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Our Annual Impact Report 2021



Message from the Response Director

I am pleased to share our World Vision Iraq Annual Report for the Financial Year 2021 (FY 2021) covering the period from October 2020 to September 2021. Our work aligns with our partnership strategy, Our Promise, which calls on us to pursue a life in all its fullness for children in Iraq. Our strategic focus is to put the most vulnerable girls and boys first – children like Amai, who was forced to marry at 11, and 8-year-old Tabarak, who is disabled but could not get the medical treatment she needed for her legs due to cost and distance.

In FY 2021 we reached 504,086 people through our Food Security, Livelihoods, WASH, Health, Child Protection and Education interventions. Our advocacy work has benefited more than 11 million children. We worked to influence policy changes in several sectors, including WASH, Child Protection and Education, Food Security and Health, and more generally around humanitarian access and coordination.

We are grateful to our partners and stakeholders who partnered with us and allowed us to achieve more for the children of Iraq than we could ever do on our own.

In FY 2021, World Vision Iraq continued to see the toll the numerous challenges in our operating context has taken on the most vulnerable people—for example, the continued impact of decades of conflict, drought and climate change and the Covid-19 pandemic – as overall funding to Iraq's humanitarian response declined. FY2021 also saw a majority of camps being closed. Usually, the closure of camps is a cause for celebration, because it means people have returned home. But sadly, throughout the year, we have found returnees in informal settlements in poor living conditions, proving recovery remains an ongoing concern.

In response to this trend, we have been intentionally shifting our programmatic focus to deepen our commitment to assist communities to recover more sustainably from the various shocks. In accordance with the Humanitarian Response Plan, World Vision has been 'leaning forward' into the nexus to provide durable solutions through expanding our livelihoods work. We are also leveraging our experience and knowledge of child well-being and our operational sectors through several pilot projects and research to design more effective and innovative projects.

We are also consolidating our programme in areas where we have identified the most significant needs.

This has resulted in a geographical shift of our programme to areas under the control of the Federal Government of Iraq, where there is a more significant number of Iraq's most vulnerable population.

We cannot predict what FY2022 will bring in this fast-evolving world. Still, we know that our commitment to Iraq remains unwavering. As the humanitarian context focuses more on recovery, our response will adjust to the changes. Our programming has already begun to show our longer-term thinking. Our advocacy efforts also focus on ensuring a smooth transition. Ultimately, our vision for Iraq is to remove it from our list of sustained humanitarian responses in due course.



RD Nicole Peter in Lalish, Oct. 2021,
Photo: Shwan Mohammed

Impact Report 2021 – Foreword

Nicole Peter
Response Director
World Vision Iraq



Aysha (12) shares newly purified water with a friend, P&G project, Ninewa, Iraq
Photo: Shayan Nuradeen

At a glance 2021

Our Staff

114 National staff
10 International staff
1 Secondment
552 Casual staff
3 Consultants

504,086 Individuals directly benefited from our work

23 Projects

14 Donors



Waadalla, a father of six, from Ninewa received fodder for his sheep, IHF project
Photo: Shayan Nuradeen

We are World Vision

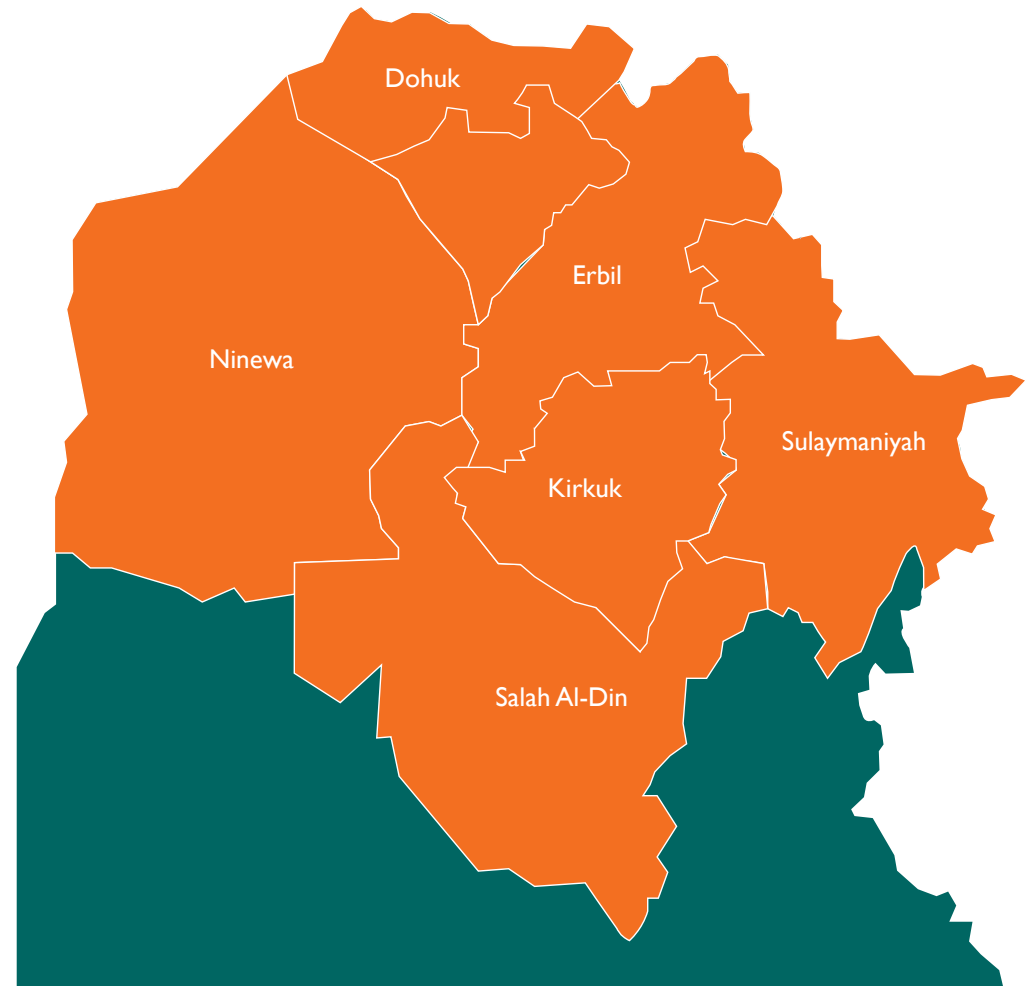
World Vision has been responding in Iraq since 2014 and works with Syrian refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPs), host communities and returnees. Working in Erbil, Sulaymaniyah, Duhok, Kirkuk, Salah al-Din and Ninewa, World Vision Iraq (WV Iraq) has reached 504,086 people in FY2021 with a funding portfolio of US\$11,144,009 (in cash) and US\$38,725,747 (in-kind).

WV Iraq continues to geographically expand and grow its presence to respond to the evolving needs of vulnerable boys and girls, including their families and communities. This is being done with strong intentionality to deepen our commitment to children to have positive relationships and live dignified lives.

Responding to the needs and the changing context in post-conflict Iraq, WV Iraq provides short-term emergency relief in addition to medium- and long-term recovery assistance to the most vulnerable people to help alleviate their suffering and rebuild their lives. Our response prioritises interventions in WASH, Health, Food Assistance (through cash-based programming), Livelihoods, Education and Child Protection. We have also undertaken Faith and Development activities which cut across our livelihoods, education and child protection, health and WASH programmes and projects.

Other cross-cutting themes are also integrated into each of these sectors, including gender equality and social inclusion (GESI) and social cohesion. WV Iraq builds on its local and global capacity and evidence-based approaches to maintain adaptable technical expertise that effectively impacts the lives of children, their families, and communities.

Currently, 24.8% of the 39.3 million Iraqi people live in poverty, including many children. In 2020, the number of children affected by poverty doubled due to the economic effects of Covid-19, with the result that two in five children in Iraq now are living in poverty.




Humanitarian and Emergency Affairs

WV Iraq remains responsive to emergencies as they happen and effectively adapts to the needs of the most vulnerable populations. In 2021, this was demonstrated by ongoing activities to assist refugees from Northeast Syria and efforts to mainstream Covid-19 response in all our projects within our ongoing Sustained Humanitarian Response framework.

WV Iraq continues to build the capacity of its staff, including in areas such as fundraising and management of human resources in humanitarian responses. In addition, in 2021, 60 staff were trained on disaster management standards with support from the Middle East and Eastern European Region (MEER).

WV Iraq also worked to identify and map all potential emergencies in Iraq, including but not limited to displacement flows, floods, earthquakes and droughts. Based on this mapping, in 2022, WV Iraq will continue to identify a complete catalogue of all identified needs and items for each response type and select qualified suppliers with whom we will have standby agreements in place to mount a rapid response.

During the course of the year a conscious effort was made to stabilise existing operational areas while tapping into potential new geographical locations that have higher levels of needs and for which we can realistically mount a response.



Yassir (14) is from Syria. He is cheerfully holding his little brother, Munes* (2). He has two other siblings. He has been living in a camp in Kurdistan Region of Iraq since 2013. Photo by: Shayan Nuradeen

Overview of Iraq priority sectors



LIVELIHOODS

32,899 people reached

WV Iraq's livelihoods interventions are designed to address the root causes of food and livelihoods insecurity while promoting self-reliance of vulnerable people. Our projects in Iraq assist crisis-affected communities through income generation opportunities, value chain development, technical skills training and life skills coaching. In FY21, we reached:

13,774 beneficiaries through Cash plus activities (Safety net and Livelihood diversification).

11,567 beneficiaries through awareness sessions on Covid-19 protection, agriculture practices, fodder and animal vaccination.

5,507 beneficiaries received livelihoods assets, including crops, fodder and livestock assets.



FOOD SECURITY

246,993 people reached

WV Iraq in FY21 continued to partner with WFP implementing almost 65% of their grants in Iraq.

WV Iraq implemented two large food security projects in **30 IDPs and Refugee camps** in Duhok and Erbil for Iraqi IDPs and Syrian Refugees.

WV Iraq also implemented a resilience project (Cash for training project) called EMPACT providing English and Digital Literacy training to **2,144** people from the host community, IDPs, returnees and refugees in Duhok, Ninewa and Erbil.

WV Iraq provided over **246,993** people with cash/ food assistance every month throughout the reporting period.



WASH

170,013 people reached

WV Iraq's WASH interventions in FY21 mainly focused on ensuring adequate access to safe, equitable and sustainable clean water, dignified sanitation and education of appropriate hygiene behaviours and practices for children and families living in returnee areas and emergency settings such as camps.

77,628 people had their water supply systems and health centres rehabilitated/restored.

91,777 people received P&G water purification kits and Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials.

15 Department of Water engineers and water supply system operators trained on water resource management.

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HEALTH

10,085 people reached

WV Iraq assisted with the rehabilitation of WASH facilities in health centres. WV Iraq also built the capacity of the local health personnel in communications and ObGyn skills needed by the communities. In addition, awareness-raising programmes regarding Covid-19, nutrition and other relevant concerns reached thousands of people in FY2021.

5,313 people received medical treatment.

4,295 people had their awareness raised on WAYCS, Covid-19 and hygiene.

101 trainers trained (ToT) to train doctor nurses and midwives on various medically needed approaches by communities.

376 mothers reached through Mother-to-Mother groups sessions on nutrition, stunting and breastfeeding.



EDUCATION AND PROTECTION

44,096 people reached

WV Iraq works to support children and youth, particularly in regards to protection and to address the disruption of education as a result of conflict and displacement. This means providing and raising awareness around psycho-social support. WV Iraq also rehabilitated WASH Facilities in schools. In FY21 we assisted:

37,707 children and caregivers through child protection (CP) and psycho-social support awareness-raising activities.

1,015 psycho-social support kits were distributed to children in target areas.

4,158 school children have increased access to basic sanitation facilities through the provision of gender-specific latrine stalls in schools.



GENDER EQUALITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION (GESI)

GESI is fully mainstreamed across all WV Iraq programs and projects. GESI is integral to achieving World Vision's "Our Promise" strategy and child well-being objectives.

By mainstreaming GESI in all projects and programs, WV Iraq intentionally addresses and works towards challenging the root causes of vulnerability sustained by gender inequality and social exclusion. Through the GESI lens, WV Iraq remains committed to working with communities to ease restrictive socio-cultural norms, rebalance unequal power relations, and reform disempowering systems to meet the most vulnerable peoples' needs and create sustainable change for the children of Iraq.

Faith and Development

Pope Francis' historic first apostolic visit to Iraq in March 2021 (which marks the first papal visit to the country) was a significant event that highlighted the need for greater investment in re-building community ties and social cohesion in Iraq. In preparation for the Pope's arrival, WV Iraq co-led the development and dissemination of a joint interfaith statement signed by 29 NGOs highlighting our commitment to supporting recovery and peace-building.

During the year, WV Iraq has remained committed to expanding our Faith and Development (F&D) programming and to work with diverse faith leaders in the areas in which we operate to reach the communities we work with to raise awareness on several key issues like child well-being as well as promote social cohesion. Activities included:

- Social cohesion and Do No Harm workshop conducted for 16 WV Iraq staff with the assistance of MEER.
- 30 Faith Leaders received Do No Harm training in Tooz.
- Engagement with more than 10 Churches and with 80 multi-faith leaders (Christian, Yezidi, Kakai, Sabeian Mandaean, Bahai, and Suni and Shia Muslims) to build trust between communities to address vulnerability, injustice, poverty, and child well-being.

In addition, WV Iraq implemented the F&D Global Fund for Covid-19 Response (COVIR) Project, which worked through nine faith leaders to reach over 1,350 people with messaging around child protection and Covid-19. The project also worked through church partnerships and faith communities to promote social cohesion and peace-building by equipping church leaders and their congregation in holistic ministry, child well-being, advocacy and justice.

WV Iraq also worked with four faith leaders in Tooz in Salah Al-Din governorate to communicate messaging on water conservation and child protection to 3,924 people as part of the Better Schools and Services Project.



A Yezidi mother, Narin (center) in an IDP camp one day before the 7th Anniversary of the Yezidi Genocide in Sinjar. She is one of 200,000 IDPs that remain displaced.
Photo: Shayan Nuradeen


ADVOCACY

In 2021, WV Iraq's advocacy efforts ranged from advocating for smooth humanitarian access and coordination of assistance individually as well as through joint NGO platforms to empowering community groups on child protection. WV Iraq response director, Nicole Peter, was interim co-chair of the NGO Coordination Committee for Iraq (NCCI) at the beginning of the year and was instrumental in ushering in fundamental and mandated changes by Iraqi authorities for the continuation of NCCI's activities in Iraq.

WV Iraq also sought opportunities to raise the profile of Iraq to a global audience and highlight humanitarian and resilience-building needs. WV Iraq took part in two significant submissions to joint policy briefs through the Advocacy Working Group to renew the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) mandate and the occasion of the Iraqi prime minister's visit to the United States of America. World Vision, among others, was invited to meet with and discuss the brief with the US Senate Committee on Foreign Relations in August 2021.

In addition, WV Iraq produced several research reports in numerous areas, including women's economic empowerment, WASH business plan and health-system strengthening; an academic publication on mental health and psycho-social support (MHPSS); and several market and value-chain assessments. With the knowledge gained from these, advocacy efforts continue to be evidence-based and seek to identify tangible steps to assist people in Iraq.

WV Iraq is an active participant of the NGO Coordination Committee for Iraq's Advocacy Working Group and participates in joint initiatives on several issues. In 2021, WV Iraq worked with Save the Children Iraq and Oxfam Iraq to develop a policy brief on the impending drought facing Iraq.



Azzam (tallest boy in the back) aged 12 lives with his family in an IDP camp. He collects waste metal from construction sites and remnants of war to sell to help his family.
Photo: Shayan Nuradeen

Our National Impact 2021

37,707
children

and their caregivers
were reached through
Child Protection and
MHPSS awareness
raising activities



77,628
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rehabilitated and
repaired



91,777
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received safe water handling
awareness sessions, IEC
materials and P&G water
purification products



246,993
people,
including

116,086
children,
were assisted
with cash for
food

31,292
people

were reached through hygiene
promotion awareness including on
Covid-19 awareness, menstrual
hygiene and hygiene related issues



Cash plus (safety net and livelihood
diversification) activities benefited

13,774 people

4

faith leaders

were trained on safe water conservation,
child protection and safe identification and
referral systems



5,507 families

families received livelihoods assets (crop/
livestock assets), including sheep fodder,
poultry fodder, green houses and
irrigation and water systems.



1,848
people

received livelihoods skills training (business management, green houses, micro/small business, dripping irrigation systems, cultivation and PPE)



101
trainers

to train other health care professionals

The module on communications skill was adopted as part of the curriculum for continued professional education of medical professionals

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engaged in dialogues and training to build trust between communities to address vulnerability, injustice, poverty, and child well-being

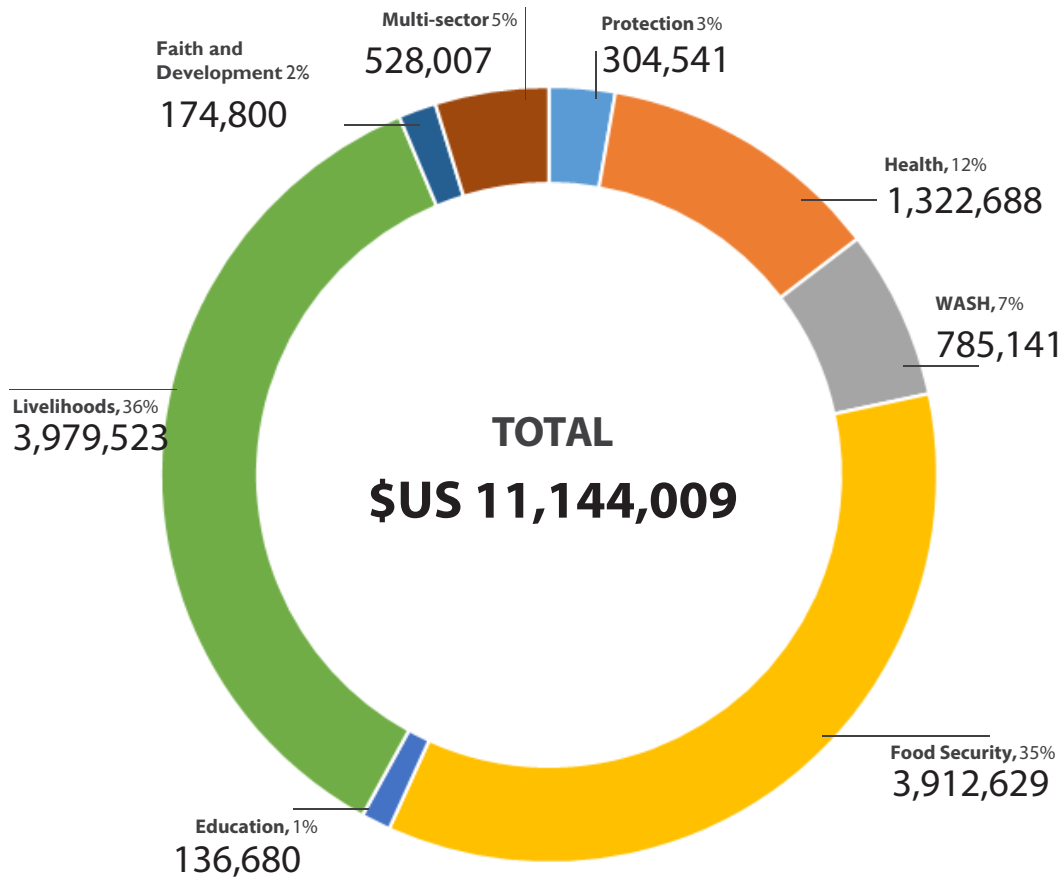
2,022
parents and caregivers



reached through positive parenting programmes

Financial Summary

Total Approved Income By Sector (cash - USD)



Total FY21 expenditure

Expenditure Category	YTD Actuals \$US	YTD Budget \$US
Cash Projects	11,565,968	11,144,009
GIK Projects	1,363,729	2,301,987
Cash/Voucher Transfer (GIK) Expense	15,342,334	19,782,890
Cash/Voucher Transfer Expense	18,470,844	16,640,870
Total	46,742,873	49,869,754

Total FY21 Approved by Donor (cash only)

Sector	Approved Income \$US	Approved Income, %
Protection	304,541	3%
Health/MHPSS	1,322,688	12%
WASH	785,141	7%
Food Security/Cash	3,912,629	35%
Education	136,680	1%
Livelihoods	3,979,523	36%
Faith and Development	174,800	2%
Multi-Sector	528,007	5%
Total	11,144,009	100%

Our Partners

In line with our Global Strategy and Our Promise, World Vision Iraq collaborates and partners with various stakeholders including the Government of Iraq (GOI) and Kurdistan Region Government (KRG) ministries, institutions and departments including local authorities in all the areas in which we operate.

World Vision Iraq is grateful for the funding as well as all forms of support received from all our partners.

World Vision Support Offices: WV Australia, WV Canada, WV Germany, WV Japan, WV US, WV New Zealand

Government, Multilateral Institutions and Private sector donors:



Foundations : Visser Family Gift (VRF), Fresenius Foundation

Implementing Partners :



“Today I cried, and I felt that I am alone and I don’t have my husband to help us anymore. I remembered the time of fleeing from Sinjar and I remembered everyone’s situation as we all fled.”

Shared Nahla



Nahla and two of her six children in their hut in an IDP Camp. She is one of thousands of IDPs who have nowhere to return to.
Photo: Shayan Nuradeen

Nahla who is from around Sinjar is 31 years old and is living alone with her six children in a tent in Khanke Camp, one of the camps for the internally displaced persons in Duhok. The eldest of her children is fourteen and the youngest is two years old. Her husband passed away six months ago as he suffered from kidney disease.

When Nahla was a child, her family, like many residents of Sinjar, relied on agriculture to make a living. During the farming season, she would go with her parents to help. When she turned 16 years of age, she was married off. In a year, she had her first baby. Her husband had a disability resulting in an impairment of his legs. During those years of marriage, they relied on government aid provided to her husband, and they had a small shop in the village. They lived a quiet and modest life.

However, from one day to the next, things got much more difficult for Nahla. One sunny morning, she was peacefully baking bread for the family, but the peace was broken when the area around her house broke out in a panic, and everyone started talking about a group of people who were coming to invade their city. Fearing for their lives, Nahla and her family left everything behind, got into a car and fled. Nahla remembers that day in vivid detail, “We ran away directly to Kurdistan Region of Iraq. We were on the road for more than 10 hours, and it was very crowded. My uncle in law drove the car. We even didn’t know who these people coming were, but we feared they would capture and slaughter us.”

It has been seven years since Nahla and her children have lived in the camp. With the recent death of her husband, the family has lost his disability benefits, and the family’s financial situation has become severe.

Nahla is worried now more than ever - “Many times we didn’t have food to eat”. She continues to share, “We are dependent on the monthly assistance from World Vision. If it gets delayed by a day, we won’t have food to eat. It became very difficult after my husband passed away. We are dependent on the assistance we receive from this organisation. If there is no such aid, some of my children and I would have to go to the farm and work seasonally, and the amount we get would be only 7,000 IQD (US\$ 4.8) per day.” Of course, she would only get a job if she was able and available. This is a drought year, and farms are not hiring as many people as before. Until recently, Nahla’s health has also not allowed her to work. Nahla had kidney stones which made working difficult.

Nahla gets cash assistance from WV Iraq every month. She uses the money on food and medical expenses as two of her children have medical conditions.

WV Iraq has been partnering with WFP for seven years, providing life-saving assistance to internally displaced persons. There are 136,912 Yazidis displaced in all camps in Duhok that WV Iraq provides cash for food assistance. In Khanke camp, WV Iraq has provided aid to 14,376 displaced Yazidis.

“The problem with the water is that the river is polluted. In 1976, my dad was responsible for projects (to clean it up). I used to accompany him to see how they would clean the water with chlorine and analyze the water. But now there is nothing. Because (maybe) there are not much (cleaning materials) in the storages or because of the conflict. Water is a big problem. Water is the secret of life. Water is a way of life. Up to 90% of kidney diseases are (because of) water. Before the conflict, the village had 20 houses, now there are 100 houses. And we all depend on this one source of water. Now most people use the sterilizing methods.”

Mohammed, 52, Ninewa Governorate, Iraq, P&G project

“Before we were displaced, our situation was much better. But now it is different. There is no work. Livestock is expensive to buy and it is also expensive to keep, as fodder is expensive. Life has become expensive. When we returned, my house was burnt and everything was gone. We started from zero. There was no feed or fodder, and it came in just the right time. The fodder is concentrated, and the production of eggs increased. It helps us as they multiplied. We use them for our daily meals and the rest we sell them. Our dream is to live in safety and raise our children correctly.”

Husam, 34, from Ninewa Governorate, Iraq, IHF Project

“I learned I must wear masks and not to take my mask off. I must not touch others and wash my hands.”

Isra*, 12, one of the participants of a Covid-19 awareness session for children in Ninewa Governorate, JPF Project

“They (World Vision Iraq team) provided us with chicken fodder. I will give you an example, the chicken was making an egg or two in a week, but afterwards, we started to have eggs every day. I have 100 chickens, and every day each one lays an egg. Lots of blessings.”

Sultan, 40, is the father of 9 children from Ninewa governorate, Iraq, IHF Project

“One of the good things that I did in my life was going back to school even though there was little encouragement or support. But I am proud that I took this decision when I was young. I was only 18. I got a (graduation) certificate when I had two children and I had the responsibility of cleaning the house. And the decision to continue my education and my work balanced my life, compensating me for the wrong decision that was made on my behalf (getting married early).”

Mona, 30, a caseworker for Al-Ghad Organization and currently World Vision Iraq staff, JPF Project

**Our vision for every child,
life in all its fullness.**

**Our prayer for every heart,
the will to make it so.**



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Front cover: Azzam's sister in the IDP camp - in front of the family tent (Azzam's photo on Page 10)

Back cover: Aysha (12) from Ninewa governorate in Iraq - her village received P&G water purifier. Photos: Shayan Nuradeen