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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:

- **July 14: PHOTO: Article from USAID ‘Syria Program’ – Website**

When the ISIS occupation ended in northeast Syria in 2017, local communities faced the challenge of rebuilding. The region’s large livestock industry was struggling to raise the area’s nearly 50,000 sheep and goats since ISIS sabotaged wells used by livestock farmers in western Deir ez-Zor. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID), working in collaboration with local officials, helped to restore the wells and build an animal rehydration center, all powered by the newly rebuilt electrical grid - also supported by USAID. The new center provides a reliable source of water and can serve 80-100 animals at a time. With the center open all day, every day, 12 new jobs were also created for community members to be hired as guards and well operators.

As a direct result farmers have resumed livestock grazing patterns and are improving their economic situation. Many are reinvesting savings into their businesses, purchasing more tools or livestock, while also having the money to support their families. With a returning sense of normalcy and stability within the region’s dairy industry, the Agriculture Committee sees further opportunity. Plans are currently being developed to add a treatment unit to the hydration center to expand access to drinkable water





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for the community. “This project has had a lead role in restoring life to the region through these wells,” said Dr. Mustafa, a member of the Agriculture Committee. Read more at:

<https://www.usaid.gov/syria/program-updates/jul-2020-water-restores-life-and-livelihoods-northeast-syria>

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Prior to the Syrian conflict, thousands of families in the Raqqah governorate relied on income from olive farming, but years of conflict had destroyed the olive farms and decimated farming opportunities. Limited access to reliable water and essential harvesting equipment led to meager harvests, leaving farm owners unable to earn sufficient incomes to provide for their families.

In 2018, USAID’s Syria Essential Services II (SES II) program awarded three grants to Syrian organizations to assess the needs of olive farmers, provide tools to cultivate their farmlands, and support the rehabilitation of two local nurseries to provide healthy olive seedlings. This critical support enabled local nurseries to produce olive tree seedlings. The nurseries received training on the olive growing process and increased job opportunities, especially during the harvest season. To aid olive farmers in sustaining their livelihoods, USAID provided workshops on plant protection that covered pest and disease control.

By April 2020, each nursery had produced 65,000 seedlings with the capacity to produce 100,000 per year. This production will exceed the demand within the Raqqah governorate, meaning the nurseries will be able to meet demand for olive seedlings in other areas of Syria as well. Now, over 1,500 Raqqah olive farmers have access to locally grown, healthy olive seedlings and the skills needed to maintain their growth. This has significantly supported their sustainable growth. Without the cost of transportation and customs, olive farmers are able to hire more employees and purchase needed equipment.





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USAID continues to support economic opportunities that allow farmers to be self-reliant with the means to support their families and community for years to come. Read more at:

<https://www.usaid.gov/syria/program-updates/jul-2020-syrian-olive-farmers-restore-groves-and-seedling-supply>

- **July 16 : PHOTO: IOM Iraq – Twitter**

Al-Najah Ice Cream Factory in Mosul had 3 production lines and employed 20 workers, but when ISIS took control of the city, the factory's production was reduced and 14 employees lost their jobs because of reduced demand. During the battles to retake Mosul, the factory was destroyed. The International Organization for Migration (IOM) Iraq approved a grant through the European Development Fund (EDF) to support the business's recovery, which created 10 new job opportunities and allowed the owners to reinstate all three production lines.

<https://twitter.com/IOMIraq/status/1283681357420527616>

<https://twitter.com/IOMIraq/status/1283681709226156033>



- **July 20: VIDEO: Article from UNESCO Iraq – Website**

On this day, three years ago, the iconic city of Mosul was liberated from the shackles of violent extremism, putting an end to 36 months of destruction, fear and death. The 'Revive the Spirit of Mosul' is the response of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for the recovery of Mosul. At its heart, through empowering the population as agents of change the process of rebuilding their city is being taken forward through three main axes: heritage, education and cultural life.

The rehabilitation of heritage sites, rebuilding schools to ensure quality and inclusive education and revitalization





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of cultural life, sends a strong message of hope and resistance to Iraq and to the world, a message that says an inclusive, cohesive and equitable society is the future that Iraqis deserve.

Three years after its liberation, Mosul is on the rise. UNESCO and its partners are working through the 'Revive The Spirit of Mosul' programme to bring a new bright future! Read more at:

<https://en.unesco.org/news/three-years-after-its-liberation-mosul-rise>

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