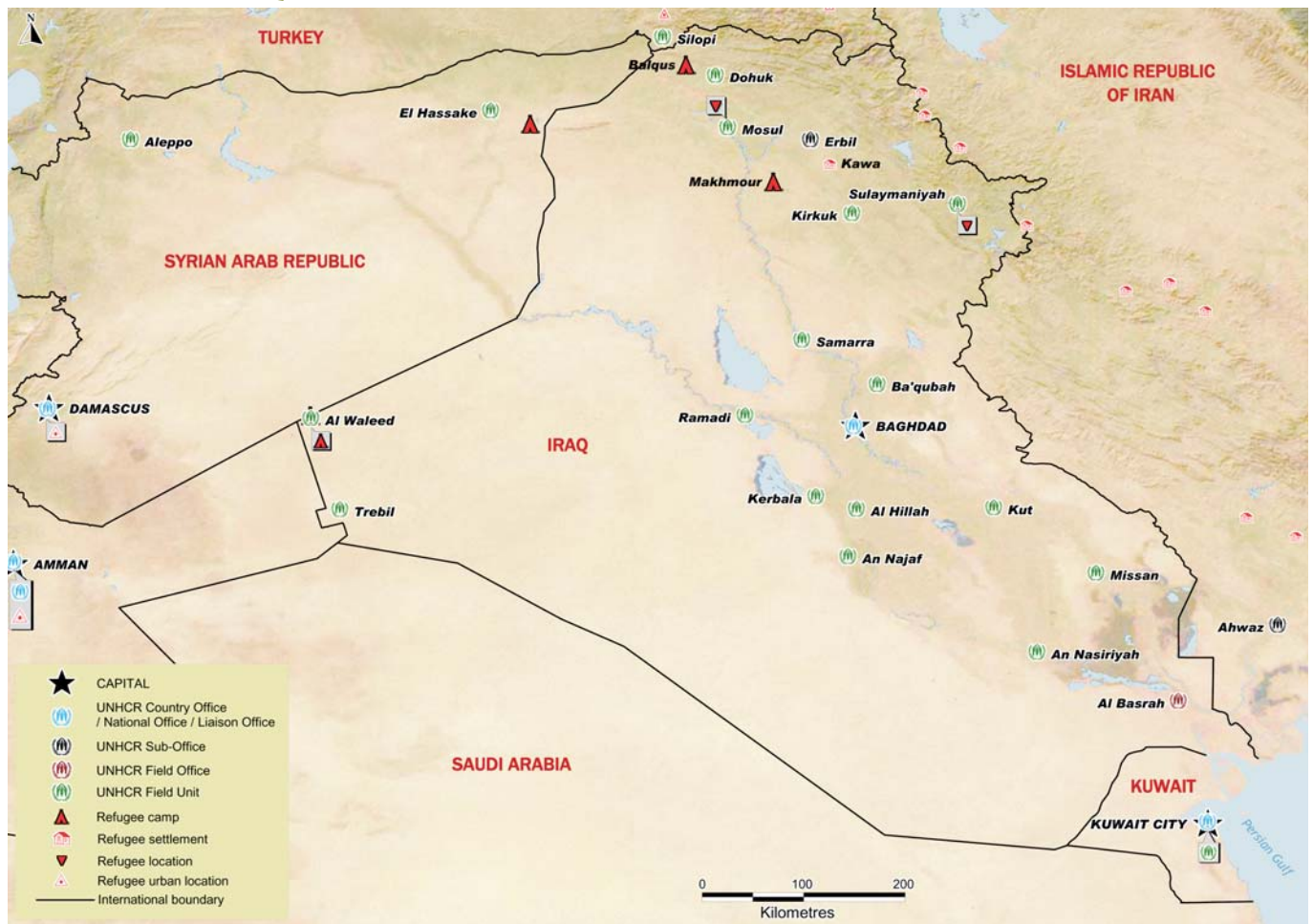


IRAQ



| Working environment |

● The context

UNHCR is working with the Government of Iraq to end displacement through a comprehensive plan that should be fully operational in 2012. No significant movement of Iraqis either into or out of Iraq is foreseen in 2012. Although the events in the Syrian Arab Republic had not generated significant flows across the Iraqi-Syrian border as of August 2011, the situation remains volatile. UNHCR stands ready for any potential influx of returning Iraqi refugees, or of asylum-seekers and refugees from neighbouring countries.

Some one million people remain displaced throughout the country, of whom hundreds of thousands live in dire conditions. Most are unable to return to their areas of origin because of the volatile security situation, the destruction of their homes, or lack of access to services.

Some 38,000 refugees and asylum-seekers live in camps, settlements or urban centres, including some 10,000 Palestinians who reside in the capital, and another 210 or so in Al Waleed Camp in Al-Anbar governorate in Iraq.

● The needs

Internal displacement remains a major problem, and internally displaced persons (IDPs) require continued assistance and protection from UNHCR until a dignified solution is found to

their plight. Families live in poor settlements without adequate shelter and with limited access to water, electricity, schools and health centres. Some 470,000 people reside in 382 settlements in Iraq, including 156,000 in 125 settlements in Baghdad. Many people illegally occupy land and buildings, and are at risk of eviction.

Iraqi returnees – refugees and IDPs – are also likely to face many challenges when they return home, such as continuing insecurity in some areas, unemployment and a lack of basic services and documentation. Refugees in camps and urban settlements are also vulnerable, and require protection and regular assistance from UNHCR. Stateless people face similar problems.

| Strategy and activities |

UNHCR will continue to collaborate with its partners to ensure that refugees, IDPs and returnees in Iraq are able to enjoy their fundamental rights. The Office will work to integrate IDPs in their areas of displacement, or provide them with basic services in their areas of return. In 2011, some 68 per cent of IDPs surveyed by UNHCR in Baghdad indicated that they still preferred to stay in their area of displacement rather than return to their area of origin.

UNHCR will reinforce its partnership with the Government to implement the comprehensive plan to address displacement, as scheduled for 2012. It will advocate for the identification of durable solutions for communities affected by displacement,

Planning figures for Iraq

TYPE OF POPULATION	ORIGIN	JAN 2012		DEC 2012 - JAN 2013		DEC 2013	
		TOTAL IN COUNTRY	OF WHOM ASSISTED BY UNHCR	TOTAL IN COUNTRY	OF WHOM ASSISTED BY UNHCR	TOTAL IN COUNTRY	OF WHOM ASSISTED BY UNHCR
Refugees	Islamic Rep. of Iran	7,400	7,400	7,400	7,400	7,100	7,100
	Palestinians	8,700	8,700	8,700	8,700	8,400	8,400
	Turkey	15,400	15,400	15,400	15,400	15,000	15,000
	Various	200	200	200	200	150	150
Asylum-seekers	Islamic Rep. of Iran	1,440	1,440	1,380	1,380	1,200	1,200
	Syrian Arab Rep.	500	500	200	200	160	160
	Turkey	400	400	400	400	320	320
	Various	10	10	20	20	20	20
Returnees (refugees)	Iraq	75,000	50,000	50,000	30,000	25,000	15,000
IDPs	Iraq	1,143,000	350,000	1,000,000	300,000	850,000	250,000
People in IDP-like situations	Iraq	5,000	400	4,000	300	3,000	250
Returnees (IDPs)	Iraq	200,000	55,500	150,000	45,000	100,000	36,000
Stateless	Iraq	120,000	150	100,000	100	70,000	80
Total		1,577,050	490,100	1,337,700	409,100	1,080,350	333,680

such as community-based integration projects and the allocation of land. Targeted protection and assistance, including the provision of health, education and medical services, will be provided to some 38,000 refugees and asylum-seekers. UNHCR will also advocate for the increased involvement of the Government in supporting both refugee and IDP communities.

To ensure the sustainability of return, UNHCR will work with the Ministry of Displacement and Migration to increase its capacity to assist refugees returning to the country. Emergency stocks of non-food items, including hygiene kits, will be maintained for up to 60,000 people, to deal with unforeseen displacements.

Furthermore, UNHCR will continue to advocate for Iraq's accession to the 1951 Refugee Convention, as well as to the 1954 Statelessness Convention. Training and workshops will be conducted for the authorities, national NGOs and local leaders and communities. UNHCR will help strengthen the capacity of the Government to conduct registration and refugee status determination (RSD). It will also assist the authorities to formulate a plan for identifying and registering stateless people and helping them regain their nationality, in accordance with the nationality law passed in 2006.

UNHCR will use the 18 Protection Assistance and Return Centres (PARCs), 40 mobile teams all over the country as well as six Return Integration and Community Centres (RICCs) in Baghdad to monitor protection, provide legal counselling and help people of concern to enjoy their fundamental rights. Border monitoring will be strengthened, and border officials trained in protection. UNHCR will also closely monitor the ongoing deportations of Iraqi citizens from Europe or from countries neighbouring Iraq.

● Constraints

Random acts of violence compromise staff security and hinder UNHCR's access to many people in need. Iraq's entry into a period of transition – the withdrawal of American forces is due for completion by the end of 2011 – could have unforeseen effects on humanitarian activities. However, UNHCR is committed to continuing its operations in Iraq and to implementing its

Main objectives and targets for 2012

Basic needs and essential services

- The supply of potable water is increased or maintained.
 - ☞ At least 284 IDP and refugee settlements, as well as returnee locations, benefit from improvements or upkeep of their water supply systems.
- Shelter and infrastructure are built, improved or maintained.
 - ☞ Some 32,520 IDPs, refugees and returnees benefit from the construction, improvement or maintenance of 5,420 shelters.

Security from violence and exploitation

- The risk of gender-based violence is reduced and the quality of the response is improved.
 - ☞ All known survivors of sexual and gender-based violence receive support.

Fair protection processes

- The quality of registration and profiling is improved.
 - ☞ The Government is assisted to register an estimated 100,000 stateless persons, as well as all refugees in camps and urban settlements.

Favourable protection environment

- People of concern gain improved access to legal assistance and remedies.
 - ☞ Some 20,000 people receive legal assistance

Durable solutions

- The potential for integration is realized.
 - ☞ Some 5,000 refugees receive their naturalization documents.

UNHCR's presence in 2012

□ Number of offices	19
□ Total Staff	165
International	26
National	136
Others	3



An internally displaced family with special needs in front of their makeshift shelters in Um Al-Baneen camp, located in central Baghdad.

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assistance and protection programmes, both through its own staff and through partners in the field.

Organization and implementation

● Coordination

UNHCR is fully engaged in the comprehensive plan drafted by the Ministry of Displacement and Migration to address the needs of the displaced. It will continue to strengthen collaboration with its national partners, especially through its National NGO Partnership Programme, launched in 2009. Close ties will be maintained with the UN Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI), as well as with other UN agencies. UNHCR and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights co-chair the UN Development Assistance Framework protection, governance and human rights working groups. The UNHCR Database Tracking Project and protection databases are being expanded to improve monitoring of the

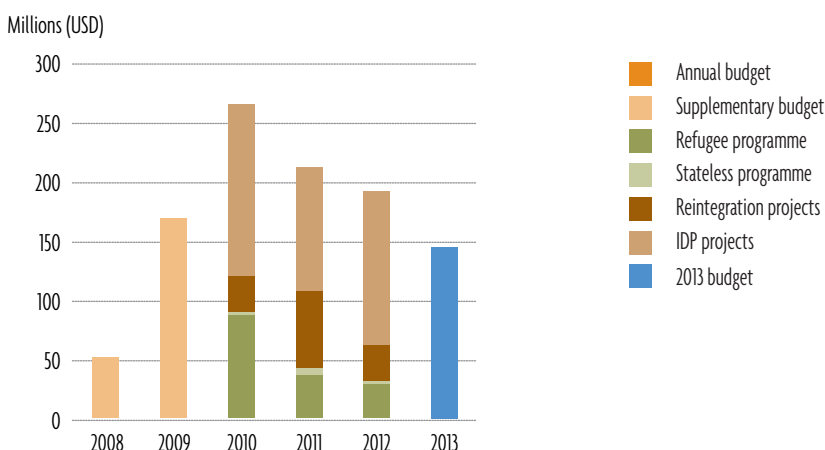
population of concern, and are being made fully accessible to partners.

Financial information

For 2012, UNHCR's budget for Iraq is sharply reduced, as financial support from donors continues to decline – a constant trend over the past two years. At the same time, UNHCR looks forward to an increase in the financial contribution of the Government of Iraq.

The 2012 budget includes shelter activities throughout the country, with an emphasis on Baghdad and Diyala governorates. The programme component for shelter and, the improvement of living conditions in settlements represents almost a third of the total budget requirement. Other areas of focus are improving the protection environment, providing documentation and support to persons of concern in getting their basic rights as well as developing the capacity of relevant Ministries and addressing the needs of persons of concern through a network of protection and legal aid centres all over the country.

UNHCR's budget in Iraq 2008 – 2013



2012 UNHCR Budget in Iraq (USD)

BUDGET BREAKDOWN	REFUGEE PROGRAMME PILLAR 1	STATELESS PROGRAMME PILLAR 2	REINTEGRATION PROJECTS PILLAR 3	IDP PROJECTS PILLAR 4	TOTAL
Favourable protection environment					
International and regional instruments	312,633	0	0	0	312,633
Law and policy	312,633	0	0	0	312,633
National administrative framework	0	9,276	1,530,408	1,321,836	2,861,520
Access to legal assistance	1,062,633	0	460,815	3,434,863	4,958,311
Access to territory and non-refoulement	975,266	0	0	0	975,266
Subtotal	2,663,166	9,276	1,991,223	4,756,699	9,420,364
Fair protection processes and documentation					
Registration and profiling	1,162,633	18,552	476,223	3,165,509	4,822,917
Refugee status determination	475,266	0	0	0	475,266
Individual documentation	0	318,552	110,815	2,043,673	2,473,040
Civil status documentation	0	0	40,408	471,836	512,244
Subtotal	1,637,900	337,104	627,445	5,681,018	8,283,467
Security from violence and exploitation					
Prevention of and response to SGBV	212,633	0	221,630	3,215,509	3,649,772
Non-arbitrary detention	575,266	0	55,408	2,143,673	2,774,346
Protection of children	312,633	0	40,408	331,836	684,877
Subtotal	1,100,533	0	317,445	5,691,018	7,108,995
Basic needs and essential services					
Health	1,812,633	0	0	0	1,812,633
Food security	812,633	0	0	0	812,633
Water	1,312,633	0	1,630,408	16,143,673	19,086,713
Sanitation and hygiene	0	0	3,410,815	13,693,673	17,104,488
Shelter and infrastructure	8,687,900	0	6,391,223	54,084,221	69,163,343
Basic domestic and hygiene items	1,662,633	0	830,408	7,821,836	10,314,877
Services for people with specific needs	0	418,552	1,030,408	6,521,836	7,970,796
Education	2,625,266	0	0	0	2,625,266
Subtotal	16,913,699	418,552	13,293,260	98,265,239	128,890,750
Community empowerment and self-reliance					
Co-existence with local communities	0	0	7,630,408	3,321,836	10,952,244
Self-reliance and livelihoods	462,633	0	0	0	462,633
Subtotal	462,633	0	7,630,408	3,321,836	11,414,877
Durable solutions					
Comprehensive solutions strategy	0	0	1,170,815	1,071,836	2,242,651
Voluntary return	325,266	0	0	0	325,266
Reintegration	0	0	1,770,815	0	1,770,815
Integration	1,225,266	0	0	0	1,225,266
Resettlement	717,900	0	0	0	717,900
Greater reduction of statelessness	0	337,104	0	0	337,104
Subtotal	2,268,432	337,104	2,941,630	1,071,836	6,619,003
Leadership, coordination and partnerships					
Coordination and partnerships	0	0	121,223	1,565,509	1,686,731
Camp management and coordination	1,062,633	0	0	1,021,836	2,084,469
Donor relations	162,633	0	80,815	683,673	927,121
Subtotal	1,225,266	0	202,038	3,271,018	4,698,322
Logistics and operations support					
Logistics and supply	0	0	0	2,321,836	2,321,836
Operations management, coordination and support	3,687,900	0	2,910,815	5,143,673	11,742,387
Subtotal	3,687,900	0	2,910,815	7,465,509	14,064,223
Total	29,959,528	1,102,037	29,914,264	129,524,172	190,500,000
2011 Revised budget	37,232,729	4,087,596	65,062,863	104,215,050	210,598,238

PARTNERS

Implementing partners

Government agencies

Ministry of Displacement and Migration
Ministry of Human Rights
Permanent Committee of the Ministry of Interior

NGOs

Al Khair Humanitarian Organization
Association for Cultural Development for Civil Society
Civil Development Organization
Danish Refugee Council
HADYA
Happy Family Organization for Relief and Development
Harikar
International Medical Corps
International Rescue Committee
Interos
Iraqi Humanitarian League for Human Rights
Iraqi Research Foundation for Analysis and Development
Iraqi Salvation Humanitarian Organization
Iraqi Youth League
Islamic Relief Worldwide
Mercy Corps
Muslim Aid
Norwegian Refugee Council
Public aid Organization
Qandil
REACH
Rebuild Iraq Recruitment Programme
Resurrecting Iraqi People Centre
Women Development and Support Organization

Operational partners

Government agencies

Ministry of Human Rights
Permanent Committee of the Ministry of Interior

Others

IOM
OCHA
UNAMI
UNHABITAT
UNICEF
WFP
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