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When identifying the part of the country to be considered for IPA, the decision-maker should take into account factors related to individual circumstances, including, *inter alia*, the applicant's area of origin, existing ties with the proposed area of relocation, such as previous stay or residence and/or availability of a support network, and the ethno-religious background.

In general, in relation to the ethno-religious background of the applicant and the region they originate from:

- For individuals of **Kurdish ethnicity** IPA would primarily be assessed in the KRI.
- For **Arab** applicants, IPA would primarily be assessed in other parts of Iraq.
- In the case of **ethno-religious minorities**, IPA would primarily be assessed in the region where their communities are currently concentrated. Decades of conflict and violence severely affected the historical ethnic and religious diversity of the country and forced displacement has taken place. Recent COI on the religious and ethnic composition of the proposed IPA location needs to be taken into account in this regard.

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