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#LifeAfterDaesh Progress highlights in Iraq and Syria

SOUTHWEST ASIA – The Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve and its partners remain united in a long-term, international mission to create enduring security in Iraq and Northeast Syria to enable stabilization activities and humanitarian assistance.

Below are examples of stabilization support and life after Daesh:

- **January 8: PHOTO: Netherlands Embassy in Iraq – Twitter**

The old Erbil-Kirkuk road was re-opened on January 8, 2021. The road connects the city of Qushtapa with two surrounding refugee camps. The connection between the city and the camp is considered to be a vital element to attract potential investment.

The restoration of the road is part of the second Local Government Resilience Program (LOGOREP II). A program funded by the Government of Netherlands and implemented by Association of Netherlands Municipalities (VNG), the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) and the authorities in Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI).

The road contributes to the programs broader purpose of connecting humanitarian aid and development in the long term.

Future activities should lead to better access of host communities, internally displaced people (IDPs) and refugees and allow them job opportunities and basic services.

<https://twitter.com/NLinIQ/status/1347524579783270404>





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- **January 14: PHOTO: IOM Iraq – Twitter**

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) Iraq, in coordination with the Municipality Directorate of Sumel and the Directorate of Forest and Pastures, planted 720 trees to create a green shield in Moqible community, Duhok province.

Sixty individuals, mostly Yazidi IDPs, participated in a 40-day campaign to create greener and more environmentally friendly roads.

The campaign is part of IOM Iraq's cash-for-work component funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) with financing provided through Germany's KfW Development Bank. The project helps young people earn wages while supporting their communities.

<https://twitter.com/IOMIraq/status/1349750710561169412>



- **January 14: PHOTO: UN Iraq – Website**

A group of Syrian refugees in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI) are getting the confidence boost they need to secure the financial future of their families through the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) entrepreneurship training program.

The program, funded by the Austrian Development Agency, includes training in analyzing their personal skills, assessing market needs, developing strategies to reach targets, and financial management. The goal is for the participants to be able to run their own small businesses.

At the end of the program, they will also receive some financial assistance to purchase equipment or supplies for their new or existing businesses.

https://www.uniraq.org/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&id=13628:unido-entrepreneurship-&lang=en



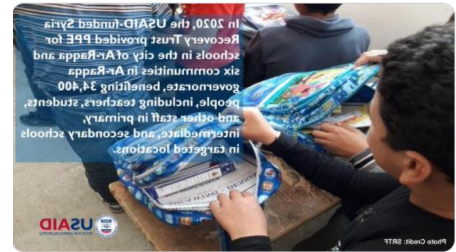


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- **January 15: PHOTO: USAID Middle East – Twitter**

In 2020, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), through the Syria Recovery Trust Fund, provided personal protective equipment (PPE) for schools in the city of Raqqah and six communities in Raqqah province, benefiting 34,400 people. The beneficiaries included students, teachers, and other staff in primary, intermediate, and secondary schools.



Thank you USAID for supporting stabilization efforts to provide a brighter future for the people of Raqqah.

<https://twitter.com/USAIDMiddleEast/status/1350181383092772865>

- **January 15: PHOTO: UN Iraq – Website**

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) Iraq welcomes new partnership and contribution of EUR 100,000 from the Government of France to support IDPs who have recently returned to the rural town of Yathrib, Balad district, Salah Ad-Din and are currently living in critical situations.



The timely contribution from France will be utilized to provide support to around 600 of the most vulnerable people in Yathrib by providing shelter upgrading assistance and non-food items for 75 households and following verification of housing, land and property rights, will support a further 15 households with housing rehabilitation. With this support, the living conditions of recent returnees will be improved, allowing many who are renting or living with relatives to return to their properties, and to ensure dignified, secure and adequate living conditions.

France remains committed to supporting internally displaced Iraqis coming back home, through a partnership with the UN-Habitat Iraq.

http://www.uniraq.com/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&id=13620:france-supports-un-habitat&lang=en



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- **January 17: PHOTO: IOM Iraq – Twitter**

Throughout 2020, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Iraq, in coordination with the Hamdaniyah Directorate of Education, conducted “Back to School” campaign activities in Qaraqosh and the surrounding areas, as well as other vulnerable communities in Qaraqosh. The campaign, with the theme “Education Revival and Community Recovery”, was launched at the beginning of the previous academic year; 11 primary schools were targeted and 2,795 students benefited from the campaign activities.

The campaign focused on reaching different communities with diverse ethnic makeup and a large population of returnees. The activities ran under the campaign included painting sessions, theater, and the distribution of campaign packages, all of which reached over 2,000 students.

<https://twitter.com/IOMIraq/status/1350795787861712899>



- **January 18: PHOTO: Department of Media and Information of the KRI – Twitter**

Clearing the deadly remnants of war will help to relieve human suffering, build hope and create conditions that enable sustainable peace and security in conflict-affected areas.

“Over the past year, 360,696 square meters of land have been cleared of mines and explosives. Some 7,300 explosives parts and devices, and 1,172 mines have been extracted by our agency,” said Jabar Mustafa, head of the Kurdistan Region’s Mine Action Agency (IKMAA).

The IKMAA is a Kurdistan Regional Government agency in Iraq established in 2004 under the Council of Ministers.

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- **January 18: PHOTO: UNDP Iraq - Website**

Supported by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Iraq, 87 religious leaders from Erbil, Baghdad, Anbar, and Ninawa attended an eight-day online training session marking the end of a challenging 2020, and a universal period of hope for good things to come in the year ahead. Over six different religious sects were represented, including Sunni and Shiite Muslim, Christian, Yazidism, Sabian Mandaism, Zoroastrianism, Yarsanism, and Bahai.

The training included peacebuilding workshops focusing on enhancing dialogue, creative expression, coexistence during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the role of Iraqi women in building peace. It also helped religious leaders to disseminate accurate information about COVID-19 to the public and improve the skills necessary for implementation of community peace initiatives.

A coexistence network will be established among the trained religious leaders to foster dialogue, coexistence, and tolerance among communities in close coordination with the 24 local peace committees supported by UNDP across the country.

UNDP Iraq's Social Cohesion Program is committed to improving community well-being and building cohesion by promoting peace and tolerance among various religious groups and ethnicities in Iraq, thanks to generous support from the Government of Denmark.

<https://www.iq.undp.org/content/iraq/en/home/stories/2021-stories/01/united-we-rise--how-diverse-religious-leaders-are-promoting-coex.html>





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- **January 19: PHOTO: IOM Iraq – Twitter**

In December, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Iraq distributed E-Voucher cards to 375 households in the Azadi and Qadisiyah areas of Sinjar. The cards had a \$250 balance, for use in 10 different shops. This allowed the families to purchase non-food items and supplies of their choice.



The project is funded by German Foreign Office and the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations.

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