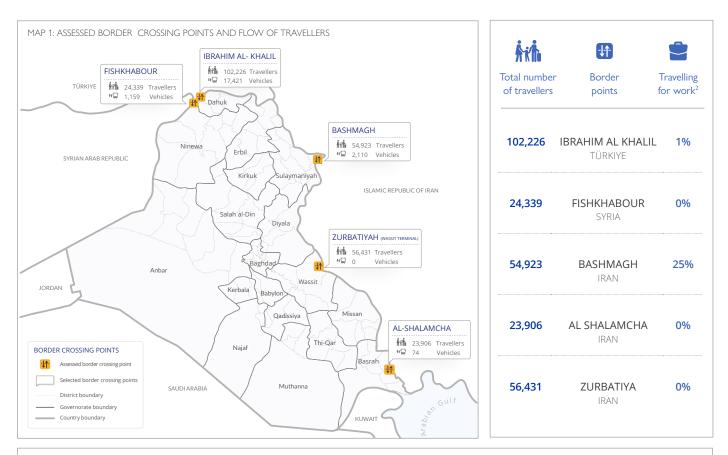# PROTECTION RISKS AND CONCERNS AMONG TRAVELLERS CROSSING FOR WORK

DATA COLLECTION PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 2022 - NOVEMBER 2022

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DTM Iraq collects data at border crossing points with neighboring countries – the Islamic Republic of Iran (Iran), the Syrian Arab Republic (Syria) and the Republic of Türkiye (Türkiye) – to better understand migration movements in the Middle East.[1] Cross-border monitoring data were collected employing two approaches: a headcount of all travellers entering or leaving Iraq and a survey of randomly selected travellers. Data collection took place between 1 September and 30 November 2022. Further details on the survey methodology, selection of respondents and border crossing points are available in the Methodological Overview on the DTM website.

Following previous period, DTM team continuing it efforts of collecting data on issues that may signify protection risks and concerns among travellers passing through the monitored border crossing points for reasons relating to labour. This report presents a count of those travelling for work, as well as their main socio-demographic characteristics, type of employment/job offer pursued and possible indicators of exploitation such as performing work or any activities against their will, without getting the expected payment, receiving false information about the nature or the location of the work.

MAP 1: ASSESSED BORDER CROSSING POINTS AND FLOW OF TRAVELLERS

FISHKHABOUR
24,339 Travellers
1,159 Vehicles

IBRAHIM AL- KHALIL
102,226 Travellers
17,421 Vehicles

BASHMAGH
54,923 Travellers
2,110 Vehicles

ZURBATIYAH (WASSIT TERMINAL)
56,431 Travellers
0 Vehicles

AL-SHALAMCHA
23,906 Travellers
74 Vehicles

BORDER CROSSING POINTS
- Assessed border crossing point
- Selected border crossing points
- District boundary
- Governorate boundary
- Country boundary

	Total number of travellers	Border points	Travelling for work[2]
102,226	IBRAHIM AL KHALIL TÜRKIYE		1%
24,339	FISHKHABOUR SYRIA		0%
54,923	BASHMAGH IRAN		25%
23,906	AL SHALAMCHA IRAN		0%
56,431	ZURBATIYA IRAN		0%

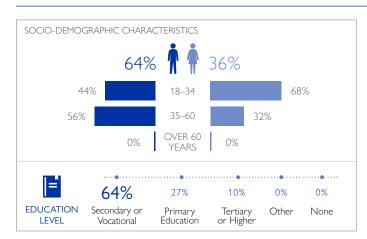| INCOMING	MAIN TYPES OF WORK IN DESTINATION COUNTRIES AMONG THOSE TRAVELLING DUE TO JOB OFFER	OUTGOING
31%	Services, hospitality and sales workers (eg: make tea/coffee, serve food, sell at market)	36%
22%	Trained manual worker (eg: building houses, electrician, plumber, mechanic)	26%
13%	Agricultural sector and primary sector (farmer, cattle keeper, fisherman	7%
11%	Unskilled manual worker (no training, eg: carrying bricks)	8%
10%	Factory worker/industrial work	14%
8%	Managers, professionals, office work (ex: public servant, NGO / UN worker)	7%
3%	Transport (eg: driving trucks, taxi, cars to transport people or products)	1%
2%	Domestic worker (eg. housekeeper)	1%

1   An interactive dashboard presenting data on the volume of travellers, their socio-demographic characteristics, reasons for travel, and labour migration can be found on the Iraq DTM portal at https://iraqdtm.iom.int/BorderMonitoring
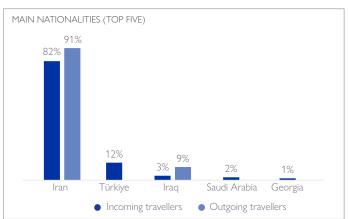
2   Those considered to be travelling for work include travellers who answered 'I got a job offer in Iraq or country of destination', 'I am actively looking for work (but no offer)' or 'I lost my job or did not find work' when asked about their reasons for travel.
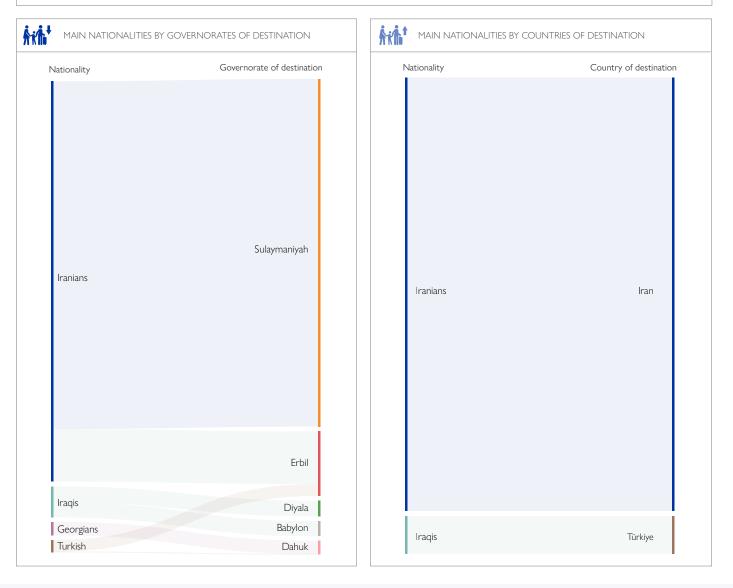
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SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

64% 🧍 🧍 36%

44%	18–34		68%
56%	35–60		32%
0%	OVER 60 YEARS		0%

EDUCATION LEVEL

64%	27%	10%	0%	0%
Secondary or Vocational	Primary Education	Tertiary or Higher	Other	None

MAIN NATIONALITIES (TOP FIVE)

	Iran	Türkiye	Iraq	Saudi Arabia	Georgia
Incoming travellers	82%	12%	3%	2%	
Outgoing travellers	91%		9%		1%

● Incoming travellers   ● Outgoing travellers

PROTECTION CONCERNS, BY BORDER POINT

	Employer gave false information	Worked without expected payment	Forced to work against will
Al-Shalamcha	27%	27%	0%
Bashmagh	2%	0%	0%
Ibrahim Al-Khalil	18%	13%	0%

MAIN NATIONALITIES BY GOVERNORATES OF DESTINATION

Nationality	Governorate of destination

Iranians — Sulaymaniyah

Erbil

Iraqis — Diyala

Georgians — Babylon

Turkish — Dahuk

MAIN NATIONALITIES BY COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION

Nationality	Country of destination

Iranians — Iran

Iraqis — Türkiye

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