Profiling Duhok Governorate

Profiling Exercise of Internally Displaced Populations (Refugees and IDPs) with the support of Joint IDPS profiling Services (JIPS¹)

Key words:

- Persons of Concern: Syrian refugees, IDPs and host community.
- Location: Out-of-camp population in KR-I (Duhok).
- Method: Area-based and comprehensive profiling.
- Approach: Collaborative (inter-institution and inter-agency: UN and government agencies).

Project Name	Profiling of Internal Displacement Situation in Duhok
Project Dates	February – July 2015
Project Location	Duhok urban and per-urban areas (please see annexe a map, p.5)
	Duhok district and its surroundings, including neighbourhoods such as Sumel, Zakho, Al-Shikhan, Amedi (Duhok to confirm the areas where to be targeted based on i) high density of population; including ii) high density of displaced populations, and iii) close connection to the urban centre (cf. movement and dependency).
Project Goal	The profiling exercise aims to provide the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) and humanitarian and development actors with an evidence-base for comprehensive responses to the displacement situation in Duhok Governorate. This will be achieved through an area-based analysis of the displacement situation in areas with high concentrations of displaced populations living out of camps in urban settings.
Project Objective	To provide comprehensive profiles of different types of urban and peri-urban areas with high concentration of out of camp displaced populations in relation to the displacement situation;

¹ **Definition of JIPs:** "is the collaborative process of identifying internally displaced groups or individuals through data collection, including counting and analysis, in order to take action to advocate on their behalf, to protect and assist them and, eventually, to help bring about a solution to their displacement" (PARK; 20120:14). http://www.parkdatabase.org/

	 To consolidate information from various sources to provide a demographic profile disaggregated by sex, age and populations group (i.e. refugees, IDPs and host communities) in the targeted areas; To analyse the capacities, vulnerabilities and coping mechanisms of the populations residing in the areas targeted for profiling, taking into consideration the specific characteristics of the different displacement affected population groups; To analyse the relationships between displaced and displacement-affected populations and the social cohesion of communities; To analyse the resilience of different types of urban areas in relation to the availability and limitations of services, livelihood opportunities, housing and infrastructure vis à vis the demands they are facing;
	 To provide a dataset available to the humanitarian and development community.
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Organisations involved	KRSO (Duhok Statistics Office), JCC, DRHA UNHCR, UN OCHA, IOM, UNFPA
Type of Organisations	Government and UN agencies.
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	International and local NGOs can join when needed and interested.
Contact details	UNHCR head of office, Duhok.
Total budget	250,000 ? USD (need confirmation when the project is more refined).

1. Background

The Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI) is experiencing a complex displacement situation. In addition to people displaced due to older crises, KRI is hosting increasing numbers of refugees fleeing the Syrian crisis, as well as IDPs who have been leaving their homes in central and northern Iraq since December 2013. More than 60 per cent of the refugees in KRI and around 80 per cent of the IDPs in KRI live out of camps, primarily in urban settings.²

While a lot of information is available on IDPs and refugees residing in camps, less is known about those residing out of camps. Additionally, most of the existing information and responses are focusing on addressing the needs of either IDP or refugee populations, while the needs and vulnerabilities of the host communities, living side-by-side these populations, are often less analysed.

² Sources: UNHCR Registration Unit, UNOCHA, CCCM Cluster, IOM/DTM. July, 2015.

In order to consolidate existing information and to address the gaps in more in-depth analysis of the out of camp displacement situation in Duhok Governorate, UN and government agencies plan to to undertake a profiling exercise.

The purpose of the profiling exercise is to inform longer term planning for comprehensive solutions to the displacement situation. Despite the continuing humanitarian crisis, comprehensive solutions are pertinent to the populations facing a protracted displacement situation.

A collaborative profiling process, including a process of joint analysis and development of recommendations will allow for the Government, humanitarian and development actors, responding to the displacement situation, to align their planning and advocacy with a comprehensive view of the situation.

Specific Objectives of Profiling

The specific objectives of the profiling exercise will be mutually agreed during the first stage of the project; ensuring that the collected information is relevant and that the purpose and usage of the information is based upon a shared understanding.

2. Methodology

A combination of qualitative and quantitative methodologies will be used, following a desk review of existing information on IDPs, refugee. The methodology will be designed according to the specific objectives of the exercise and agreed upon by all involved partners.

The methodology design will ensure that a comparison can be made between IDPs, refugees and host community. Furthermore, the scope of the profiling exercise will include households who are currently displaced as well as those who have returned.

3. Thematic Frame work

Preliminary themes to be covered in the profiling exercise through combination of secondary and primary data analysis include:

- Availability and access to services (education, health, infrastructure);
- Access to shelter and analysis on housing, land and property;
- Livelihoods (availability of opportunities as well as skills, capacities and coping mechanisms);
- Future plans and aspirations of target populations;
- Social cohesion (relationships between population groups, sense of security, levels of collaboration and experiences of social exclusion);

Resilience of target populations and neighbourhoods.

4. Use of Results

The results will be used for the following purposes:

- To form the basis for developing and/or adjusting policy on IDPs and refugees.
- To advocate with the Government, Donors and civil society so as to cater responses to needs.
- To include the people of concern in general planning.
- To design specific programme adjustments made by agencies, ministries and others, to take into account more detailed information on target populations.

5. Expected Impact

The profiling exercise is expected to have the following impact on the displaced populations:

- Visibility for targeted populations and provision of some key basic information on their protection needs.
- A mapping of the populations in general so as to allow for better targeted work in search of durable solutions.
- Capacity to advocate for support for programmes that target the populations in question with accurate figures and areas of concentration and need.

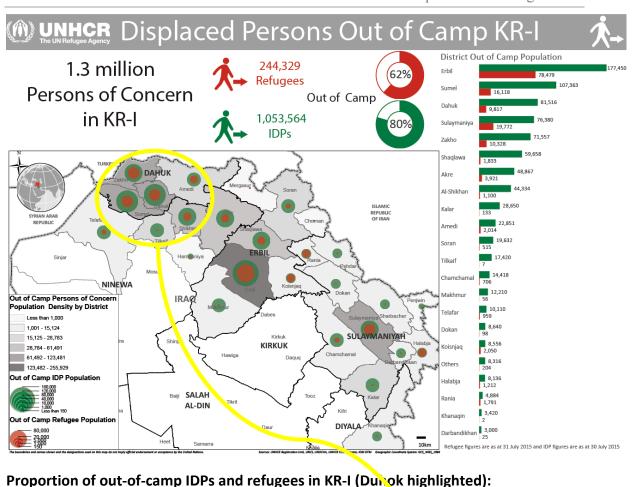
6. Stakeholders involved in the profiling exercise

A Profiling Steering Committee will be set up where government and UN agencies will lead the process as well. For each one, elaborate on their specific role and contribution to the process.

7. Resources mobilised for the Profiling

- Financial and In kind: JIPS and UNHCR
- Human Resources and expertise: all member agencies will provide as interested according to the needs of the exercise.
- Staff allocated to the profiling: one profiling focal point from UNHCR to liaise with other UN agencies, and one profiling focal point from BRHA to liaise with the government agencies. Also, each agency of the Steering Committee will designate a staff member to participate in the Profiling Technical Working group.
- An implementing partner, e.g., Duhok Statistic office will conduct the Survey part.

For further, please consult: <u>www.jips.org</u> / <u>www.jet.jips.org</u> / <u>www.parkdatabase.org</u>







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