As of February 2015, the Iraqi Red Crescent Society (IRCS), in cooperation with Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement partners and local and international organizations, has supported nearly 160,000 Syrian refugees and Iraqi IDPs by distributing relief items, water and sanitation services, and restoring family links. In the past 2 months alone, the IRCS has provided 26,000 people with vital winterization assistance.

Iraq faces increased humanitarian challenges due to the escalation of armed conflict that began in Anbar province in Jan 2014 and since June has spread to Nineva and Salah El Dine, Kirkuk and Diyala. The need for community-based humanitarian organisations like IRCS with local access has never been greater. The National Society must be supported so it can continue to respond to increasing demands for its services.

Situation Update

The International Federation (IFRC) and IRCS in Duhok, participate in all weekly NFIs/Shelter cluster meetings. All relief distributions carried out by IRCS/IFRC are well-coordinated through the cluster system and Governorate Emergency Cell, as well as the local community. All relevant distribution information is shared with relevant stakeholders to avoid any duplications.

RC/RC Movement Partners

RC/RC Movement partners in Iraq play a vital role and continue to coordinate to respond to increasing needs. In addition to the IFRC Office in Baghdad, 8 Movement partners are currently in-country working alongside IRCS, including: French RC, German RC, Norwegian RC, Swedish RC, Qatari RC, Red Crescent of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Turkish RC and ICRC. The IFRC “Who does What, Where and When” (4Ws) map illustrates the complementarity of RC/RC National Societies work within Iraq.