

COUNTRY PROFILE

World Vision established its operations in the Kurdish Region of Iraq (KRI) in September 2014. World Vision's operations were concentrated in its three governorates: Erbil, Duhok and Sulaymaniyah.

Since September 2014, World Vision has been implementing emergency response programming among Syrian refugees, Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and host communities. In 2015, programming expanded into Kirkuk, starting off with Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) support.



After completing primary assessments, World Vision secured registration to work in the three governorates focusing its interventions on approximately

2.1 million internally displaced persons (IDPs)

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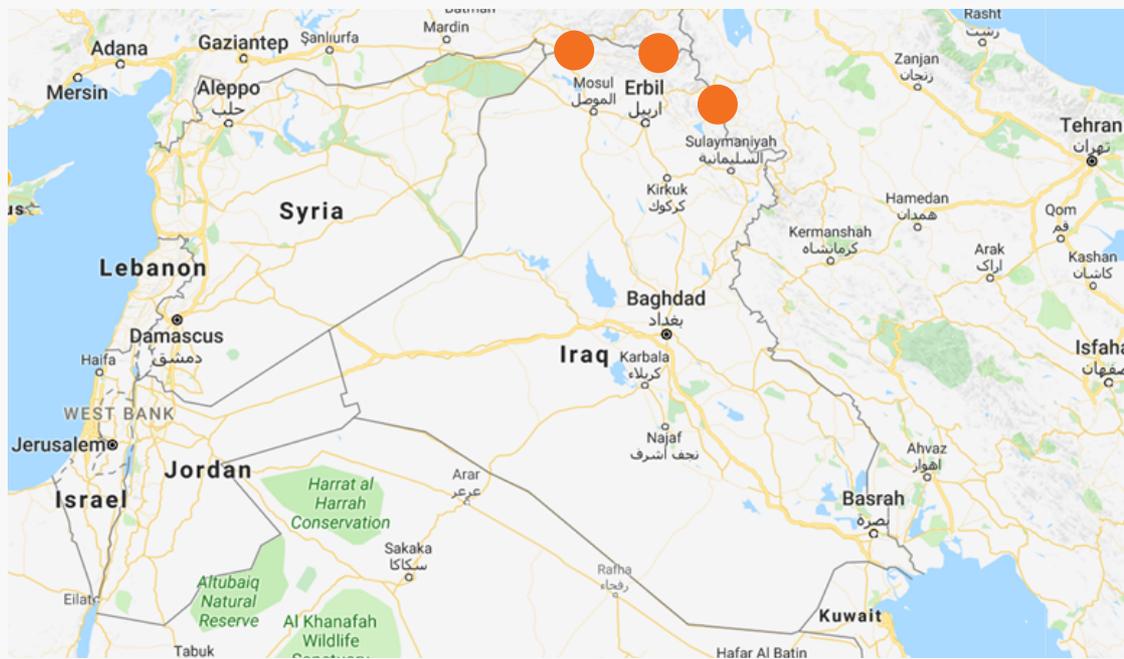
200,000 Syrian refugees.

The major concentration of the response work was on displaced living outside of camps, particularly those who had settled in unused buildings and non-camp structures and who received less support from other organisations.

In March 2016, activities were expanded in Northern Iraq including Mosul.

In 2017, World Vision reached over **930,000 people** in Iraq through Food, Health, Children in Emergencies (including Education and Protection), WASH, NFI and Livelihoods programming.

In January 2018, World Vision was successfully registered with the Government of Iraq, enabling World Vision to continue expanding operations to meet the needs of the most vulnerable.





FOOD PROGRAMME

1,073,255 beneficiaries from 2015-2017

391,350 beneficiaries Oct 2016-Sep 2017

World Vision Food Programme, one of the largest WFP partners in Iraq, has three types of food modalities: cash, vouchers (paper and e-vouchers) and in-kind distributions for both IDPs and Refugees. Every month World Vision provides over 100,000 people with food assistance in 17 camps in Erbil, Duhok, and Sulaymaniyah.

World Vision's accountability system in its food programme is internationally awarded as an industry standard for the best practice with highly developed implementation, feedback mechanisms and the strategy of communicating with communities.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN EMERGENCIES

43,941 beneficiaries (90,071 with secondary beneficiaries) from 2015-2017

31,870 (40,278 with secondary beneficiaries) Oct 2016-Sep 2017

World Vision has worked in several capacities to support children and youth, particularly in regards to protection and the disruption of education as a result of conflict and displacement. World Vision began with Child Friendly Spaces to provide safe environments and restore psychosocial wellbeing for children, youth and families. World Vision has also worked with partners to rehabilitate school in Mosul and provide catch-up classes for children and youth who have lost up to three years of education.

HEALTH

275,376 beneficiaries from 2015-2017

101,578 beneficiaries Oct 2016-Sep 2017

World Vision's main health intervention in Iraq is Primary Health Care (PHC), which primarily targets IDPs in Sulaymaniyah and Kirkuk both in and out of camps. World Vision provides free comprehensive PHC services using both the static and mobile clinic modalities, and records approximately 100,000 consultations annually. The PHC centres are further integrated with Women and Young child spaces, which provide a safe environment for breastfeeding as well as family centred health, hygiene, protection awareness raising, SGBV identification and protection case management.

In addition to comprehensive PHC services, World Vision is responding to mental health needs of the Iraq population by increasing access to both specialised and non-specialised services in Mosul City, Sulaymaniyah and Kirkuk governorates through problem management plus, mHGAP and Psychological First Aid (PFA).

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

1,294,414¹ beneficiaries (1,508,036 with secondary beneficiaries) from 2015-2017

112,852 beneficiaries Oct 2016-Sep 2017

World Vision has conducted water infrastructure programming for both temporary camp solutions and long term sustainable water supply to conflict affected communities. World Vision rehabilitated water treatment plants in Khanke, Khrabdeem and Semel as well as extended water supply networks in Duhok and Ninewa governorates. Rehabilitation of WASH facilities was completed in 30 schools across Kirkuk, Erbil, Duhok, Sulaymaniyah and Ninewa governorates. In addition, World Vision complemented these services with hygiene promotion and disability inclusive facilities. A community wide water conservation campaign also reached 40,000 families in Duhok.

Through a disability inclusive WASH programme in Kirkuk, Hassansham and Khabat districts, World Vision constructed 150 disability inclusive latrines and facilitated empowerment and linkage building sessions with the implementation of 11 community driven inclusive WASH initiatives. World Vision also supported camps with WASH in Hassansham U3, Garmawa and Debaga with full services provided in Hassansham U2.

NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI)

59,151² beneficiaries from Oct 2014-Sep 2017

39,651 beneficiaries Oct 2016-Sep 2017

At least 13,509 people have been provided with kits for winterization, replenishment, and hygiene to meet the pressing needs of the IDPs in many non-camp areas. During the distribution activities, the response team conducted hygiene promotion campaigns that included learning sessions on hand-washing and proper nutrition.

LIVELIHOODS

241 beneficiaries from 2016-2017

241 beneficiaries Oct 2016-Sep 2017

World Vision Livelihoods interventions are designed to address the root causes of food and livelihoods insecurity, promoting self-reliance of vulnerable people at critical times of their lives. Through careful analysis of the market system, projects combine quick wins for short-term impact concurrently with systemic change for long-term sustainability. Activities focus on assisting crisis affected communities through income generation opportunities, value chain development, technical skills training, life skills coaching and introduction of key sustainable farming practices. Through the Youth RESOLVE programme funded by the EU MADAD fund, World Vision is providing life skills coaching, vocational training, apprenticeship placement and support services for youth.





Of Iraq's population of 37 million people, 8.7 million people³ are in need of humanitarian assistance today.⁴ Of the total 8.7 million, nearly one half are children.

The 2018 Humanitarian Response Plan for Iraq estimates that 1.9 million Iraqis are food insecure; 7.3 million need health services; 5.2 million require protection support; 5.4 million do not have proper access to water and sanitation; 4.1 million need shelter; and 3.3 million girls and boys need access to education.⁵ Eighty per cent of people in need of assistance currently reside in Ninewa, Kirkuk and Anbar.⁶

The toll of four years of intensive combat on Iraq's civilian population is enormous. Of the nearly 6 million people displaced since the rise of ISIL in 2014, some 2.6 million remain displaced at the beginning of 2018.

As the situation across Iraq changes, many families are returning to their areas of origin.

After being displaced, vulnerable families are returning to communities that have been ravaged by conflict with remaining concerns that could include a lack of resources, limited or non-existent services, struggling markets, devastated livelihoods and heavy amounts of contamination from remaining unexploded ordnance.

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3. There are 2.6 million internally displaced persons, 3.2 million returnees and 3.8 million highly vulnerable residents in host communities included in the overall figure of 8.7 million people.
4. UN OCHA, Iraq 2018 Humanitarian Response Plan, February 2018, p. 10 https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/sites/www.humanitarianresponse.info/files/documents/files/iraq_2018_hrp.pdf.
5. Id.at 5.
6. Id.at 10.

HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

According to Iraq's 2018 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) Overview, as many as 8.7 million people require some form of humanitarian assistance in Iraq. Population movements have been multi-directional; at the same time hundreds of thousands of people have been fleeing their homes, while hundreds of thousands have been returning. In addition, 250,000 Syrian refugees remain in Iraq, many still in need of assistance and unsure of what the future holds.

World Vision in Iraq seeks for assistance and support in response to the crisis in Iraq to effectively assist thousands of conflict affected children, their families and local communities to live in safer and more secure environments and to enjoy life with dignity they all have the right for.

IRAQ IDP AND REFUGEE CRISES CAT III GLOBAL RESPONSE

To respond to the humanitarian needs, the Iraq 2018-2020 strategy is being developed to move from lifesaving relief to longer term solutions, which address the underlying needs and empower a more peaceful life for children.

World Vision will focus on WASH, Health, Cash & Livelihoods and Education, maintaining technically excellent expertise in each, building on World Vision's global capacity and evidence of effectiveness of tested and proven approaches. Across each of these sectors, four cross cutting themes will be integrated: Child Protection, Gender, Social Harmony and Faith in Development.