

A GENDERED PERSPECTIVE:

SAFETY, DIGNITY AND PRIVACY OF CAMPS AND CAMP-LIKE SETTINGS IN IRAQ

This report analyses gender-related concerns about the safety, privacy and dignity of internally displaced persons (IDPs) hosted in camp and camp-like settings across Iraq, and discusses the impact of these concerns, war and displacement on gender relations.

“ Fear for my wellbeing and lack of privacy in this dwelling affects me psychologically. Everybody [needs] privacy. Now we lack this privacy. We are all living together, this makes me feel anxious and also creates tensions between my husband and I. I know there is no solution under these hard circumstances but I can't get over it because we are human beings and have rights of living. We lost our living rights. ”

Compared to males, female IDPs face disproportionate restrictions to live their lives in safety, dignity and privacy. This report highlights the impact of the conflict on women's ability to independently access public spaces, services and goods, and the difficulty this poses for humanitarian actors to ensure that all groups of IDPs are represented and have access to assistance.



According to the assessments, 99.78% of people who feel unsafe also live in areas without security patrols. Most IDPs (90%) indicate feeling safe, but 81% of those families have a form of security patrolling in their location or vicinity. Additionally, 45% of these families report feeling safe with three patrols per day, suggesting security patrols are linked to a higher sense of security regardless of the geographical location or shelter type.

The report explores four key areas:

- 1) Gender issues exacerbated by ongoing conflict in Iraq
- 2) Gender dimensions of conflict induced displacement
- 3) The gender/age dimension of displacement-induced financial insecurity
- 4) Stress of displacement and conflict and intimate partner violence

The findings presented in this report highlight gender considerations for humanitarian actors in Iraq, particularly in setting up camps, capacitating or rehabilitating informal and formal camp-like settings, and on-site assessments.



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