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The EU Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis

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Project Factsheet

Support emergency & critical care services and maternal and child health in Duhok governorate in response to the Syrian crisis

OBJECTIVES

- Increase access to quality emergency healthcare for mothers and children.
- Strengthen maternal and child health services in selected healthcare centres and in three hospitals.
- Strengthen emergency medical response in one secondary level and one tertiary level centre.

BUDGET
EUR 5.3 million

START DATE
17/09/2016

DURATION
30 months

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Increase the reception capacity of Duhok's maternity and paediatric hospitals by at least 20%.
- Improve working conditions in 72 primary healthcare centres.
- Increase the reception capacity of Duhok Emergency and Trauma Hospital and Akre Emergency Hospital by at least 30%.
- Provide higher quality emergency and critical healthcare services by the staff of Duhok and Akre Emergency Hospitals.

BENEFICIARIES

1,500,000
Iraqis and
Syrians
in Duhok
governorate

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER



PROJECT LOCATIONS



IRAQ

Duhok

Akre

IMPACT



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Wassim, his wife Noor and child are from Baachiqa and belong to the Yezidi minority. When Daesh arrived in 2014, they had to flee their home and seek refuge in Kurdistan. They were only able to return three years later, after Baachiqa was liberated, finding what once was their home in ruins.

“When we got back to Baachiqa, life had come to a stop because 30 to 40% of the inhabitants had left the region because of Daesh, seeking refuge in Europe and other places,” explains Wassim. “We came back and there was no water or electricity and no health services so the situation was really bad.”

One day, Wassim’s son fell ill and due to the fact that health services were still missing in Mosul,

he decided to take him to Heevi hospital, 150km away from their home. Wassim is a nurse and knew that that hospital would be able to help his child. “If it wasn’t for this hospital, its team and the great health services it provided my son, he would not be well today,” says Wassim. “He couldn’t breathe properly, so he was admitted to the intensive care unit. [...] Thanks to the hospital team my child is in good health now.” Wassim’s son has been in hospital for more than 40 days and would probably not have survived if his dad hadn’t taken him to Heevi.

Thanks to Italian NGO AISPO and the financial support of the EU through the Trust Fund, Heevi hospital has recently been renovated and equipped with state-of-the-art machines which allow it to respond to the medical needs of almost 2 million people. AISPO has also provided staff with training for the hospital’s neonatal intensive care unit.

Differently from other areas of the Kurdistan region, like Mosul, Nineveh or Baachiqa, Dohuk is able to address the health care needs of a growing population: “The hospitals are good and the care is great; medication is good and accessible. I would have had to pay a huge amount of money for my son’s treatment,” explains Wassim, “but everything was covered by the government, I didn’t have to pay a dime.”