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Project Factsheet

Supporting resilience for host communities, returnees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Iraq

OBJECTIVE

- Strengthen the resilience of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Iraq as well as support the recovery of host communities and their administrations, with a focus on the re-establishment of essential services, access to livelihoods combined with technical capacity building of local administrations and civil society.

BUDGET

EUR 7.9 million

START DATE

07/07/2018

DURATION

24 months

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Improve access to water and sanitation facilities for IDPs, returnees and host communities.
- Enhance livelihood options, access to employment and productive capacity of host communities, returnees and IDPs, through the implementation of tailored vocational and livelihood training, targeting both urban and rural households.

BENEFICIARIES

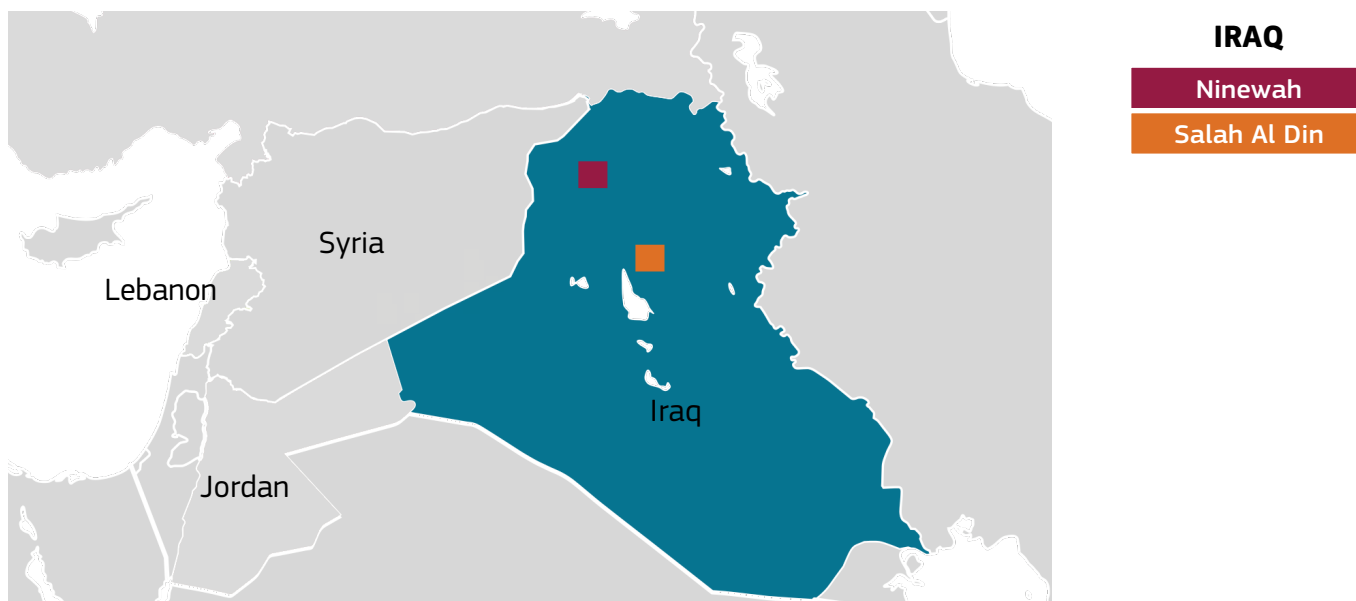
250,000

Iraqis

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS



PROJECT LOCATIONS



OUR IMPACT



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In 2014, when ISIL seized the Sinjar District, Shaman, 40-year-old Yezidi and his family left their belongings behind and fled to a settlement in the Sinjar Mountain. When the last ISIL strongholds in Iraq fell, Shaman and his family returned to Kani Sarki seeking to rebuild their lives as they were before the conflict. Despite the elation of being able to go home, the family's return is overshadowed by the fear that ISIL elements may still be active in neighboring areas.

Former residents are returning to the region despite the lack of employment opportunities and basic services. Welthungerhilfe (WHH), as part of the EU MADAD-funded consortium led by ACTED, is conducting agricultural trainings for returnees in the villages surrounding Sinjar town. The objective is to help families re-establish their former livelihoods as the first step in creating the conditions that will encourage more displaced members of the

community to return in the future.

Shaman was one of the first students to take the training course, attending a variety of sessions which included: feeding techniques, medication, vaccinations, and taking care of newborn sheep. He used the grant (received at the end of the training) to purchase three sheep, vaccinations, medicines and a yogurt-making machine that saves the long hours of manual processing.

"Thanks to my new knowledge on vaccinations and feeding, three of my ewes will soon lamb! I am happy that the flock is growing. If I had 70-80 sheep as before, I could provide a job to some poor people in the village."

Shaman often re-reads the education material that WHH distributed during the training: *"When it comes to vaccinations and medicines, I look up the information each time to make sure I use them properly. Fortunately, a specialised shop recently opened in Sinjar, so these items are now easily available."*

WHH, through the EU MADAD-funded project, will continue to provide trainings for animal husbandry, along with beekeeping, open agriculture and home gardening until Spring 2020. WHH expects that 954 trainees will finish the courses in Sinjar district.

As people returned, retailers also appeared in the area, looking to buy local products. Sheep milk and honey are already produced with the help of the WHH trainings, helping families secure a stable income from their work.