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**Sweet Taste of Survival and Resilience**

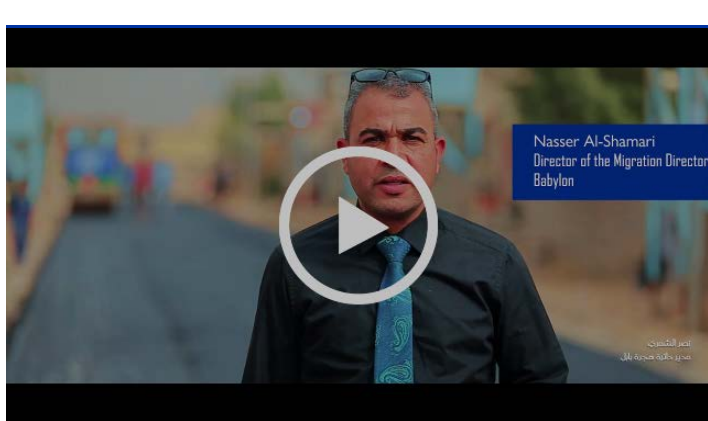


**Continued Winter Assistance Needed for Displaced and Vulnerable Iraqis**

As winter temperatures set in, accompanied by winds and rain, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Iraq has completed the three-month distribution of 25,000 winter non-food item kits. Consisting of heaters, blankets and jerry cans, the kits meet the most urgent needs of 150,000 vulnerable individuals across the country. [Read more](#)



On 16 January 2019, IOM Iraq accompanied a delegation from the German Consulate in Erbil to Sinjar. The delegation had a chance to get a first-hand account from community members about current reconstruction efforts. [Read more](#)



The roads at Hor Hijab in Hilla, Babylon, were in poor condition. IOM in cooperation with the local authorities paved the roads to improve the living conditions of the host and displaced communities living there. Watch this [video](#) to learn more.



More than 1.8 million Iraqis are still displaced following the conflict with ISIL, and over 4 million people have returned home. However, many of those are still in need of humanitarian assistance. To provide support, IOM Iraq distributed 25,000 winter non-food item kits including heaters, blankets, and jerry cans. [Watch video](#)

**Latest data on displacement and returns in Iraq (15 December 2018)**

**1,802,823 IDPs**

**4,165,320 Returnees**



Amid a fierce competition, two talented women who participated in a recent IOM fencing course finished first and third in their categories at the National Wheelchair Fencing Tournament in Baghdad. [Read more](#)

**IOM Iraq Highlights**

IOM Iraq Chief of Mission meets new Iraqi Minister of Labor and Social Affairs, His Excellency Mr. Basem Al-Rubaie [Read more](#)

IOM Iraq Chief of Mission meets new Minister of Migration and Displacement, His Excellency Mr. Nofal Bahaa [Read more](#)

IOM held workshops in Kirkuk about the effects of substance abuse and its impact on society [Read more](#)

**IOM Iraq in the News:**

- [Kurdistan24](#): 2019 will see return of about one million IDPs, Iraqi minister says
- [Kurdistan24](#): Access to employment greatest concern for Iraq's displaced: IOM

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