



A Long-Awaited Liberation

On July 9, Prime Minister al-Abadi gathered with Iraqi security forces in Mosul to announce the liberation of the Islamic State's last major stronghold in Iraq. With Mosul now taken, it's likely that security forces will turn towards Telafar—a smaller ISIS stronghold in the Nineveh plains.

"It's a relief to know that the military campaign in Mosul is ending. The fighting may be over, but the humanitarian crisis is not."

Lise Grande, UN Humanitarian Coordinator in Iraq

The liberation of Mosul marks a significant accomplishment for Iraqi forces, but it comes at a devastating cost:

- During the 266 days of brutal fighting and ISIS atrocities against civilians, **more than one million people fled their homes.**
- Thousands of families—injured, extremely malnourished, and traumatized—have made their way out of the ruins of Mosul's Old City after being used by ISIS as human shields.
- **More than 8,475 homes have been severely damaged or destroyed**, of which nearly 3,000 occurred in the last three weeks of June alone.
- The U.S. State Department estimates it could take a decade or more to clear Mosul of ISIS mines and improvised explosive devices.

As Iraq prepares to rebuild Mosul and surrounding towns, Samaritan's Purse is joining in the effort. We are currently developing a strategy to repair 200 homes in Qaraqosh. Once completed, this project will allow 1,200 displaced Iraqi Christians to return home.

In Kosovo and Albania, we implemented a strategy of working through local churches to rebuild homes; we are looking at the possibility of implementing a similar strategy in Qaraqosh.

MOSUL CRISIS IN NUMBERS

1,052,610

PEOPLE HAVE FLED THEIR HOMES IN MOSUL SINCE OCTOBER 2016

827,778

PEOPLE REMAIN DISPLACED

MOSUL RESPONSE

2,400+

TRAUMA PATIENTS TREATED AT THE EMERGENCY FIELD HOSPITAL

1,300+

MAJOR SURGERIES PERFORMED

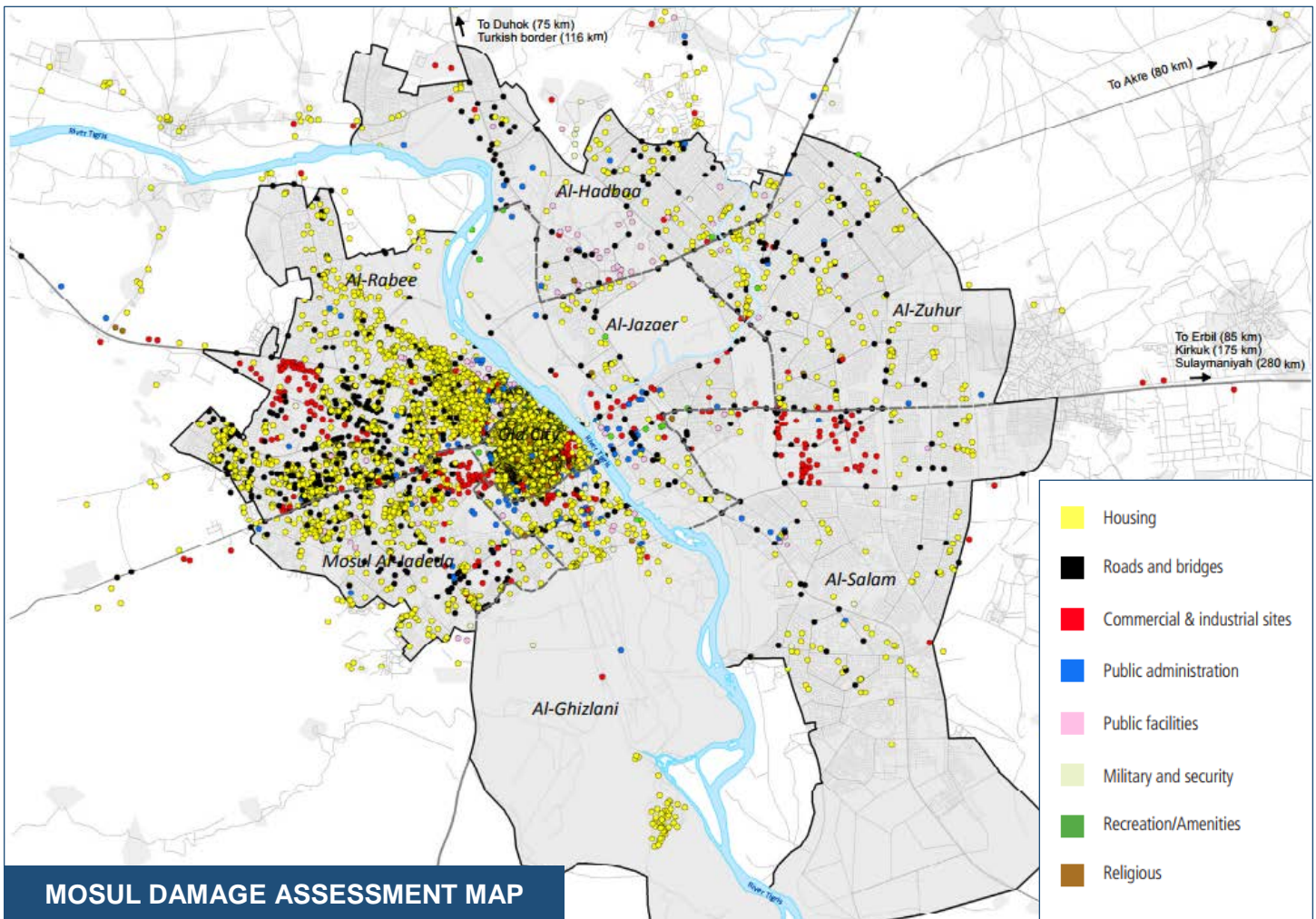
88,714

PEOPLE RECEIVED FOOD RATIONS IN JUNE

251

PEOPLE RECEIVED TRAUMA COUNSELING AT GRACE COMMUNITY CENTER LAST MONTH





Emergency Field Hospital Update



As the Mosul offensive shifts to the stability and reconstruction phase, the Samaritan’s Purse emergency field hospital continues to provide much-needed treatment for wounded and sick refugees. Adapting to the circumstances, the emergency field hospital recently opened a new ward specifically focused on treating the severely malnourished. Despite the improved security situation in Mosul, patients continue to be transferred to our hospital. On July 9—the day Mosul was declared liberated—our medical staff treated more patients than we did during any one day in the preceding two months.



Due to casualties still pouring out of the city and Erbil’s decreased acceptance rate of trauma referrals, **our field hospital deployment has been extended to September.** This extended opportunity allows Samaritan’s Purse to continue setting a high standard for emergency field hospitals, and most importantly, allows us to continue sharing the light of the Gospel in this dark place.

*“We have treated women, children, known ISIS soldiers, and Iraqi soldiers who are fighting against ISIS—because we believe that **every** person is an image-bearer of God. And because of that, they have value.”*

Raija-Liisa Schmidt-Teigen, Samaritan’s Purse