

IRAQ

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

World Vision



Message from the Response Director

I am pleased to share our World Vision Iraq Annual Report for the FY22 covering the period from October 2021 to September 2022. Our strategic focus is to put the most vulnerable girls and boys first and in this Report we present what we have been doing to reach, and deepen the impact for, the children of Iraq. Children like six-year-old Hajer who was on the verge of missing schooling, and Layla and her siblings whose family could not afford accessible water and sanitation facilities in their home.

FY22 brought continuing and new challenges such as the continued impact of years of conflict, climate change and lack of income opportunities while overall funding to Iraq's humanitarian response declined.

In line with this transition from a humanitarian to a development response in Iraq, and as the locations of those most in need have changed, we have been intentionally shifting our operations and programmatic focus and re-strategizing our response. However, alongside longer-term development needs, the humanitarian response is still essential. Sharing the vision of Humanitarian Development and Peace Nexus, WV Iraq has been assisting communities to recover more sustainably from various shocks and disasters as well as building on resilience and reintegration, economic and climate justice, and systems strengthening, while continually addressing issues of hunger and basic needs.

As a result, World Vision programming in FY22 reached 358,710 people and impacted more than 164,843 children through our WASH, Education/Protection, Health/MHPSS and Cash & Livelihoods interventions contributing to child well-being outcomes. Our cross cutting themes include Faith and Development, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI), social cohesion.

We have further expanded and grew our operations in Federal Iraq to respond to the evolving needs of vulnerable boys and girls, including their families in communities such as Anbar.

As we look forward to the next year we remain agile, adaptive and committed to supporting the most vulnerable children and their families, making sure that the effects of years of conflict, climate change and instability will not force them to move again.

We are grateful to our donors, partners, peers, faith leaders and local authorities for their continued support. Our work would not have been possible without them.

Larisa Klepac
Response Director
World Vision Iraq





Isra* (32) in an emotional moment with her son
Safe Return Project, Ninewa, Iraq
Photo: Aveen Hussein Ali

2022 AT A GLANCE

74 National staff
10 International staff
1 Secondment
315 Casual staff
2 Consultants

358,710 Individuals
benefited from our work

14 Projects

7 Donors



Taha with his six month old baby. Taha is living with disability and he benefited from accessible WASH rehabilitation in his home, Kirkuk, Iraq.

Photo: Ahmed Latif Abid

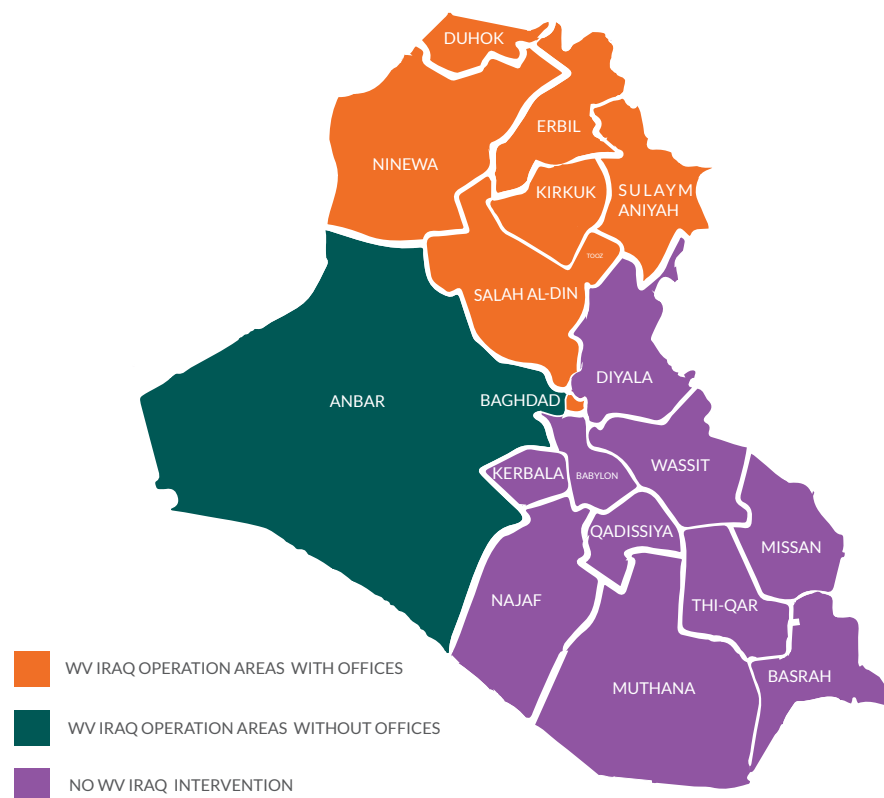
We are World Vision

World Vision has been responding in Iraq since 2014 and has worked with Syrian refugees, IDPs, host communities and returnees. Working in Erbil, Sulaymaniyah, Duhok, Kirkuk, Salah al-Din and Ninewa, World Vision Iraq (WV Iraq) has reached 358,710 people in FY22 with a funding portfolio of \$US 11,955,834 (in cash and in kind).

WV Iraq continues to geographically expand and grow our presence to respond to the evolving needs of vulnerable boys and girls, including their families and communities. We are intentionally deepening our commitment to children to help them develop 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 children, women, and men to help alleviate their suffering and rebuild their lives. Our response prioritizes interventions in WASH, Health, Food Assistance (through cash-based programming), Livelihoods, Education, Child Protection and Faith & Development activities.

Cross-cutting themes are 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.




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 2022, this was demonstrated by ongoing activities to assist internally displaced persons, returnees and refugees from Northeast Syria and efforts to mainstream resilience to the effects climate change 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.

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 2023, 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 stabilize existing operational areas while tapping into potential new locations such as Anbar Governorate that have higher levels of needs and for which we can realistically mount a response.



Abdullah's son is showing us how clean and hygienic the water is after the implementation of a pipeline project in his neighborhood, Tooze, Salah al-Din, Iraq.

Photo: Shayan Nuradeen

Overview of Iraq priority sectors



LIVELIHOODS 28,961 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 partnership with UNDP, WVAUS, OCHA-IHF, In FY22, we reached 28,961 people in Ninewa and Salah Al-Din governorates

Displaced people, host communities and returnees were the focus of much of this support. For instance, WV organised business and agriculture training sessions alongside providing cash assistance, and provided support for people to establish their own businesses.



FOOD SECURITY 221,934 people reached

WV Iraq in FY22 continued to partner with WVAUS, OCHA-IHF- EMPACT-WFP, to secure food for for people at risk of hunger and malnutrition, specifically those returning to their homes, vulnerable women and farmers, and Syrian refugees living in the districts and villages of Ninawa and Kirkuk.

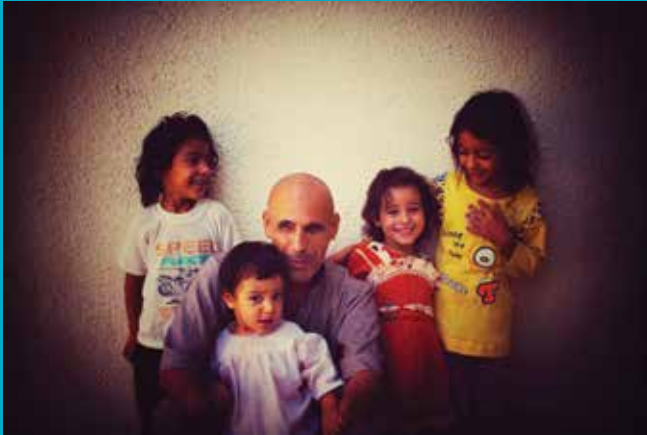
WV Iraq implemented a range of projects and activities across Erbil, Ninewa and Dohuk, supporting 221,934 people in FY22.



WASH 50,992 people reached

In FY22, WV Iraq's WASH interventions mostly focused on providing inclusive WASH facilities and waste management in schools and healthcare facilities, benefiting children, women and people living with disabilities. WV Iraq also enhanced the provision of drinking water at the community level as well as accessible WASH facilities at the household level, promoting, promoting appropriate hygiene behaviours and practices for children in schools and families living in returnee areas. During this fiscal year, WV Iraq promoted water-saving approaches and promoted a water safety plan to enhance communities' resilience to climate change impacts. WV Iraq has also empowered school management teams to ensure sustainable WASH facilities in schools and enhance the capacity of of Department of Water engineers and operators, specifically with regard to water safety, ensuring that drinking water supplies to climate and conflict affected communities are safe.

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HEALTH/ MHPSS

20,661 people reached

In FY22, WV Iraq continued its work in Health System Strengthening while focusing more intently upon Mental Health and Psychosocial Support, and training provision.

The following achievements highlight WV Iraq's commitment to a holistic health support, including MHPSS, community engagement and capacity building. These efforts aim to improve the overall wellbeing and health of Iraqis across our operational areas.



EDUCATION AND PROTECTION

19,345 people reached

WV Iraq aims to protect and support children and youth, as well as to overcome the disruption of education resulting from conflict and displacement. During FY22, World Vision Iraq provided case management, referral, awareness raising on child protection risks and education, and capacity development for local NGOs, educational personnel, and others involved in child protection. Meanwhile, WV's programs included the provision of WASH facilities and the light restoration of existing facilities.



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 deriving from gender inequality and social exclusion.

Through the GESI lens, WV Iraq remains committed to working with communities, community leaders and local authorities to mitigate the harmful effects of rebalance unequal power relations between men and women, and reform disempowering systems to meet the most vulnerable peoples' needs and create sustainable change for the children of Iraq.

Faith and Development

In the Iraqi context for the fiscal year 2022, Faith and Development played a crucial role in shaping the country's path toward social cohesion, stability, and inclusive development. Recognizing the significance of religious and spiritual beliefs in the lives of Iraqi communities, efforts are being made to foster collaboration and understanding between faith leaders and WV Iraq by integrating faith perspectives into development programming; there is a focus on promoting child wellbeing, peacebuilding, reconciliation, and the protection of the rights of religious minorities. Moreover, WV Iraq launched several initiatives to enhance community resilience and address the challenges faced in the aftermath of the pandemic of COVID-19. Through these endeavors, WV Iraq's approaches contribute to a holistic and inclusive vision for Iraq's development, engaging diverse religious and ethnic groups in several interfaith dialogue sessions in pursuing a harmonious and prosperous future for children and their communities in Iraq.

During the year, WV Iraq has remained committed to expanding our Faith and Development (F&D) programming and to working with diverse faith leaders in the areas in which we operate to reach the communities we work with to raise awareness on several critical issues like child wellbeing as well as promoting social cohesion. Highlights of F&D activities during FY22 include:

WV Iraq conducted eight interfaith dialogue sessions with 43 faith and local community leaders on the impact of Covid-19, child wellbeing, and social cohesion, framed according to child protection and education, preventing violence against women and children, health, and WASH. This work highlighted the role of these leaders in awareness raising and challenging harmful norms, promoting both child wellbeing and social cohesion.

WV Iraq conducted three workshops on Positive Peace, Social cohesion, and inter-faith engagement to increase the capacity of 30 faith leaders from Erbil in cooperation with World Vision Global Center and the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP). The workshops drafted an orientation and tools for positive peace, social cohesion, and inter-faith engagement to adopt in the current and future Faith and social cohesion programs of WV in Iraq.



Mother Caroline during one of the Faith and Development Sessions, Erbil, Iraq.

Photo: Shayan Nuradeen



Kawther with her children in the yard of their home. Kawther was part of the Economic Recovery and Livelihoods Project . With a small grant she was able to open a small project to sell natural yogurt in Ninewa, Iraq.

Photo: Marwa Arshad Saadon.

6,330  children

and their caregivers were reached through child protection and MHPSS awareness raising activities

11,2675  people

benefited from new construction of WASH facilities, improved the accessibility and management of public WASH services in public facilities

168  people

received grants supporting market driven Micro Small and Medium Enterprises

5,944  people

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

5,070  faith leaders

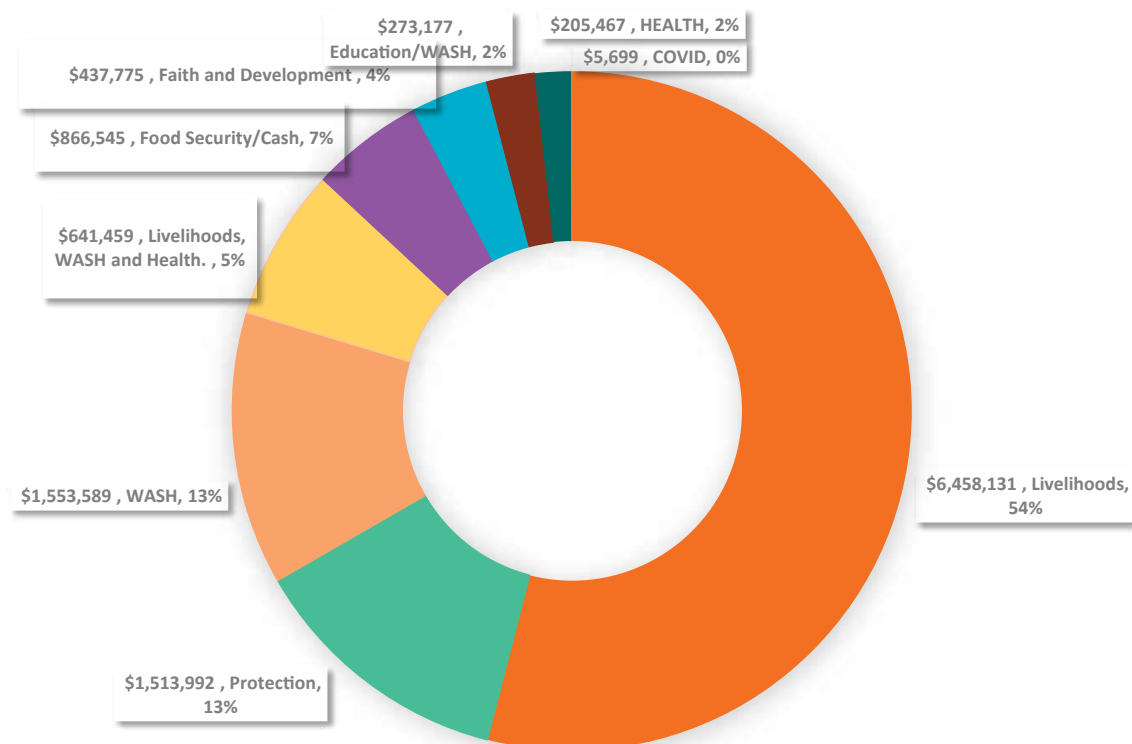
were trained on safe water conservation, child protection and safe identification and referral systems

More than 25  faith leaders

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

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Total Approved Income By Sector (cash - USD)



WVI Iraq Funding by Sector FY22 (Cash only)

Sector	Approved Income, US\$	Approved Income, %
Livelihoods	\$ 6,458,131	54%
Protection	\$ 1,513,992	13%
WASH	\$ 1,553,589	13%
Food Security/Cash	\$ 866,545	7%
Livelihoods, WASH and Health.	\$ 641,459	5%
Faith and Development	\$ 437,775	4%
Education/WASH	\$ 273,177	2%
HEALTH	\$ 205,467	2%
COVID	\$ 5,699	0%
Total Cash + Non-Cash	\$ 11,955,834	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

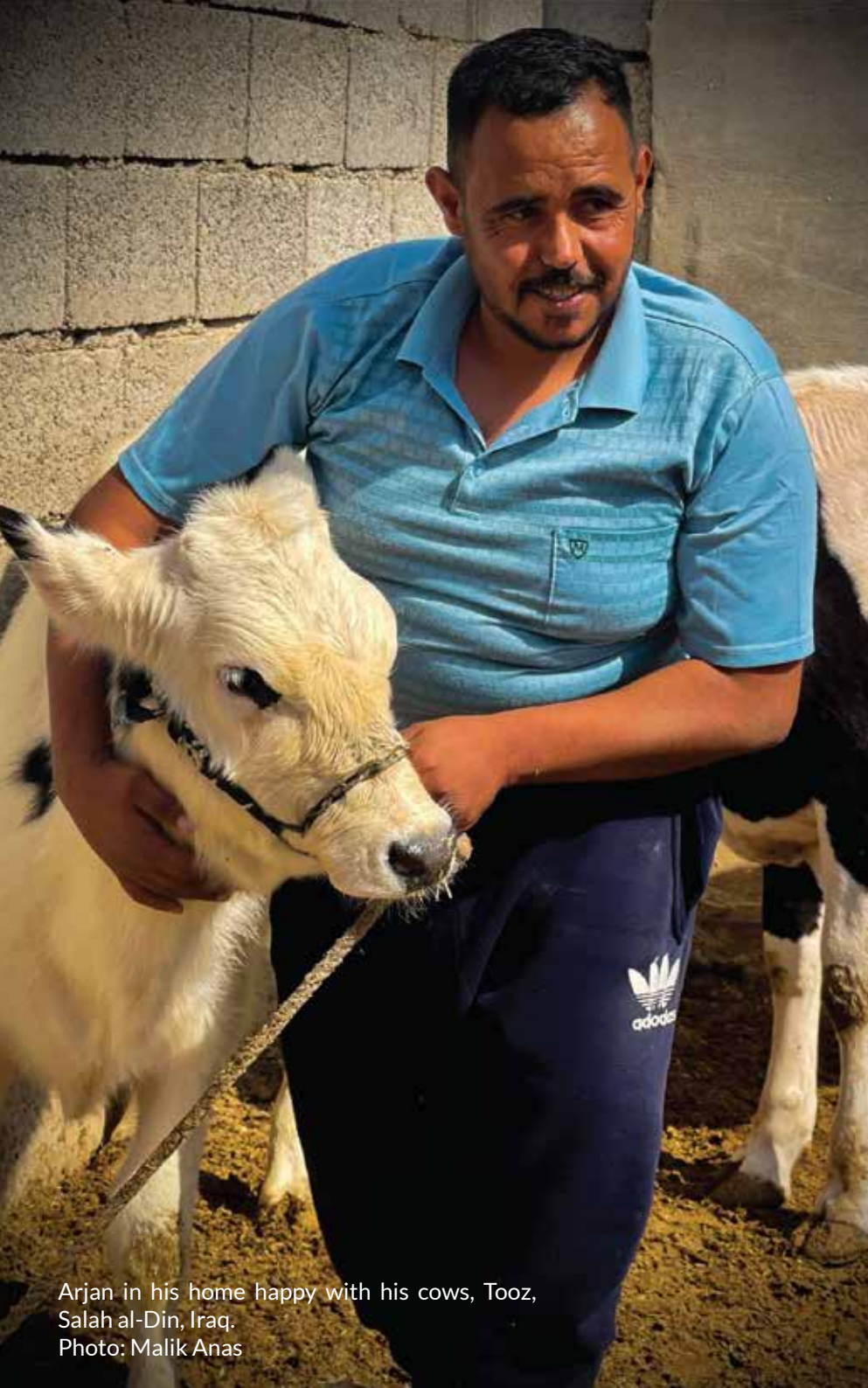
Government, Multilateral Institutions and Private sector donors:



Foundations : Visser Family Gift (VRF), Fresenius Foundation

Implementing Partners:





Arjan in his home happy with his cows, Tooz, Salah al-Din, Iraq.
Photo: Malik Anas

Arjan, (31) grew up at his parents' farm in a town that is five kilometers away from Tooz where he still lives with his wife and three children. From the start, life presented him with challenges as he was unable to walk at all due to disability at birth. But he persevered. His father used to take him in a wheelchair to show him how he was feeding and caring for cows. Arjan's dream in those days was to move towards them and feed them with his hands. Since those days, Arjan has grown up with the cows which have always made him happy. Life got even more difficult for Arjan when the conflict started in his area. Bombing of their town began in the middle of the night. With loud explosions coming closer and closer, Arjan and his family were in grave danger. So the family fled in the night, out of town with whatever they could move with them. Arjan didn't leave the cows behind though, he took them with him and nothing more.

While they were lucky to get away with their lives, problems continued for Arjan and his family. Having left their home, they did not find a suitable place for themselves and the cows in Tooz so they moved again. They also did not have enough money to feed the cows so the cows began to get sick and die.

Arjan's psychological state drastically deteriorated then and he subsequently became ill, not leaving his bed for more than fifteen days. Following tests, Arjan had to leave Iraq for surgery on his spine to prevent further deterioration to his mobility. The surgery was very expensive for the family who had lost everything. The family sold off the remaining cows to collect money, as well as get donations from the people of the region to afford the procedure. They also borrowed money and fell into debt to make up the balance to pay for the surgery. His sister in law said, "A lot of days passed and we could only eat one meal during a whole day."

Nevertheless, his uncle took him to India where he stayed for more than fifteen days to get the treatment he needed. And after they brought him back, Arjan remained immobile for more than twenty days. When the conflict ended, the family returned to their village after more than five years of suffering, disease and poverty to their burned down home. Arjan, his wife, his brother and his parents started cleaning the house and restored it step by step. Arjan restored and cleaned the cow barn by himself. He said "I believed that I would find an opportunity to bring our cows back again."

At this time, World Vision Iraq in partnership with UNDP Iraq and with funding from by BMZ and KFW was implementing a Sustainable Livelihoods and Economic Recovery Project. The project helped more than 840 beneficiaries in Tooz in general and more than 50 beneficiaries from Arjan's town specifically. Arjan was able to participate in business management training courses. During these courses, Arjan always came early for lectures throughout the course, and was one of the most active and engaged members. Excited to take advantage of this opportunity and achieve his dream After this, Arjan received a grant from the Sustainable Livelihoods project and immediately bought a cow with her calf, taking them to a barn on the family farm, beginning at last to restore what was lost. Now Arjan is the one who takes care of these cows and feeds them. When the cow started to produce milk, he began selling dairy produce to the people of his town.

Testimonies

"I was married for twenty-eight years and five to six years widowed with my children, but the happiest moment of my life is now. I am living better now than at any other time in the past. I am meeting my children's needs. It is the most difficult thing when your children ask you for something, and you can't do it for them. At those moments, I would wish to die."

**Fatma, 49, Ninewa Governorate,
Iraq, UNDP Project**

"I could not see well before, but now it is good. I am (now) also comfortable with my glasses. At first, when I got the glasses, I felt dizzy, but then I got used to it. (Before) I could not see the teacher's board, but now I can. I can see now. I see things in the distance even. Before, I could not see anything that was far away."

**Dunya, 12, from Ninewa Governorate,
Iraq, Japan Platform Project**

"Honestly, I have been involved with many organizations but I have never been involved in peace-building. I was working before on gender-based violence and psychosocial support. I am now new to this field of peace-building. When we returned after the conflict, it was very difficult. But now it is different. We are out together again and relations are back. But we need more trainings like these and to spread these lessons more. And to focus on women more so that women also know their rights, build their capacities, and participate in decision making. Women have a big influence on the society."

**Liza, 32, Ninewa Governorate, Iraq,
Safe Returns Project**

"We had sessions every day about how to deal with an angry patient, breaking bad news, and how to hone body language skills. My communication skills improved and I benefited a lot from this training. Communication skills are very important because it allows the patient to be open to us. We make the patient close to us through our facial expressions, body language and the way we talk."

**Dr. Diana, Erbil Governorate, Iraq,
Else Kröner Fresenius-Stiftung Project**

"(Although) the grant is small, it changed my life for the better. I started to help my husband. The burden on him was heavy. I returned my children to school. And my daughter, who dropped out, is now waiting for the external exam result. I said I must have them return to school. You know that eight children is not a small (number), the expenses of school, the transportation and the stationaries."

**Azia, 44, Ninewa Governorate,
Iraq, UNDP Project**

"This program came for the sake of child protection. Honestly, through this training, I got to know the organization and the different participants. This getting to know and this coexistence among the different components of Iraq made me feel that we are just Iraqis and there is no difference among us. Then the dialogue. Before I thought that the men from other religions wouldn't talk to women. But when I saw the appreciation and the respect they bestowed on the women, I passed by that old idea and I got new ideas through World Vision Iraq."

**Sister Caroline, Erbil Governorate, Iraq,
Faith and Development 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 and back cover: Hajer, (6), is excited to return to school and to go through her notebook with World Vision Iraq Staff in Mosul, Iraq.

Photos: Shayan Nuradeen

