Highlights

- An estimated 25,000 internally displaced persons (DOH Anbar) were reported to be stranded for three days (21-23 May) in Bzebz bridge from Anbar side; all waiting to cross to Baghdad. Those displaced and stranded were mainly from Husaybah ALsharqiah, Khalidiah, Muthaik and Habbaniyah.

- Health service delivery partially resumed at a small scale in Al-Ramadi general hospital with a capacity of 400 beds. A few health workers joined the health team to provide services those wounded during the conflict including management of trauma cases. Supplies used at the hospital were collected from the Directorate of Health warehouse in Anbar. There is however no specialised health services currently available ie. Surgeries.

- Reports from Bzebz indicate the number of IDPs continues increasing; in Habbanyiah tourist city the number of IDP family increased from 3000 to 5800 in the reporting period. The health sector continues to face challenges of high patient’s cases loads. Habbanyiah tourist city Primary Health Care Centre receives on average 750 patients daily since 15 May 2015, but on 24 May 2015 alone, the health facility recorded 1045 consultation. It’s important to note that the health facility laboratory, dentistry and delivery services remain a challenge and a gap. A request has been placed by the
Directorate of Health to WHO through UMIS to support with dentistry and laboratory services, WHO is coordinating with the Ministry of Health and DOH to ensure these services are provided.

- Shortage of health staff remains a challenge in most high risk areas of Al-Khaldia district health institutes including: Al-Khaldia emergency hospital, Al-Khaldia major PHCC and Al-Shuhdaa major PHCC which includes Reproductive Health services, internal medicine and CCU (coronary care unit) services.

**Functional areas**

1. **Initial risk assessment**
   - On 25 May, WHO joined other UN agencies for a joint assessment mission to Today I accompanied Francis, Ania from OCHA with staff of WFP, UNICEF and UNHCR Abu-Gharaib and Bzebz Bridge.

   - **Findings:** 450 individuals are displaced in Abu-Gharaib, living in 500 tents constructed in the camp. There are two health workers from Abu-Gharaib health sector including a doctor assistant in an improvised tent with medicines received from the DOH. Polio vaccination was being conducted. The Ministry of Health has pledged a caravan for the IDPs to act as health facility. An ambulance is available to facilitate referrals however referrals are challenged when patients are turned away from the hospital because they lack referral letter; an assistant doctor is not authorised to sign referral letters.

   - In Bzebz River, there are two IDP camps with a capacity of 74 and 94 tents hosting a total of 205 families in both camps.

   - **Needs:** Support to provide additional space and fixed medical teams to manage patients and support enhance the facility by deploying Medical Doctor. In Bzebz, there is need for safe drinking water and electricity; Routine vaccination is also required for children below 5 years as new arrivals are frequently recorded.

2. **Programmatic update**
   - To serve the needs of over 25 000 IDPs stranded at Bzebz Bridge, the Ministry of Health with the support of WHO prepositioned three Mobile Medical Clinics (MMCs) on both sides of Anbar (two) and Baghdad (one) to serve the needs of the displaced persons. In Baghdad the MMC are being managed by Karkh Health District. Four
ambulances were also prepositioned at the bridge managed by Anbar DOH. 4 ambulances were in Anbar side of bridge managed by DOH.

- In addition WHO worked with the Directorate of Health in Anbar to construct and install one caravan in Al Khalidiah to support the growing number of patients seeking health services in the health facility.

3. Logistics support

- WHO donated one trauma kit, two diahorrea disease kits (one basic module and one infusion module) and one interagency health kit (basic unit) to UIMS to support management of patients in Al-Nekheeb and Amriate Al-Fallujah. One Interagency Health Kit (supplementary unit) was also donated to UIMS and Directorate of Health in Baghdad to support Mobile Medical Clinics stationed at both sides of Bzebz bridge (Anbar and Baghdad sides).

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The table below shows the distribution of WHO support during the reporting period

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