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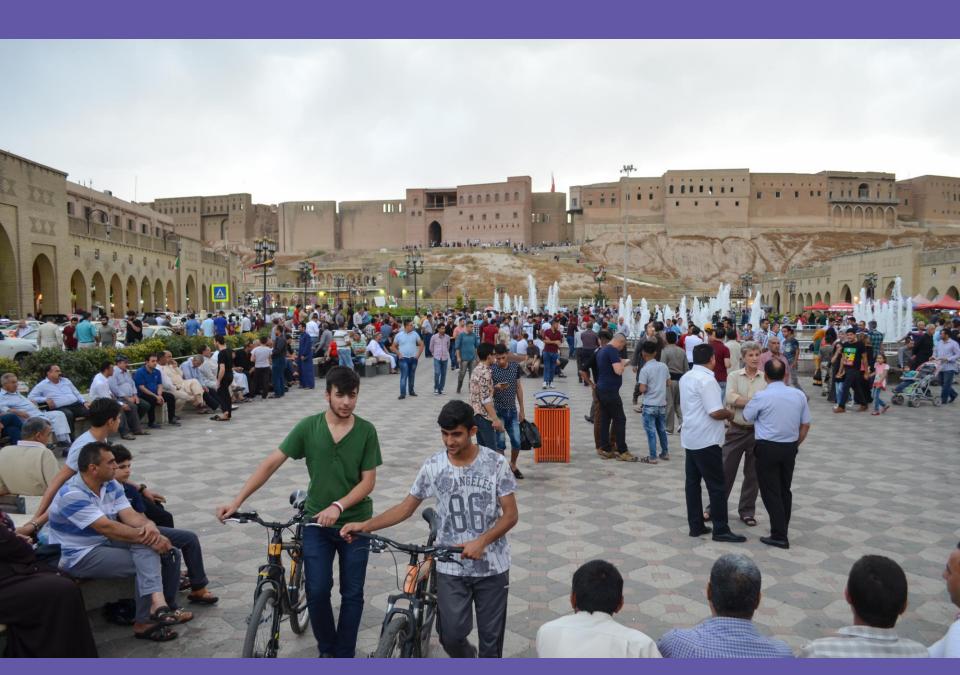
### **Displacement** as challenge and opportunity

Urban profile: Refugees, internally displaced persons and host community

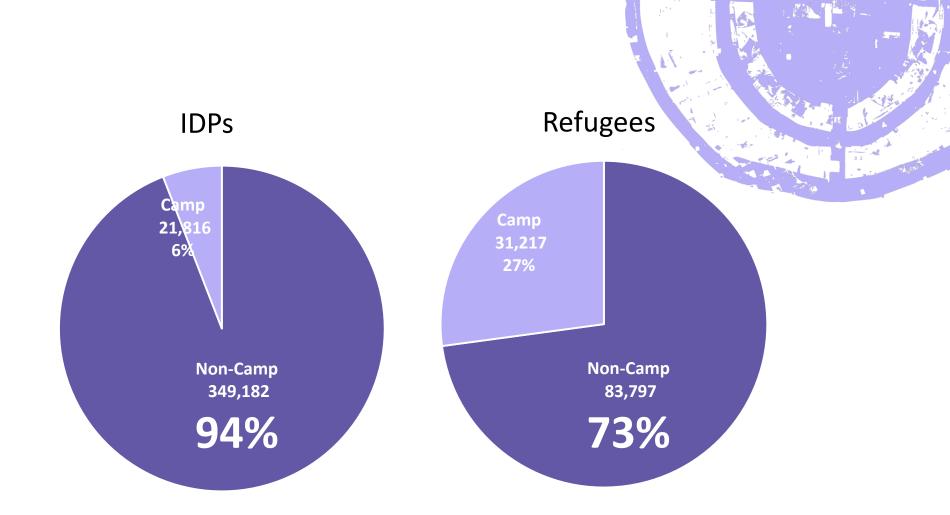
Erbil Governorate, Kurdistan Region of Iraq

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### ERBIL CAMP AND NON-CAMP (URBAN AREAS)

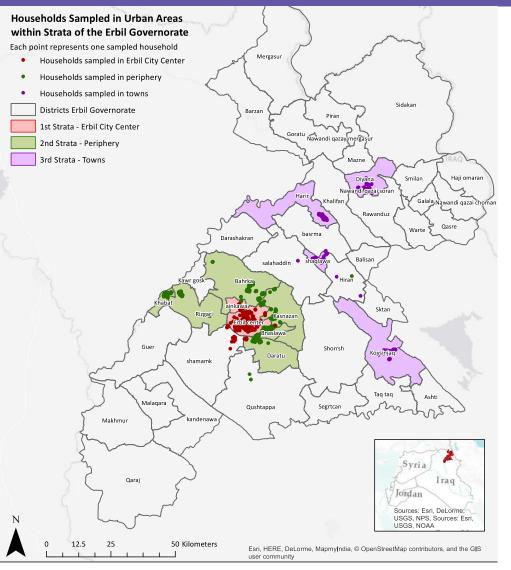




- Shift from focus on camps to out of camps
- Integrated and area-based approach, including host communities
- Evidence-based programming for urban displaced

- Representative sample of areas with high concentration of displaced populations in Erbil (KRSO), 1200 HH Surveys (Erbil Statistics Directorate), FGDs (ERC/UNHCR)
- Broad ownership (Government institutions and UN), Steering Committee
- Capacity sharing/building, involvement JIPS for technical advice
- Study takes place in context of economic downturn and ongoing war against DAESH
- UKaid/DfID funded the profiling study

### STRATIFICATION OF THE POPULATION IN URBAN AREAS



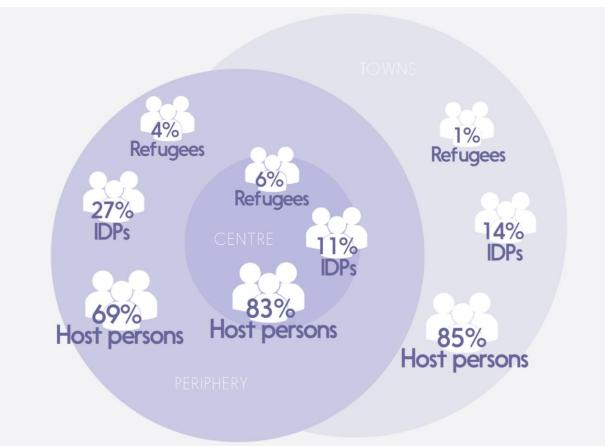
Sampling Approach for Profiling in Erbil Governorate, Iraq: November 2015 - March 2016 Administrative boundaries provided by the Erbil Statistical Office (ESO)

Stratification method and household survey locations provided by the Profiling Working Group Projection: WGS 1984 UTM Zone 38N Cartography: Melissa Weihmayer, Joint IDP Profiling Service, 24 March 2016



### Area-based Approach

### POPULATION DISTRIBUTION IN THE COVERAGE AREA



Refugees, **IDPs** and **Host Community** 

seen as one picture

persons

CENTRE	PERIPHERY		TOTAL
809,680 host persons 102,867 IDPs 57,283 refugees	293,261 host persons 113,322 IDPs 17,042 refugees	242,899 host persons 41,235 IDPs 3,312 refugees	1,345,840 host perso 257,424 IDPs 77,637 refugees

- Displacement in city, periphery and towns takes place in a context of urbanization
- Education: drop-out rate after primary education is high, particularly for Syrian refugees
- Employment rate: high among Syrian men/low for women. No job opportunities due to economic crisis
- Social cohesion and peaceful co-existence. Generosity towards Syrians and Arab IDPs. Challenges for positive/constructive dialogues.

- Housing: refugees and IDPs rent, but have increasingly problems to pay rent > evictions and overcrowding
- Financial situation of many displaced families is getting critical: indebtedness. (High level of expenditures/Low level of income)
- High interest in return, but increasingly displaced lose hope that return will take place in short term



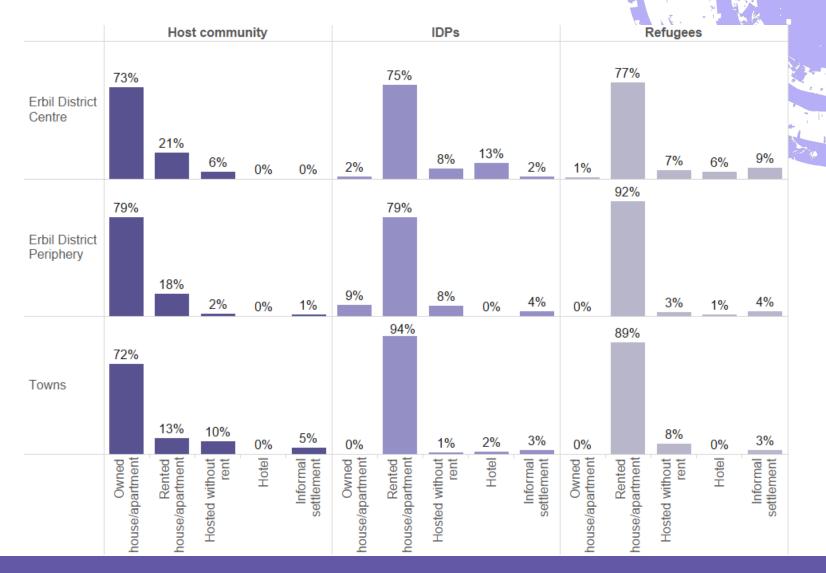
### **RECOMMENDATIONS:** 1. Social Cohesion/Peaceful Co-Existence:



- Interaction between host and displaced communities strengthened (joint events, sports activities and community spaces), to allow for constructive dialogue
- Shortages in medical and education services addressed
- More Quick Impact Projects benefiting the whole community (underserved neighbourhoods) needed
- Kurdish language classes provided
- Focus group discussions, including host communities, implemented (also with Mukhtars and local authorities)

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:** 2. Housing and living conditions:

#### Housing situation in urban areas per strata and population group



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 Affordable housing made available to displaced, to combat overcrowding/evictions

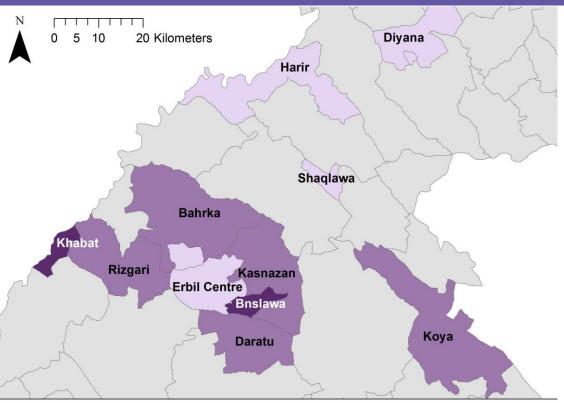


- Rental support provided for most vulnerable families
- Discuss options for housing with landlords, so both landlord and tenant benefit
- Protection against evictions and risk for eviction (written rental agreements needed)

- Access to meaningful vocational training facilitated
- Job-placing programs supported in coordination with private sector
- Joint businesses (hosts/displaced) promoted/facilitated (refugees have legal problems to set up their own business)
- Better working conditions promoted (combat informality/introduce more formal contracts)
- Small/Medium Enterprises (SME's) promoted/supported (Chambers of Commerce/Micro Financing)

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

### 4. Financial support to vulnerable families





Percentage of **households** with either no income earner, or one **income** earner whose main income source is not salary

Subdistrict	Percent of Households	Percent of househo	
Harir	16%	income earner, or w	
Diyana (incl. Soran)	22%	earner but income s	
Erbil Centre (incl. Ainkawa)	30%	(high employment i	
Shaqlawa	31%	16 - 30%	
Коуа	32%	31 - 45%	
Daratu	36%	46 - 61%	
Baharka	40%	Subdistricts	
Rizgari	42%	Data source: administra	
Kasnazan	44%	provided by the Erbil Sta Projection: WGS 1984 U	
Bnslawa	47%		
Khabat	61%		

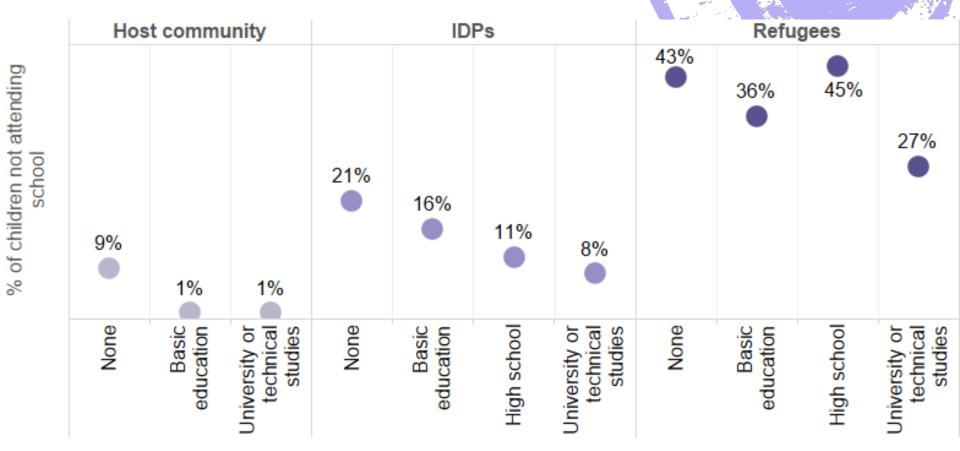
Percent of households either with no income earner, or with one income earner but income source is not salary (high employment insecurity)

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- Unconditional cash to vulnerable families provided (based on agreed criteria)
- Cash assistance and Government safety net programs coordinated



 Cash linked to: paying rent/evictions, unstable employment, financial insecurity (indebtedness), high medical expenditures, transport costs for education.... Proportion of children between the ages of 6 to 14 **not attending** school per education level of head of household\*



Education level of head of household

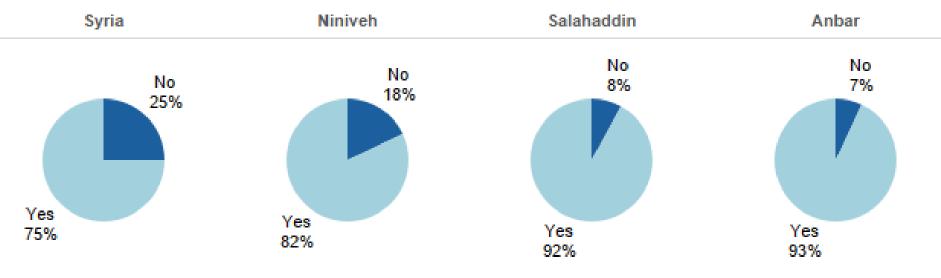
\*For high school education levels, data for the host community is not displayed due to a low number of observations available.

- Low school attendence addressed
  Boys (particularly Syrians) work at young age
  Girls are kept at home for domestic work
- Bottlenecks to access education (lack of facilities, child labour, transport) addressed
- Transport to school supported
- QIPs (Education) to improve school buildings and add classrooms implemented
- Bridge programs implemented (intensive/remedial courses)





#### Willingness to return to area of origin



## **RECOMMENDATIONS:** 6. Return

- Once return is feasible (voluntary/safe/dignity) financial assistance provided
- Unconditional cash for returnees provided (to support transportation)
- Process to reclaim properties facilitated (HLP) through legal aid
- Go-and-see visits facilitated
- Legal situation of those who cannot return (or have no intention) improved

 Adjust international aid programs to better address needs of displaced in urban settings



- Inform international community of humanitarian needs (fundraising)
- Economic reform programs implemented
- Private sector more involved in economic recovery

• Duhok and Sulaymaniyah urban profiling studies ongoing, soon to be completed

 More evidence-based studies are needed for out of camp population

Thank you

