Movements of people continue to be complex and diverse across Iraq. Military operations in Mosul are displacing increasingly large numbers of people, especially since hostilities began in the west of the city in mid-February. The majority is sheltering in camps and emergency sites where humanitarian assistance is being provided. In other parts of the country displacement has slowed; for example, the number of people leaving Hawiga has been declining since the start of the year and has shifted in recent weeks, with more people now heading to Salah al-Din than to Kirkuk. In Anbar, returnees now outnumber the number of IDPs two to one. Many people returning to their homes continue to need humanitarian assistance, especially in areas where there is a high level of contamination by explosive hazards and a lack of basic services.

**DISPLACEMENT TREND**

Since military operations restarted in west Mosul, the rate of displacement from western neighbourhoods has escalated rapidly. According to IOM/DTM, almost 474,000 people are living in displacement along the Mosul corridor and due to outflows from Mosul city as of 16 April.

**RETURNEES**

Of the 1.6 million people who have returned to their areas of origin across Iraq, approximately 83,000 people returned during March. Anbar governorate has seen the highest rate of return, where returnees outnumber IDPs by two to one. Many families continue to need humanitarian assistance after returning to areas of origin.