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# International Organization for Migration

## IRAQ

What We Do

## Our Vision:

The Government of Iraq is supported to develop and implement inclusive strategies towards well-managed migration, as well as recovery, peacebuilding and stabilization initiatives that address root causes of displacement and promote durable solutions. Migrants, displaced populations, returnees and host communities in Iraq are able to exercise their rights in an inclusive and equitable environment.

# Our Approach:

IOM established its mission in Iraq in 2003. IOM uses a whole-of-government and whole-of-society-approach, leveraging partnerships at institutional and community levels to co-design strategies tailored to local needs and priorities.

IOM's wide range of programmes and activities are interlinked and collectively aim to promote resilience, address migration drivers and enhance governance.

# IOM supports the Government of Iraq with programming focused on:





# Lifesaving support for displaced persons

*Providing humanitarian assistance in crisis situations to people affected by displacement*

- **Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM)** in formal camps and informal displacement sites, including site maintenance/risk reduction activities; coordination support between service providers, partners, IDP community representatives and authorities
- **Non-Food Items (NFI)** like cooking stoves, solar lights & plastic sheets to help households access critical items
- **Voucher/Cash-Based Interventions** to help beneficiaries purchase needed items while also stimulating local markets
- **Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH)** activities provide access to safe water & sanitation, promote good hygiene

# Shelter, Housing and Infrastructure

*Supporting safe and dignified living conditions for affected populations*

- **Rehabilitation of war damaged homes and shelters** directly or through contractors
- **Critical shelter upgrades** including unfinished and abandoned structures, other sub-standard shelters
- **Cash for beneficiary-led rebuilding work** allows beneficiaries even greater choice in the rebuilding process
- **Infrastructure Rehabilitation** to enhance access to basic services: WASH, electricity, roads, drainage systems, health, education, irrigation
- **Debris Removal** from residential areas destroyed by conflict to allow for reconstruction



# Health

*Supporting person-centred universal health coverage that includes migrants and forcibly displaced persons*

- **Health assessments** & migration health assistance for migrants, refugees
- **Health awareness raising** to enhance trust between communities & the health system; to improve health literacy



- **Primary health care** in out of IDP camps
- **COVID-19 response** via mass vaccination campaigns and support to COVID-19 vaccination centers, training healthcare workers, providing equipment/supplies and raising awareness on how to stay safe
- **Health system support** by providing technical assistance, screening support, medication, laboratory supplies, medical equipment, training for health staff, contact tracing, awareness raising, case transportation



# Durable Solutions

*Enabling IDPs to return, relocate or locally integrate in a voluntary, safe and dignified manner through a comprehensive package of interventions aimed at addressing barriers to durable solutions*

A durable solution is achieved when the IDP no longer has any specific assistance and protection needs connected to their displacement and can enjoy their human rights without discrimination due to their displacement

- **Registration, profiling** of interested IDPs to understand intentions, concerns and needs
- **Departure assistance** in form of documentation support for unimpeded movement, cash assistance for transportation to areas of origin or destination, standby support for individuals facing protection or access issues during their travel
- **Tribal engagement** & support to local peace processes to enable safe, sustainable return
- **Provision of services, information before departure** to support fully informed decisions and a safe, dignified process
- **Livelihood & shelter support** to help returnees get back on their feet and support themselves & their families
- **Direct provision, referrals to services** in areas of destination, including legal assistance to access civil documentation, MHPSS & protection services
- **Post-departure reintegration** and protection monitoring
- **Disaster risk reduction** activities help GoI & communities plan for, respond to and recover from hazards ranging from floods to desertification to pollution



# DTM and Research

## Tracking and monitoring population displacement and mobility during crises

- **Nationwide displacement monitoring, needs assessments** to inform targeted, evidence-based programming
- **IDP and returnee Master List** shows data on the number of IDPs and returnees by location, shelter type, period of displacement and more
- **Return Index** shows data on the severity of conditions in locations of return
- **Displacement Index** measures and monitors the living conditions of IDPs
- **Integrated Location Assessments** provide an in-depth look into the situation of displaced and returning populations, including in informal sites
- **Emergency Tracking** of people displaced due to recently emerging crises, such as climate-caused displacement
- **Border Monitoring** provides info such as traveller profiles, migrant profiles, COVID-19 mobility restrictions and public health measures at the border points
- **Research and analysis** to provide evidence to support strategy development and monitoring, fill data gaps
- **Technical support** for research projects implemented by other programme units





# Community Policing

*Rebuilding trust and promoting collaboration between communities and law enforcement agencies*

- **Community Policing Forums (CPFs)** are open and inclusive platforms where security issues affecting the community can be discussed to encourage joint problem solving and prevent disputes from escalating into violence
- **Community Safety Plans** are developed by CPFs in coordination with community policing officers; they include a list of the communities' safety/security priorities and form part of the CPFs' operational plans
- **Capacity building** through design and delivery of practical training on community policing to police and community members

# Legal Assistance

*Supporting communities to access and exercise their basic rights*

- **Restoration of legal documents** including property-title deeds and proof of ownership/occupancy documents
- **Recovery of civil documentation** such as birth certificates, civil IDs & nationality certificates, which allow for access to basic rights
- **Inheritance claim support** including through legal representation, with special attention to women with unregistered marriages
- **Women's Legal Counseling Offices** staffed and run by women, providing women referrals, access to legal services for GBV, CRSV, trafficking
- **Legal counselling, representation, and referrals** for IDPs in camps to help secure civil documentation and exercise their HLP rights



# Humanitarian Protection

*Addressing violence, coercion and abuse for IDPs and in areas of return or relocation*

- **Case Management** is a collaborative process where the individual & caseworker work together to assess, plan, put into action & monitor options & services to meet the individual's protection needs (including specialized GBV services)
- **Protection monitoring, assessments & advocacy** includes the collection of protection-related data to better understand realities and inform evidence-based advocacy
- **Protection information services** includes individual counselling and group sessions on rights and how to access them, and support through specialized referrals
- **Safe Spaces** where individuals can safely access protection services, including protection help desks that provide a first point of access



# Migrant Protection

*Addressing the needs and protection risks of migrants in vulnerable situations, promoting and upholding their rights*

- **Assisted Voluntary Return** helps Iraqis to make informed decisions on their return from abroad; provides administrative, logistical and financial support for return arrangements and reception assistance
- **Reintegration Case Management** includes creating individual plans for the sustainable reintegration of returned Iraqis, with post-arrival support such as counselling, livelihoods, education, housing and other forms of assistance
- **Case Management** to provide protection services and direct legal, return-related and basic needs assistance to migrants at risk of violence, exploitation and abuse, including victims of trafficking



# Mental Health and Psychosocial Support

*Working to improve the psychological & social wellbeing of individuals affected by conflict and strengthen their overall resilience*

- **Specialized services** like psychiatric consultations, clinical psychological counselling, case management
- **Individual & group counselling** to promote resilience and positive coping mechanisms
- **Support groups** for IDPs set to return to areas of origin
- **Community & family support** through informal education, livelihood and recreational activities
- **Advocacy & awareness raising** on access to basic services, best practices for mental health and well-being
- **Suicide Prevention** by supporting the development of Iraq's National Suicide Prevention Strategy
- **MHPSS Livelihoods Integration** teaches psychosocial skills and coping mechanisms that help with resilience and effectiveness at work



# Transitional Justice and Reparations Support

*Working with authorities, communities and CSOs to support Yezidi and other minority group survivors of ISIL's genocide to secure their rights and address their grievances*



- Immediate humanitarian assistance, durable solutions for displaced survivors
- Facilitated discussion process for Yezidi Female Survivors Law (YFSL) & related bylaws successfully adopted in 2021
- YFSL implementation assistance via logistical & technical support to GoI, Directorate of Survivors Affairs
- Information sharing with survivors on how to access their rights under YFSL
- Memorialization support through protecting cemeteries and establishing memorials to victims
- Local and global advocacy through cultural events, public communications



# Peacebuilding and Social Cohesion

*Reducing tension and building trust and mutual understanding between IDPs, returnees, host community members, and different ethnic and religious communities*

- **Managing community centres** where all community members can interact and build relationships
- **Dialogue groups, non-competitive sports and recreation activities** to improve communities' ability to resolve conflicts
- **Peace events** such as joint religious or cultural celebrations, peace festivals, art exhibitions, music events
- **Caregiver courses & support groups** to support them to influence youth to make positive choices
- **Trainings and courses** in mediation, debate, languages and personal development



# Economic Development and Livelihoods Support

*Promoting sustainable, long-term employment, economic recovery and revitalization*

- **Enterprise Development Fund (EDF)** supports small- and medium-sized enterprises with grants to start or expand their businesses
- **Individual Livelihood Assistance** to enhance the employable skills of the population and create jobs
- **Vocational training** includes education and skills trainings to prepare people for a specific job, trade, or craft
- **Cash-for-Work** provides temporary employment in public projects in exchange for cash
- **Rebuilding economic infrastructure** damaged by conflict, accident or climate-related incidents
- **Equipment provision** including greenhouses, water pumps, storage equipment, farming tools





# Preventing Violent Extremism

*Identifying and proactively addressing context-specific drivers, risk factors and individual incentives for radicalization and joining violent extremist groups*

- **National Strategy for the Prevention of Violent Extremism (PVE)** support for Gol to develop and implement a cohesive, coordinated response
- **PVE Plans of Action** development assistance for local governments and civil society
- **Civil Society Fund** to support CSOs in implementing PVE activities on the ground
- **Prosecution, Rehabilitation & Reintegration** advocacy, planning and coordination with Gol

# Security Governance and Integrated Border Management

*Supports government authorities to better facilitate safe, regular migration and enhance cooperation with international partners*



- Assessments of existing national security governance capacities
- Training GoI and KRG officials to conduct routine border operations and crisis management
- Providing mobile border management equipment and software (MIDAS) to monitor cross border movements and process individuals crossing the border



# Migration Governance

*Assisting the Government of Iraq to enhance its migration governance capacities at the technical and strategic levels; supporting Iraq to fulfill its role as a 'Champion Country' of the Global Compact for Migration.*

- **Implementation Assistance for National Migration Management Strategy** as the key framework for migration management in Iraq
- **Assessments** of existing national migration governance capacities, policies and legal frameworks
- **Evidence-based migration policy development support** through a whole-of-government approach



## Cross-cutting: Mainstreaming Disability, Gender, Protection

*Considering gender & disability in all IOM programming with the goal of non-discrimination & equality of opportunity; Providing institutional support & promoting safe programming across IOM Iraq*

- **Advocacy** for equal rights under the law in employment and mobility
- **Responding to the influence of gender & disability** on access to social services, economic growth, risks and vulnerabilities
- **Working towards diversity, inclusiveness & safety** at all levels of programme design & implementation
- **Protection from Sexual Exploitation, Abuse & Harassment (PSEAH) coordination** includes prevention, reporting, response to PSEAH; representation at UN Iraq PSEA Network
- **Development of tools & policies** in coordination with HQ & RO, including community-tested PSEA Glossary & child safeguarding policy
- **Promoting respect for diverse SOGIESC** in Iraqi context & migration cycle, including through capacity development.



## Global Compact FOR Migration

### Cross-cutting:

*The first inter-governmentally negotiated agreement covering all dimensions of international migration*

Designed to:

- **Support international cooperation** on the governance of international migration
- **Provide a menu of policy options** to address some of the most pressing issues around international migration
- **Give states space, flexibility to pursue implementation** based on their own migration realities and capacities

## Cross-cutting:



### United Nations Network on Migration

*Working Better Together*

*The UN Network for Migration is dedicated to providing effective, coordinated UN system-wide support to Member States in their implementation, follow-up and review of the GCM*

- Coordination of the Network in Iraq
- Staffing the secretariat
- Regular meetings with GoI to support progress toward migration policy/management goals
- Support for formal review of progress made towards the GCM



# Partnerships

*Establishing strong relationships and working together for coordinated, effective response to the most pressing migration-related issues*

- Government partners
- UN Agencies
- Donors
- Local and tribal governing bodies
- Civil Society
- Media





