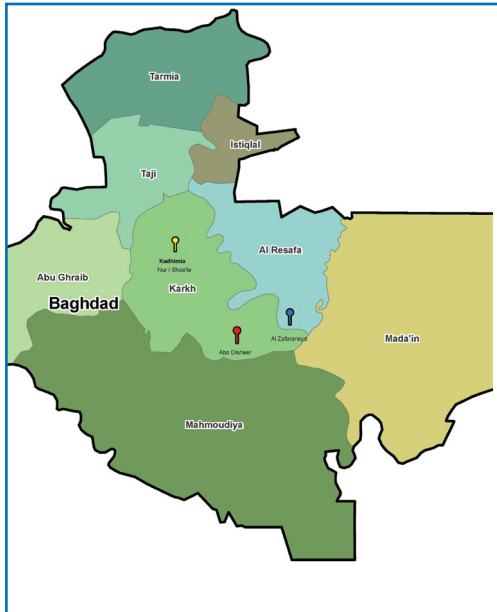




IOM Provides Emergency Assistance to Families Affected by Bombing in Baghdad:

Mayor of Al Kadhumiya thanks IOM for being the first organization to respond to the crisis



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IOM has distributed relief items to 50 families living in the Baghdad neighborhood of Al-Shu'ala, whose homes were destroyed or damaged by a bomb attack.

Four car bombs detonated across Baghdad on January 24, killing a total of 14 individuals and wounding 75. The residential area of Al-Shu'ala in the district of Al-Kadhumiya was particularly impacted, with an explosion damaging 2 schools, killing 5 students, and injuring 14 more.

In order to assess the situation, IOM's emergency focal point and monitoring team visited the area of Al-Shu'ala the following day. Staff found that 47 homes had been damaged and 3 had been completely destroyed, leaving many families homeless and in urgent need of basic humanitarian assistance.

IOM responded to the crisis by dispatching 50 NFI kits from its warehouse in Erbil. Due to an efficient logistics and supply chain management system, IOM was able to quickly provide mattresses, blankets, carpets, cabinets, gas cookers, kerosene heaters, pillows, and plastic sheeting to every family affected by the attack.

At the request of the local authorities and the Department of Education, IOM additionally replaced 80 square meters of broken glass in the damaged schools of Al-Yaman Primary and Al-Futowa Secondary.

The affected families thanked IOM for their rapid response and generous assistance. Additionally, members of the Al-Shuala Local Council, the Mayor of Al-Kadhumiya, and Baghdad PC member, Mrs. Mahdiya, were all particularly grateful, as IOM was the first organization to respond to the crisis on all levels.

IOM recently replaced 75 square meters of glass in Al Nahrain Secondary School, which was damaged by a bomb attack on December 22nd, 2011. IOM's Emergency Response Team is also currently in the field, distributing 75 NFI kits to families affected by a car bombing in the Zaafaraniya district of Baghdad.



IOM responded immediately to the bomb attack



NFI distribution to families in need