

COUNTRY PROFILE IRAQ

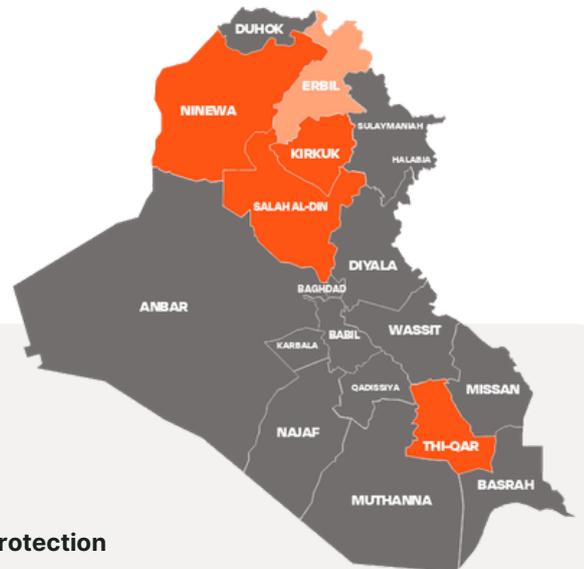
Overview

World Vision (WV) is a Christian humanitarian, development and advocacy organisation devoted to improving the lives of children, families, and their communities, regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or gender. WV has been responding to Iraq's humanitarian crisis since 2014 and works with refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPs), host communities, returnees, youth, and women. In response to the evolving context in Iraq and shifting humanitarian needs, WV Iraq continues to adapt its operational approach and strategy.

Iraq presents a complex context with significant humanitarian and development needs. In line with the Humanitarian–Development–Peace Nexus, WV Iraq's programme approach is to assist communities to recover more sustainably from various shocks and disasters, as well as building resilience, reintegration, and economic and climate justice, while continually addressing issues of hunger and basic needs.

WV Iraq's strategy is built around four strategic dimensions: 1) Impact, 2) Funding, 3) Operational Excellence, and 4) People Learning and Growth.

Our programming focuses on Climate Resilience, Economic Empowerment, Education, Protection, Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS), and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), contributing to child well-being outcomes and reaching 1.1 million children through advocacy efforts, and 426,709 direct beneficiaries in 2025. Our cross-cutting themes include Faith and Development, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI), and Social Cohesion. WV Iraq continues to expand geographically to respond to the evolving needs of vulnerable boys and girls, their families, and communities, currently operating in six governorates: Erbil, Kirkuk, Ninewa, Salah Al-Din, and Thi-Qar.



2025 IN NUMBERS

PEOPLE REACHED INCLUDING ADVOCACY



1.3 Million



Child Protection
28,039



Education
3,513



MHPSS
3,040

DIRECT REACH



People
426,709 including
(661) adults and
children with
Disabilities



Faith & Development
12,919



WASH
330,740



Children
180,964



Livelihood
2,609



Gender and Protection
5,263

ANNUAL BUDGET

US \$8.01 Million



Cash Programming
2,540



Climate Action (ESCA)
40,661



Livelihood & Economic Empowerment

We support vulnerable communities in rural and urban areas to rebuild livelihoods and pursue new income opportunities by improving business skills, expanding access to finance through saving groups and microfinance institutions, and strengthening market linkages through inclusive market systems development.

Climate Change

Climate stress is a cross-cutting driver of vulnerability in Iraq, exacerbating water scarcity, displacement, livelihood loss, and protection risks. Our Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) and ecosystem-based approaches are integrated across WASH, livelihoods, and community resilience programming to strengthen adaptive capacity at household and systems levels. We contribute to long-term climate resilience while protecting child well-being.



Child Protection, MHPSS & Education

We strengthen child protection systems and provide MHPSS to help children, especially girls and vulnerable youth, recover from trauma, build resilience, and live free from violence, while supporting safe access to education. Through safe spaces, case management, and community engagement, our work also contributes to improved national MHPSS services, enhancing quality and reach across Iraq.

Peacebuilding & Social Inclusion

We advance social cohesion and violence prevention by integrating conflict sensitivity and inclusive approaches across the Humanitarian–Development–Peace Nexus. Through dialogue among communities, civil society, government actors, and faith leaders, we address drivers of tension and support sustainable peace.



WASH

We provide safe, equitable, and sustainable access to clean water, dignified sanitation, and essential hygiene education for children, families, and persons with disabilities, ensuring inclusive and accessible WASH services that meet the needs of the most vulnerable.

Gender Equality & Social Inclusion (GESI)

We work with communities to ease restrictive socio-cultural norms, rebalance unequal power relations and reform disempowering systems to meet the most vulnerable people's needs and create sustainable change for the children of Iraq.



CROSS CUTTING PRIORITIES

Context Monitoring

We use real-time monitoring to move from reactive response to proactive decision-making. Anticipating risks and seizing opportunities before they escalate to ensure our operations remain fluid and effective.

Faith and Development

By partnering with multi-faith leaders, we transform shared spiritual convictions into concrete action for child well-being, healing community divisions and building a foundation of social harmony.

Research Evidence

By partnering with academic institutions, we generate context-specific insights that allow us to pivot with precision. We use data to innovate, ensuring every investment drives maximum, measurable change.

Accountability to Affected Populations

We seek to be accountable to all our stakeholders, to the children and the communities that we serve. Our four practices include 1) Providing information, 2) Consulting with communities, 3) Promoting participation, 4) Collecting and acting on feedback and complaints.

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Localisation

Through our Partner of Choice (POC) initiative, we identify and co-invest in local organizations, sharpening their technical and operational mastery. By placing local leaders at the heart of program design and implementation, we ensure every intervention is grounded in the community and built for the long term.

Alignment with Government Policies

Our programme directly contributes to government priorities: Iraq Vision 2030; Nationally Determined Contributions; 2016 National Child Protection Policy; National Strategy on Early Childhood Development; National Environmental Strategy Action Plan (NESAP); National Adaptation Plan (NAP); Digital Transformation Strategy

Strengthening Child and Youth Participation

World Vision Iraq established a Child and Youth Committee, marking a key milestone in institutionalising meaningful participation and enabling young people to engage in local dialogue and inform community-level decision-making.

Our focus remains steadfast: by keeping children and their families at the center of all we do, we move beyond immediate relief toward building climate-resilient, cohesive, and self-sustaining communities.



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