IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix has been monitoring displacement movements since 15 October 2017, when Iraqi security forces began moving into disputed areas that had previously been held by Kurdish forces. These areas included parts of Ninewa, Diyala, Salah al-Din and Erbil governorates.

In the early weeks of the crisis the situation was very fluid, with many displacement patterns lasting only a matter of days.

In view of this, total returnee figures should be interpreted with caution. DTM has been monitoring return movements from this crisis since late October 2017.

203,964 Returnees from the disputed areas crisis

147,366 current IDPs

Legend:
- Governorate boundaries
- District boundaries
- Return movement of IDPs back to sub-district of origin

Number of Returnees breakdown by district of return:

- Sulaymaniyah: 132,900
- Erbil: 47,016
- TIKRIT: 8,032
- Kirkuk: 5,196

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