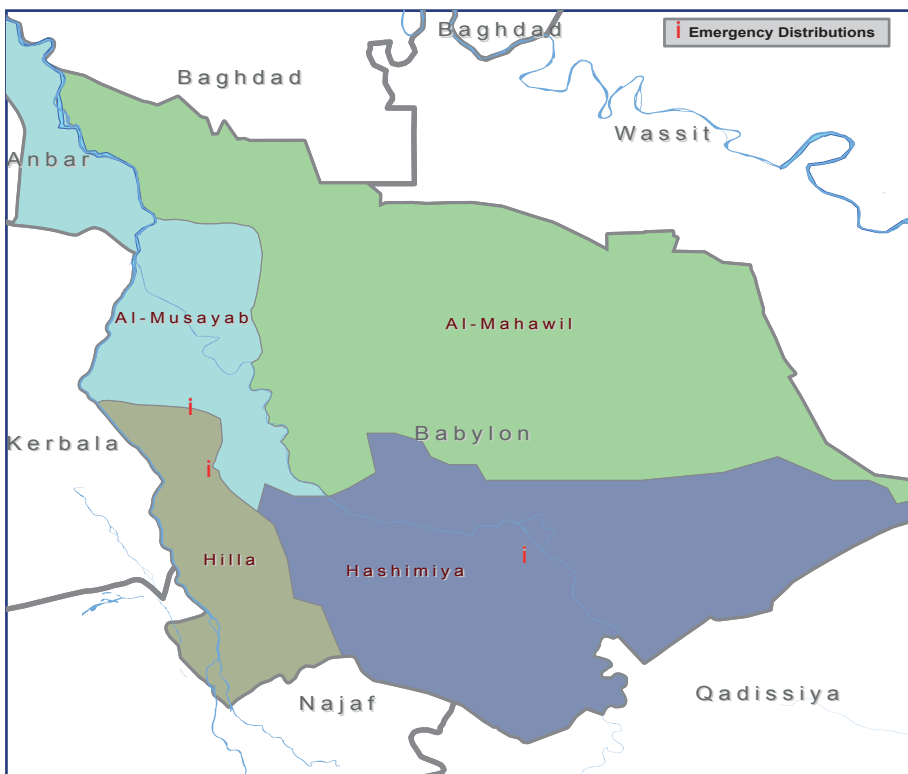


Relief Items Distributed to Families in Babylon



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IOM Iraq recently made a distribution of emergency relief items to 229 vulnerable families living in the governorate of Babylon.

IOM monitors identified the families to be in need of basic items after carrying out a comprehensive needs assessment of the area. These people were identified as vulnerable because they were lacking adequate shelter and a source of clean and potable water.

One example of the beneficiaries identified by IOM was Jamal Kadhum Alwan, an Internally Displaced Person from Baghdad. Jamal was the father of six children and because of kidney failure, was unable to provide for them. Another beneficiary interviewed by IOM was Mahdiya Kokaz. Mahdiya is living in an improvised shelter in the center of Hilla and currently relies on the aid of friends and relatives to support her family.

Non-food Items (NFIs), including kerosene heaters, water purifiers and blankets, were mobilized from IOM's emergency warehouse in Erbil and distributed to three separate locations on three separate days. The first delivery was made to 66 vulnerable families in the sub-district of Al-Shumali, with members of the Ministry of Displacement and Migration in attendance.

Two days later, the second delivery of NFIs was made to 43 families living in the sub-district of Abo-Gharaq. Correspondents of Al-Huriya and Baghdad Satellite channels were present and interviewed IOM staff members. The final distribution was made on March 16, in the center of Hilla with the remaining 120 vulnerable families receiving relief items.

IOM will continue to monitor these families, and in accordance with its holistic approach, identify ways in which they can be provided with further assistance. Funding for IOM Iraq's emergency operations is provided by the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA).

Babylon: displacement at a glance

Total post-Feb 2006 IDPs	9,200 families (est. 55,200 individuals)
Total pre-Feb 2006 IDPs	1,475 families (est. 8,850 individuals)
Number of post-Feb IDPs assessed by IOM	4,181 families (est. 25,086 individuals)
Returnees	550 families (est. 3,300 individuals)
Capital	Hilla
Districts	Hashimiya, Hilla, Al-Mahawil, Al-Musaya
Population	1,651,565 individuals

