #: _ _ _ Population size per strata is known? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Group #: Population size per strata is known? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
			<input type="checkbox"/>	[Other Specify] #: _ _ Population size per strata is known? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Data collection tool(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Structured (Quantitative)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Semi-structured (Qualitative)
	Sampling method		Data collection method	
Structured data collection tool # 1 <i>Select sampling and data collection method and specify target # interviews</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Purposive	<input type="checkbox"/>	Key informant interview (Target #):
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Probability / Simple random	<input type="checkbox"/>	Group discussion (Target #): _ _ _ _ _
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Probability / Stratified simple random	<input type="checkbox"/>	Household interview (Target #): _ _ _ _ _
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Probability / Cluster sampling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Individual interview: 25-50, depending on the number of people and flow of people crossing the border.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Probability / Stratified cluster sampling	<input type="checkbox"/>	Direct observations (Target #): _ _ _ _ _
	<input type="checkbox"/>	[Other, Specify]	<input type="checkbox"/>	[Other, Specify] (Target #): _ _ _ _ _
Data management platform(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	IMPACT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	UNHCR
	<input type="checkbox"/>	[Other, Specify]		
Expected output type(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Situation overview #: _ _	<input type="checkbox"/>	Report #: _ _
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Presentation (Preliminary findings) #: _ _	<input type="checkbox"/>	Presentation (Final) #: _ _
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Interactive dashboard #: _	<input type="checkbox"/>	Webmap #: _ _
	<input type="checkbox"/>	[Other, Specify] #: _ _		
Access	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public (available on REACH Resource Center and other humanitarian platforms)		
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted (bilateral dissemination only upon agreed dissemination list, no publication on REACH or other platforms)		

Visibility <i>Specify which logos should be on outputs</i>	REACH
	UNHCR

2. Rationale

2.1. Rationale

When the Turkish military operation in Northeast Syria (NES) escalated in October 2019, the associated conflict and humanitarian crisis in Syria resulted in mass displacement, both internally and, to a lesser extent, towards the Kurdistan Region in Iraq (KR-I). Reportedly, several challenges were met during the first weeks of the influx, due to the relative large number of new arrivals, 720 individuals daily average in October 2019. By January 2020, the average daily arrival rate fell to about 42 individuals.¹

As the numbers of arrivals peaked in the weeks after the Turkish operation was launched, REACH conducted daily monitoring at the border, with weekly updates produced to inform planning and response. As the numbers of arrivals decreased, daily monitoring continued, with outputs being decreased first to a weekly schedule and finally biweekly. These activities were conducted between October 2019 and March 2020. Equally, in October-November 2019, REACH also supported UNHCR and partners with assessments of the Bardarash (re-opened to host the new arrivals) and Gawilan (extended with a new transit site) refugee camps, to which new arrivals were initially taken.

On 2 March 2020, the Iraqi government announced the closure of all land borders as a preventative measure to control the spread of COVID-19, and by doing so curtailed the movement of Syrians across the border into the KR-I.² By mid-September 2020, the Syrian border reportedly began opening on a weekly basis for specified and limited movement, specifically: family reunification (brides); medical cases (cancer); 'emergency cases' permitted on humanitarian grounds; and, European passport holders transiting through Iraq to a European location within 72 hours.³ By November 2020, the border was opened for Syrian refugees in these categories to cross on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Building on the previous border monitoring and camp assessments conducted by REACH in 2019 and early 2020, daily border monitoring in partnership with UNHCR will resume at the end of November 2020 with data collection twice a week on Sundays and Thursdays. To inform and provide an evidence-base for humanitarian planning it is important to capture the demographics, needs and displacement history of the people crossing from Syria into Iraq. This assessment will monitor the demographics, intentions, and needs of Syrian refugees recently displaced or re-entering the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KR-I).

2.1. Methodology overview

The assessment will employ a quantitative approach for primary data collection, using a structured tool to conduct individual interviews, which will build on secondary data. The individual interview questionnaire will be comprised of open-ended and closed questions.

Structured interviews will be comprised of closed and open-ended questions to identify movement history, intentions (location of displacement in KRI, Iraq or another country), needs and vulnerabilities. Individual interviews will be conducted in-person by REACH enumerators, who will have been trained in COVID-19 prevention measures (personal protective equipment worn at all times (gloves, mask), social distance, interviews conducted in open air spaces as far as possible).⁴ Interviews will be conducted in Kurdish, with the tool translated into Arabic (bilingual form). Data will be directly inputted by the enumerator into the KoBo form.

¹ [UNHCR. North-East Syria Update – April 2020.](#)

² [UNHCR. North-East Syria Update – April 2020.](#)

³ Based on information received from UNHCR, September 2020.

⁴ [IMPACT Initiatives Standard Operating Procedures \(SOP\), April 2020](#)

Respondents will be selected using a purposive sampling method, selecting Syrian refugees crossing the border from Syria into KR-I. Each enumerator (6 total)⁵ will aim for six to seven interviews per day. While authorities have specified specific groups with permission to cross the border into KRI (such as brides/grooms (family reunification); cancer patients (medical reasons); 'emergency cases' permitted on humanitarian grounds; and, European passport holders transiting through Iraq to a European location within 72 hours),⁶ respondents will be asked to self-identify to cross-reference motivations against official groupings.

Once the data collection process is completed, analysis will be carried out to identify trends, and by identifying themes, commonalities and comparisons with secondary data and former interview rounds. This will feed directly in to the production of a weekly Fact Sheet with a situational overview for each assessment round.

2.2. Population of interest

Data will be collected close to the Syrian-Iraq border in order to capture the demographics, needs and displacement history of those people crossing from Syria into Iraq. The specific geographical locations where data collection will be employed are Fishkabour border crossing points and Al Walid, Sahila, and Kalhi villages located close to the Syrian border.

The population of interest will cover people crossing the border from Syria into the KR-I framed in two groups:

- Newly arriving refugees from Syria
- Syrian refugees re-entering the KR-I after having crossed back into Syria

The amount of interviews conducted will depend on the influx of people at the border post, aiming for 25-50 interviews per round. The target will be Syrian refugees crossing the Syria-Iraq border into KR-I, either newly arriving or re-entering into Iraq.

2.3. Secondary data review

A secondary data review (SDR) will be conducted at the inception of the project, and again during every assessment cycle in order to support the implementation of primary data collection, analysis and to operationalization of findings. Sources will include, but not be limited to:

- Data received from UNHCR.
- Former rounds of the Syrian Refugee Influx Rapid Assessment:
<https://www.reachresourcecentre.info/country/iraq/cycle/25624/#cycle-25624>
- UNHCR. North-East Syria Update
<https://reporting.unhcr.org/syriasituation>
- OCHA. Syria Flash Update - humanitarian impact of the military operation in north-eastern Syria
<https://www.unocha.org/syria>
- Relevant news articles

2.4. Primary Data Collection

A structured survey in English, translated into Arabic (bilingual form) to facilitate the data collection by Arabic speaking enumerators, will be used to interview Syrian refugees crossing the Iraq-Syrian border into the KR-I. Interviews will be conducted in Kurdish or Arabic, depending on the comfort level of the respondent. Data will be directly inputted into the form in Arabic by the enumerators. This tool, uploaded on KoBo, covers: the route travelled by people displacing to or re-entering Iraq from Syria; displacement history, routes and issues encountered; demographics; registration and civil documentation; push and pull factors; impact of COVID-19 on travel, intention and related needs; assistance needs; and, short and longer-term intentions.

⁵ After the first round of data collection, the total number of enumerators might change depending on the current situation at the border, i.e. the flow and number of people crossing and time available for interviews between registration and bus departure to assigned refugee camps. The current estimate is based on the number of enumerators used in previous REACH border monitoring in late 2019 and early 2020.

⁶ Based on information received from UNHCR, September 2020.

A purposive sampling method will be deployed, targeting Syrian refugees as they cross into Iraq. The sample size will depend on the amount of people arriving at the border and the amount of days a week the border will be open for people to cross.⁷

Before the start of data collection enumerators will be trained by the assessment officer and field coordinator on the purpose of the interview and the questionnaire. Feedback on the tool will be incorporated before the start of data collection and after the pilot round of data collection to optimize the questionnaire.

Enumerators will conduct data collection close to the Syrian border at major border crossing points, collecting data by using KoBo tool uploaded on to a phone from REACH. Interviews will be uploaded directly on the UNHCR KOBO server and downloaded by the Assessment Officer (AO) for cleaning and analysis at the end of each day of data collection. Debriefs over phone with the field manager and enumerators will take place over phone the day following each day of data collection to check inconsistency in data, and interesting, sensitive or unclear findings.

2.5. Data Processing & Analysis

The AO will proceed with the data cleaning for the quantitative data generated through individual interviews following each round of data collection (day). On a weekly basis, the data will be synthesized and organized in line with the quantitative data analysis framework, comprising combined data from two rounds of data collection. Data will be analyzed through R programming, which will feed directly in to the production of a Factsheet. Data will be triangulated with secondary sources and relevant information provided by UNHCR if available.

4. Roles and responsibilities

Table 3: Description of roles and responsibilities

Task Description	Responsible	Accountable	Consulted	Informed
<i>Research design</i>	<i>Assessment Officer (AO)</i>	<i>Research Manager (RM)</i>	<i>Country Coordinator, Technical Focal Point, UNHCR focal point(s), IMPACT Initiatives Research Design and Data (RDD) Unit)</i>	<i>UNHCR focal point(s)</i>
<i>Supervising data collection</i>	<i>Senior Field Officer, Enumerators, Field Officer, Database Officer, AO</i>	<i>Operations Coordinator, AO</i>	<i>AO</i>	<i>Head of Research, UNHCR focal point(s)</i>
<i>Data processing (checking, cleaning)</i>	<i>AO</i>	<i>AO</i>	<i>HQ Data Unit, Technical Focal Point</i>	<i>Head of Research, UNHCR focal point(s)</i>

⁷ The border is currently open three days a week, however the situation remains fluid. Should the number of days per week when crossing is allowed increase, or should reported population flows increase, additional days of data collection per week may be explored.

<i>Data analysis</i>	AO	AO	HQ Data Unit, Technical Focal Point	Head of Research, UNHCR focal point(s)
<i>Output production</i>	AO	RM	Country Coordinator, HQ Reporting Unit	Head of Research, UNHCR focal point(s)
<i>Dissemination</i>	AO	RM, Country Coordinator, UNHCR focal point(s)	Country Coordinator, HQ Communications Unit	Head of Research, UNHCR focal point(s)
<i>Monitoring & Evaluation</i>	AO	Country Coordinator	Country Coordinator, HQ	HQ Head of Research, UNHCR focal point(s)
<i>Lessons learned</i>	AO, RM	Country Coordinator	Senior Field Officer, Operations Coordinator, Country Coordinator	Head of Research, UNHCR focal point(s)

Responsible: the person(s) who executes the task

Accountable: the person who validates the completion of the task and is accountable of the final output or milestone

Consulted: the person(s) who must be consulted when the task is implemented

Informed: the person(s) who need to be informed when the task is completed

5. Data Analysis Plan

Research questions		Data collection method	Asked to	Indicator group / sector	Indicator / Variable	Questionnaire Question	Instructions	Questionnaire Responses	Data collection level	Sampling	Maps
NA	1.1	Individual Interview (II)	All	Details	Enumerator number	Enumerator number	Enter number			Purposive sampling	
	1.2	II	All		Location of interview	Location of interview	Select one	<i>Peshkabor, Al Waleed, Sahila, shela</i>		Purposive sampling	Map
	1.3	II	All		Consent interview	READ: Hello, I am working for REACH a humanitarian organization, and we would like to ask you some questions about where you came from, and about the challenges you may have faced during your journey here. The survey will take about 10 minutes to complete. Any information that you provide will be kept strictly confidential. This is voluntary and you can choose not to answer any or all of the questions. If you participate, the information you will provide will be used to inform humanitarian response. Do you agree to be interviewed? If you don't have any questions, may I begin now?	read	<i>yes; no</i>		Purposive sampling	
	1.4	II	All		KI gender	Gender	Select one	<i>female; male</i>	<i>Individual</i>	Purposive sampling	
	1.5	II	All		KI nationality	What is your nationality?	Select one	<i>Syrian; Other, please specify</i>	<i>Individual</i>	Purposive sampling	
	What are the push and pull factors influencing	2.1	II		All	Registration	Registered UNHCR	Are you registered with UNHCR?	Select one	<i>Yes; No</i>	<i>Individual</i>
2.2		II	All	Registered UNHCR	If not, are you thinking of registering with UNHCR?		Select one	<i>Yes; No</i>	<i>Individual</i>	Purposive sampling	

the movement and intentions of Syrian refugees crossing into KR-I?	2.3	II	New arrivals		Registered UNHCR	If not, why not?	Select one	<i>Yes, No. If not why(unaware of the process; registration services too far; registration service closed, security risks; lack of information;don't know, refuse to answer, not interested, other (please specify)</i>	<i>Individual</i>	Purposive sampling	
	2.4	II	All		Registered UNHCR	If registered, or thinking of registering with UNHCR, what is the reason for registering with UNHCR?	Select multiple	<i>to access humanitarian assistance, to seek protection/safety, to obtain a residency card, to move to a third country, to reunite with family members, Other (please specify)</i>	<i>Individual</i>	Purposive sampling	
	2.5	II	All		Residency KRI	Do you have residency documents in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq?	Select one	<i>Yes; No; Don't know; Refuse to answer</i>	<i>Individual</i>	Purposive sampling	
	3.1	II	All	Displacement profile	Syria origin	Did you originally depart from Syria or from a location outside of Syria?	Select one	<i>Syria, outside of Syria</i>	<i>Individual</i>	Purposive sampling	
	3.2	II			Other location	If from outside of Syria, please specify.	Select one	<i>Turkey, Iraq, Armenia, Other</i>	<i>Individual</i>	Purposive sampling	
	3.3	II	All		Syria origin	What is the latest place you resided in Syria?	Select one	<i>List governorates Districts Sub-district Other</i>	<i>Individual</i>	Purposive sampling	Maps
	3.4	II	All		Leave when	When did you leave the location you are coming from?	Select one	<i>Today, Yesterday, 2-4 days ago, 5-7 days ago, more than a week ago, don't know</i>	<i>Individual</i>	Purposive sampling	
	3.5	II	All		Reason for return	What are the main reasons that you are leaving Syria?	Select multiple	<i>family reunification(bride), family reunification (groom),family reunification(other, please specify), medical reasons, emergency cases (please specify), fulfilled reason for departure, visa expiry, no jobs, difficult economic situation, onward travel, COVID-19 related reasons (explain), changing situation in Syria (explain), Other.</i>	<i>Individual</i>	Purposive sampling	
	3.6	II	All		Stay in Iraq	Did you previously reside in Iraq?	Select one	<i>Yes, No</i>	<i>Individual</i>	Purposive sampling	
3.7	II	Re-entrees	Return to Syria		if yes, when did you return to Syria?	Select date	<i>month/year</i>	<i>Individual</i>	Purposive sampling		

	3.8	II	Re-entrees		Residency KRI	What are the main reasons that you returned to Syria?	Select multiple	<i>family reunification(bride), family reunification (groom),family reunification(other, please specify)Medical reasons, emergency cases (please specify),checking on property, business opportunities/work related, education purposes, funeral, marriage ceremony, other, don't know refuse to answer</i>	<i>Individual</i>	Purposive sampling	
	3.9	II	Re-entrees		Info on conditions	Did you receive any information on the conditions of re-admission in KRI?	select one	<i>Yes, no, don't know, refuse to answer</i>	<i>Individual</i>	Purposive sampling	
	3.10	II	Re-entrees		Who provided information	If yes, who provided you with this information?	Select multiple	<i>Family, smuggler, political party, NGO or UN agency (please specify)friend, internet, news, social media (specify name of sources) other</i>	<i>Individual</i>	Purposive sampling	
	3.11	II	Re-entrees		What information	If yes, what was said to you?	text		<i>Individual</i>	Purposive sampling	
What is the profile of Syrian refugees arriving in Iraq from Syria in terms of age and vulnerability (disability, pregnant and lactating women, health problems)?	4.1	II	All	Demographics travel group	Travel group	Who are you travelling with?	Select multiple	<i>travelling alone, family, friends, neighbours, people met during the journey; other</i>	<i>Individual</i>	Purposive sampling	
	4.2	II	All		Travel group	How many people are you travelling with?	integer		<i>travel group</i>	Purposive sampling	
	4.3	II	All		Unaccompanied children	Are there any children travelling with you who are not accompanied by an adult, parent or relative?	Select one	<i>Yes; No; Don't know; Refuse to answer</i>	<i>travel group</i>	Purposive sampling	
	4.4	II	All		Unaccompanied children	How many children are you travelling with who are not accompanied by an adult, parent or relative?	Select number	<i>integer</i>	<i>travel group</i>	Purposive sampling	
	4.5	II	All		Physically disabled	Are there any physically disabled people among the people you are travelling with? [note: difficulty seeing, even with glasses; hearing, even with a hearing aid; have difficulty walking or climbing stairs; difficulty remembering or concentrating; difficulty with self care, including washing or dressing; and,	Select one	<i>Yes; No; Don't know; Refuse to answer</i>	<i>travel group</i>	Purposive sampling	

						difficulty understanding or being understood, even in their usual language]					
	4.6	II	All		Physically disabled	How many physically disabled people are you travelling with?	Select number	<i>integer</i>	<i>travel group</i>	Purposive sampling	
	4.7	II	All		Pregnant or lactating	Are there any pregnant or lactating women among the people you are travelling with?	Select one	<i>Yes; No; Don't know; Refuse to answer</i>	<i>travel group</i>	Purposive sampling	
	4.8	II	All		Pregnant or lactating	How many pregnant or lactating women are there among the people you are traveling with?	Select number	<i>integer</i>	<i>travel group</i>	Purposive sampling	
	4.9	II	All		diseases	Are you having any health problems, or are you travelling with any people with underlying health problems?	Select multiple	<i>Yes, self; Yes, travel companion; No; Don't know; Refuse to answer</i>	<i>travel group</i>	Purposive sampling	
	4.10	II	All		diseases	if yes, travel companion, how many people with underlying health problems are you travelling with?	Select number	<i>integer</i>	<i>travel group</i>	Purposive sampling	
	4.11	II	All		diseases	If yes, what health problems?	select_multiple	<i>COVID_19; cancer; diabetes; age related health problems; unknown; refuse to answer; other</i>	<i>travel group</i>	Purposive sampling	
What challenges have Syrian refugees faced during the journey from Syria to KR-I, Iraq, and what are their needs upon arrival ?	5.1	II	All	Challenges displacement	Challenges journey	Have you experienced any difficulties during this journey?	Select multiple	<i>No water; No food; Risk of mines; Risk of airstrikes; dangerous river crossing; Dangerous creatures (snakes, scorpions; the heat/sun; risk of direct shooting; risk of indirect fire; travelling with children or elderly; Traveling with diables or ill persons; sleep in open air on the journey to here; blocked or refused access along the journey to reach here; the weather is too hot; the weather is too cold; the roads are muddy; border closure impacting travel plans; other; none</i>	<i>Individual</i>	Purposive sampling	
	5.2	II	All		identificatio n papers	What civil documentation do you possess from your country of origin (Syria)?	Select multiple	<i>Syrian ID; Passport; ID card; ID Certificate (issued by Mukhtar);Family booklet; Birth certificate;Bride certificate None,Other.</i>	<i>Individual</i>	Purposive sampling	

	5.3	II	All		identification papers	What civil documentation from Iraq do you possess?	Select multiple	Passport; ID card; ID Certificate (issued by Mukhtar); Family booklet; Birth certificate; Bride certificate; None, Other.	Individual	Purposive sampling	
	5.4	II	All		Top priorities	What are your top priority needs in the next 24 hours? (List 1,2,3 rd)	Select multiple	Top three Clean water; sanitation services; electricity; food; shelter; healthcare; medicine; NFIs; protective equipment covid-19 (masks, gloves, etc); not sure; other specify	Individual	Purposive sampling	
What is the waiting time for border crossing procedures and what effect did the closure of the Syrian-Iraq border have on recent entries?	6.1	II	All	Border closure and waiting time	Closure of border	Did the recent closure of the border due to COVID-19 prevention measures affect you?	Select one	Yes; No	Individual	Purposive sampling	
	6.2	II	All		Closure of border	How did the closure of the border affect you?	Select multiple	Affected business in Syria; Affected business in Iraq; less access to healthcare; not able to cross the border; changed travel direction; no affect; don't know; other	Individual	Purposive sampling	
	6.3	II	All		Waiting time border	How long did the procedures at the border take to cross?	Select one	up to 2 hours; 2 to 4 hours; 4 to 8 hours; 8 to 24 hours; 1 day; two days; more than two days; other	Individual	Purposive sampling	
What information is available concerning the spread of COVID_19 for newly arriving refugees and	7.1	II	All	COVID-19	Covid_info	Have you received any information about how to stop the spread of COVID-19 since the start of your journey ?	Select one	Yes; No; Don't know; Refuse to answer	Individual	Purposive sampling	
	7.2	II	All		Covid_info	If yes, where did you receive this information?	Select multiple	before starting the journey, while waiting at the border, in the reception center, don't know, other.	Individual	Purposive sampling	
	7.2.1	II	All		Covid_info	Who provided you with this information?	Select multiple	health personal, radio, tv, social media (specify), NGO or other organisation, UN personal (UNHCR), don't know, other.	Individual	Purposive sampling	

people re-entering into Iraq and what are there concerns related to COVID_19 ?	7.3	II	All		Covid_measures	What COVID-19 related protection measures do you plan to take on arrival at your destination?	Select multiple	government mandated quarantine location; Self-quarantine for 24 hours; self quarantine for two weeks; wear a mask; wear gloves; washing hands regularly; keep social distance; nothing; other	Individual	Purposive sampling		
	7.4	II	All		Covid_concerns	Do you have any COVID-19 related concerns or needs?	select one	Yes;no;don't know	Individual	Purposive sampling		
	7.5	II	All		Covid_concerns	If yes, what do you think is needed?	select_multiple	Improved access to healthcare; Improved access to testing at the border; More info on preventing COVID-19; Protective equipment (masks, gloves, disinfection); Improved measures to social distance while crossing the border; Improved measures to social distance in reception center; Nothing; Don't know; Other	Individual	Purposive sampling		
What are the intentions of Syrian refugees crossing into KR-I? What factors have affected these intentions?	8.1	II	All	Movement intentions	Intentions 2 days	Where do you intend to move in the coming days? In camp/out of camp location	Select one	In camp, out of camp, don't know	Individual	Purposive sampling		
	8.2	II	All				If selected in camp: Which camp do you intend to move to?	Select one	Baradarash, Gawilan, Akre Settlement, Domiz 1, Domiz 2, Darashakran (Erbil), Kawergorsk(Erbil), Kushtapa (Erbil), Basirma (Erbil), Arbat, (Sulaymaniya), Outside of KRI. Other, please specify	Individual	Purposive sampling	Maps
	8.3	II	All			Intentions 2 days	If selected 'out of camp location', and not selected 'don't know' what governorate/district/sub-district do you plan to go?	Select one	List of governorates List of districts List of sub-districts	Individual	Purposive sampling	Maps

	8.4	II	All		Reasons for intentions	What are the main reasons you intend to go there?	Select_multiple	<i>Govt. mandatory requirement; I do not have other options (I do not know anyone else here); my family/friends can host me; Access to services (health); Access to services (education); Access to services (other, please specify); don't know, other</i>	<i>Individual</i>	Purposive sampling	Maps
	8.6	II	All		Intentions months	Where do you intend to reside over the longer term >6 months?	Select one	<i>Remain in intended destination or location; relocate out of camp (if so, where, with whom); travel to third country (if so, where); return to Syria; Don't know; Other (please explain);</i>	<i>Individual</i>	Purposive sampling	Maps
NA	9.1	II	All	NA	Consent contact	Do you consent to being contacted for further questions after this assessment:	Select one	<i>Yes; No; Don't have a phone number in Iraq</i>	<i>Individual</i>	Purposive sampling	
	9.2	II	All		Phone number	Collect the phone number	Select number	<i>Integer</i>	<i>Individual</i>	Purposive sampling	
	9.3	II	All		information	Is there any further information you would like to share with us at this stage?	text		<i>Individual</i>	Purposive sampling	
	9.4	II	All		Thank you	Thank you for your time	Note	<i>Note Thank the participant for his/her time</i>		Purposive sampling	
	9.5	II	All		Comments	Other comments.	Note	<i>text This is for the enumerators to add information that is not available in the questionnaire or for anything they observe on daily basis</i>	<i>Individual</i>	Purposive sampling	

6. Monitoring & Evaluation Plan

IMPACT Objective	External M&E Indicator	Internal M&E Indicator	Focal point	Tool	Will indicator be tracked?
Humanitarian stakeholders are accessing IMPACT products	Number of humanitarian organisations accessing IMPACT services/products	# of downloads of x product from Resource Center	Country request to HQ	User_log	X Yes
		# of downloads of x product from Relief Web	Country request to HQ		X Yes
	Number of individuals accessing IMPACT services/products	# of downloads of x product from Country level platforms	Country team		X Yes
		# of page clicks on x product from REACH global newsletter	Country request to HQ		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
		# of page clicks on x product from country newsletter, sendingBlue, bit.ly	Country team		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
		# of visits to x webmap/x dashboard	Country request to HQ		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
IMPACT activities contribute to better program implementation and coordination of the humanitarian response	Number of humanitarian organisations utilizing IMPACT services/products	# references in HPC documents (HNO, SRP, Flash appeals, Cluster/sector strategies)	Country team	Reference_log	<i>UNHCR communications, program or strategy documents</i>
		# references in single agency documents			
Humanitarian stakeholders are using IMPACT products	Humanitarian actors use IMPACT evidence/products as a basis for decision making, aid planning and delivery	Perceived relevance of IMPACT country-programs	Country team	Usage_Feed back and Usage_Survey template	
		Perceived usefulness and influence of IMPACT outputs			
		Recommendations to strengthen IMPACT programs			
		Perceived capacity of IMPACT staff			
		Perceived quality of outputs/programs			

	Number of humanitarian documents (HNO, HRP, cluster/agency strategic plans, etc.) directly informed by IMPACT products	Recommendations to strengthen IMPACT programs			
Humanitarian stakeholders are engaged in IMPACT programs throughout the research cycle	Number and/or percentage of humanitarian organizations directly contributing to IMPACT programs (<i>providing resources, participating to presentations, etc.</i>)	# of organisations providing resources (i.e.staff, vehicles, meeting space, budget, etc.) for activity implementation	Country team	Engagement_log	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
		# of organisations/clusters inputting in research design and joint analysis			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
		# of organisations/clusters attending briefings on findings;			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes

7. Information REACH

The REACH Initiative (REACH) was formed in 2010 as a joint initiative of IMPACT Initiatives (IMPACT), its sister organization the French INGO ACTED, and the United Nations Operational Satellite Applications Programme (UNOSAT), in order to promote and facilitate the development of information products that enhance the humanitarian community's decision making and planning capacity. REACH is response for supporting humanitarian coordination mechanisms through non-proprietary information that can be shared across organizations.

IMPACT, the lead organization in the IMPACT programme, is a leading Geneva-based not-for-profit association created in 2010 in order to promote more effective aid action and practices. IMPACT's programs currently operate in over 20 countries (including Syria, Turkey, Jordan, Lebanon and Iraq) with the support of more than 45 Geneva based staff, 175+ international staff deployed on the ground, as well as more than 350 national assessment and GIS staff. Staff expertise covers a broad range of areas including general managers, technical specialists (e.g. assessments, GIS, IT, database, communications), support staff (HR, finance, logistics, security), etc. IMPACT hosts the REACH Global team in its Geneva HQ, is in charge of the HR management of all international REACH staff, strategic and programmatic oversight, as well as the validation and dissemination of reports and external relations at the global level.

As sister organisations, linked through their global governance structures, IMPACT and ACTED coordinate on field implementation. In the framework of their global partnership (formalised through a global MoU and various project-specific grant agreements), ACTED provides operational support to REACH programs (office space, cars, accommodation, national HR recruitment, security, in-country registration etc.). This partnership allows REACH teams in-country to reduce operational support requirements by sharing, for example, financial and logistical management staff with ACTED.

REACH in Iraq

Since 2012, REACH has contributed to inform the humanitarian response in Iraq for both the refugee and IDP crises, conducting household and community-level assessments in over 1900 communities across 12 governorates. Through the course of these activities, REACH has supported humanitarian planning and information management at both strategic and operational levels, providing information products in order to inform overall humanitarian strategy and national level coordination, as well as enhance capacities of humanitarian actors to respond to specific needs in specific contexts. The information products developed by REACH, in addition to field-level dissemination, are published through different online portals accessed by the humanitarian community such as the dedicated Iraq operations page of humanitarianresponse.info,⁸ as well as on its own website.⁹

⁸ <https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/operations/iraq>

⁹ For more information, visit: www.reach-initiative.org - <http://www.reachresourcecentre.info/>.