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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:

- **December 8: PHOTO: UNDP Iraq – Website**

Empowering and ensuring the equal participation of women in Iraq’s development journey is key to sustainable stability and growth. However, the recent COVID-19 outbreak has exacerbated the impact on women by increasing economic instability.

Through the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)’s Funding Facility for Stabilization (FFS), short term cash-for-work employment opportunities are provided to the local community, especially women. The interventions provide short-term employment opportunities to support stabilization and rebuilding efforts across the five liberated provinces from Daesh - Anbar, Diyala, Kirkuk, Ninawa and Salah Ad-Din.

Speaking to 48-year-old widow and single mother of two Najiah Jawad Abid from the Anbar province, she says, “After my husband passed away, I had lost hope of being able to financially support my family and meet our needs. This opportunity has given me new hope.”

To promote the dignity of Iraqis as they rebuild, through the cash-for-work program, over 30,000 people, including 5,300 women, have been provided short term employment till date. Read more:

<https://bit.ly/37DG0NT>





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- **December 21: PHOTO: IOM Iraq – Twitter**

85 individuals, mostly returned IDPs, participated in cash-for-work campaign to clear up and plant trees in key locations and schools in Jalawla, Diyala province. This will help the returnees earn wages and support the municipality in making the district cleaner and greener.

<https://twitter.com/IOMIraq/status/1341064693469900800>



- **December 21: PHOTO: UNDP Iraq – Website**

Germany has reaffirmed its partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) by investing EUR 30 million (US\$35.89 million) to enhance economic empowerment and create employment opportunities for vulnerable communities in Iraq. The contribution was made available by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) with financing provided through Germany's KfW Development Bank. With that contribution, BMZ has over the past five years committed more than EUR 340 million to various UNDP projects in Iraq.



Focusing on areas with the hardest-to-return populations in Anbar, Diyala, Kirkuk, Ninawa and Salah Ad-Din, the Building Resilience through Employment Promotion (BREP) project gives Iraq the opportunity to build forward better in its recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The project will provide more than 16,000 Iraqis with short-term and medium-term employment opportunities, as well as skills development in economically promising sectors of construction and agriculture, and the private sector through small and medium size enterprises.

The project will contribute significantly to strengthening the resilience of vulnerable communities by enhancing their economic empowerment. Read more:

<https://bit.ly/3pfqoFY>



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- **December 22: PHOTO: US Embassy Syria – Twitter**

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID)'s stabilization projects finished distributing improved wheat, barley, and lentil seeds to 800 farming households in Hasakah for the winter agricultural season. These projects also provided fertilizer and are improving livelihoods and food security.

<https://twitter.com/USEmbassySyria/status/1341364273596030976>



- **December 27: PHOTOS: IOM Iraq – Twitter**

Led by International Organization for Migration in Iraq (IOM), Nadia Initiative Organization and the Danish Relief and Development NGO "Mission East", over 50 women have been trained in livelihood skills to start their own businesses.

This women's empowerment program is part of the project "Leveraging the Security Development Nexus in Iraq: Support for Community Stabilization in Conflict Affected Communities".

Under the Women's Empowerment and Livelihood Program in Sinjar, some participants attended a two-week training in baking, where they learned techniques for making bread and confectionery treats. This project is funded by the Government of Japan.

<https://twitter.com/IOMIraq/status/1343214845198561280>

<https://twitter.com/IOMIraq/status/1343214850101702658>

<https://twitter.com/IOMIraq/status/1343214854849622016>





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- **December 27: PHOTO: UNDP Iraq – Website**

The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have signed a three-year, 140 million Swedish Krona (~ US\$ 16.4 million) agreement to further support vulnerable communities in Iraq.

Sweden's contribution will be channelled through UNDP's Funding Facility for Stabilization (FFS), which implements fast-track initiatives in areas liberated from Daesh. This is Sweden's sixth contribution to UNDP's FFS.

Based on stabilization priorities identified by national counterparts, FFS works to quickly restore essential public infrastructure, provides short-term employment opportunities, boost local livelihoods and economies, capacity support, and facilitates peaceful reconciliation in communities liberated from Daesh. Read more:

<https://bit.ly/2KVkwTN>



- **December 28: PHOTO: UNDP Iraq – Website**

The Government of Belgium has invested an additional EUR 2 million in the Funding Facility for Stabilization (FFS). The contribution will support stabilization efforts implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) across Iraq's five provinces in Anbar, Diyala, Kirkuk, Ninawa and Salah Ad-Din.

With this generous additional funding, UNDP will be able to support additional essential services such as housing, and the rehabilitation of critical infrastructure in the sectors of electricity, water and education.

Since 2016, Belgium has contributed EUR 12.12 million to the FFS, which was recently extended to 2023. To date, Belgium's support along with other international donors to the FFS has benefitted over 1.46 million Iraqis, of which 50 percent are women. Read more:

<https://bit.ly/2Jp6Dg9>





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