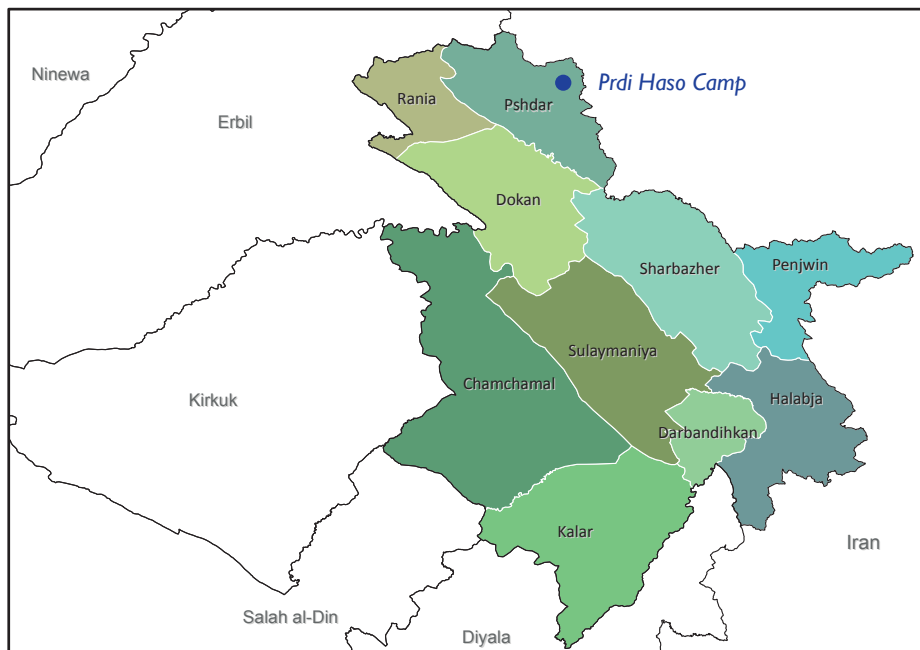


IOM continues to support families displaced by military action along the Iraq-Iran border



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IOM continues to support families displaced by the ongoing fighting between Iranian military forces and Iraqi Kurdish separatists. On July 27, IOM sent relief items to a further 100 families living in a temporary camp in the village of Prdi Haso.

Hundreds of families living along the Iraq-Iran border have been affected by the fighting. Those displaced were forced to leave their homes after artillery strikes targeted their villages. IOM is still monitoring this situation closely and is ready to respond to the needs of displaced families when necessary.

IOM field monitors conducted in-depth interviews in order to determine the priority needs of these families. In accordance with the IOM needs assessment carried out on July 25, IOM distributed bed frames, mattresses, pillows, carpets, plastic furniture, and water purification kits from its emergency warehouse in Erbil. IOM also constructed a temporary clinic in the village, equipped with water filtration units and run by local doctors and medical assistants.

When implementing the distribution, IOM worked closely with the Sulaymaniyah Governorate Emergency Cell and other partner humanitarian agencies including ICRC and UNHCR.

Funding for IOM emergency distributions is provided by the US Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA).

Sulaymaniyah: Displacement at a glance

Total post-Feb 2006 IDPs	8,306 families (est. 49,836 individuals)
Total pre-Feb 2006 IDPs	50,465 families (est. 302,790 individuals)
Number of post-Feb IDPs assessed by IOM	6,696 families (est. 40,176 individuals)
Capital	Sulaymaniyah
Districts	10
Population	1,893,619 individuals

