

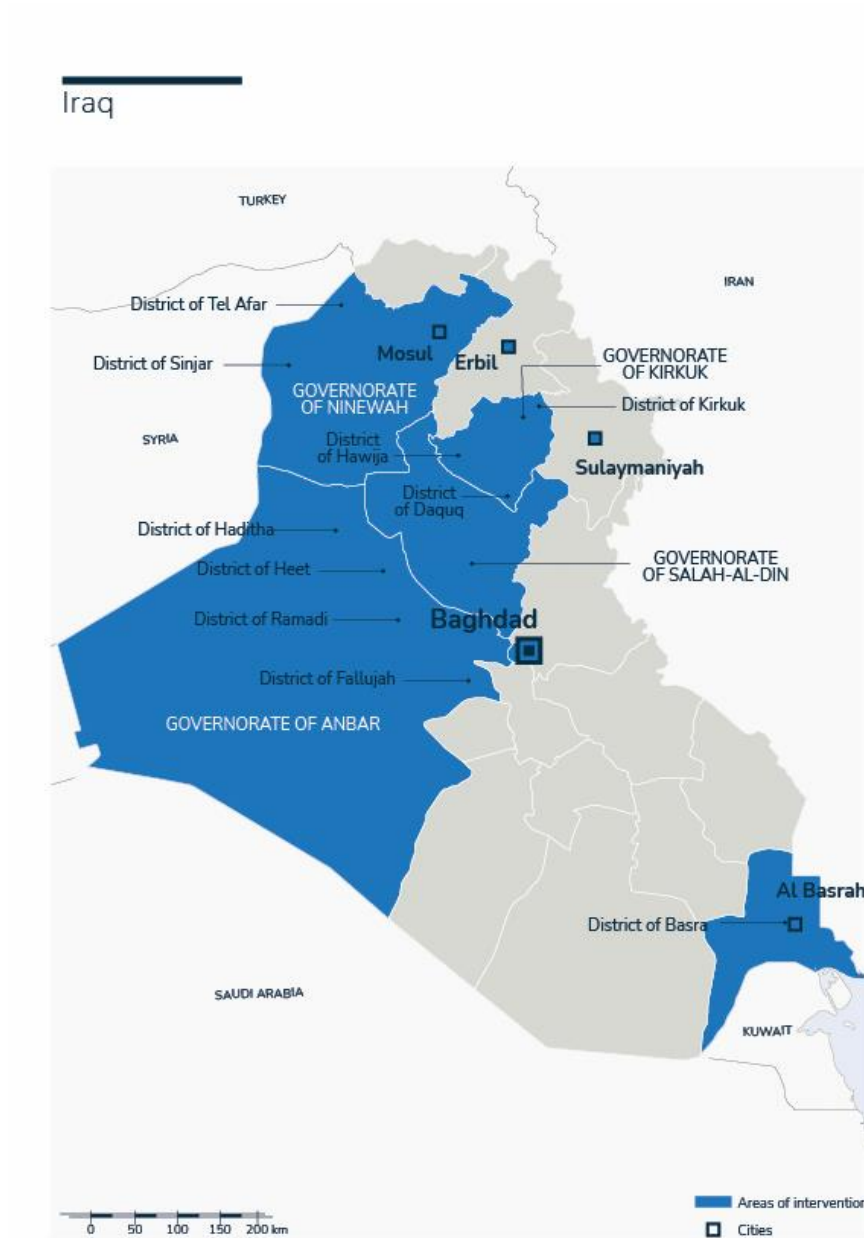


Country card
Iraq 2022



HI Team and intervention areas

The Iraq team consists of 148 staff members.



General data of the country

a. General Data

DATA	Iraq	Neighbour - Iran	France
Population	41 179 351	82 028 760	67 499 343
IHDI	0.554	0.686	0.825
Gender-related Development Index	0.803	0.880	0.990
Maternal mortality	60	7	4
GINI Index	29.5	40.9	32.4
Population within UNHCR mandate	1 526 119	802 087	580 898
INFORM index	6.9	4.9	2.3
Fragile State Index	93.8	84.1	30.9
Population covered by at least one social protection benefit (%)		27.8	100
Net official development assistance received	2 211.9	210.4	

b. Humanitarian law instruments ratified by the country

Humanitarian Law instruments	Status
Mine Ban Treaty	Ratified 20/03/2013
Convention on Cluster Munitions	Ratified 05/11/2010
UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Ratified 20/03/2013

c. Geopolitical Analysis

Five years after the end of military operations against Islamic State (IS), Iraq continues to experience a protracted humanitarian crisis. Internal displacement, explosive ordnance threats and limited availability of basic services and livelihoods have left 2.5 million people still in need of humanitarian assistance. As of May 2022, there are about 5 million returnees and, over 1 million Internally Displaced People (IDPs), most of whom are located in Ninewa, Duhok, Erbil, Sulaymaniyah, Kirkuk and Salah al Din Governorates.



While Iraq is still struggling to find stability, the country has emerged from a period of continuous insecurity and fighting over the last two decades and is now experiencing a period of relative calm since a year or two.

While the newly introduced constitution is the basis of the current democratically elected government, it is struggling to appease the existing ethnic, religious and cultural divisions in the country. The highly complex political landscape is a representation of these internal divisions and parties and representatives often fail to deliver to the wider public and concentrate on taking well care of their own. Public uprising and political tensions will be recurrent until structural change in sharing the oil revenues in a proper way with the people of Iraq. These political divisions contribute to the inability of institutions to develop or deliver services in an equitable way.

The internal divisions are used and maintained by other regional countries including Iran, Turkey and Israel to extend their influence or extend the fight against internal opposition groups in their countries.

The continued impact of climate change is adding to this complexity as previously viable agricultural opportunities are proving more and more difficult. The shortage of water linked to changing weather patterns but also the actions of neighbouring countries to limit the flow of Iraq's rivers is impacting on the daily life of many Iraqi's already.

Summary of HI presence in the country

HI has been working in Iraq since 1991 in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI) and Federal Iraq. During this initial phase, the organization focused on working with representatives from disabled people's organizations, service providers with a particular focus on health structures and national and local authorities to identify practical solutions, meet the specific needs of the most vulnerable persons, and ensure their access to key services. HI has also regularly been running awareness-raising campaigns on the risks associated with landmines and unexploded ordnance and provides support to the victims of explosive hazards.

In June 2014, HI launched an emergency response to the humanitarian crisis affecting the country: providing assistance to the most vulnerable Syrian refugees living in camps as well as to internally displaced Iraqis. The emergency intensified in 2016 with the launch of the military operations to retake the occupied territories and in particular the city of Mosul. Several governorates still host displaced groups and camps several years after the end of major hostilities related to the IS conflict in 2017.

In 2016, HI launched mine action activities in the governorates of Kirkuk and Diyala. Due to decades of war and a new wave of violence since 2014, Iraq is one of the most contaminated countries in the world with a high diversity of explosive hazards. This contamination impedes the safe movement and return of civilians and hampers stabilization and economic recovery in these areas.



With the end of the military operations to retake control of the main cities of Iraq from the group Islamic State (IS), the end of 2017 has marked the beginning of the recovery period, in which HI is playing a key role in order to ensure a safer and more inclusive return and reconstruction process. The reconstruction of areas affected by the conflict provides an opportunity to achieve the inclusion of vulnerable populations and people with disabilities and to address physical accessibility in designing or rehabilitating buildings inclusive of people with disabilities.

HI currently aims at:

- Assisting victims of the conflict through: physical and functional rehabilitation services, psychosocial and psychological support, transportation and tailored support to access external services, support to health centres including equipment for physiotherapy rooms, training of physiotherapists, provision of assistive devices, training of non-specialized actors on psychosocial support, awareness-raising on inclusion of persons with disabilities, technical support to external service providers to improve the inclusiveness of their services
- Preventing the risk of death and injuries through; carrying out risk awareness sessions and promoting safer behaviour about the impact of explosive ordinance including IEDs, targeting at-risk groups such as children, provision of training to community focal points, supporting creation of community safety committees, safe spaces for children and communities. As for clearance activities, HI conduct demining operations on contaminated land. Through community liaison services, land for clearance is prioritized considering the impact on local communities, with focus on the increased safety and wellbeing impact on families and individuals through safe access to infrastructure and resources including livelihood opportunities (agriculture, grazing, etc.)
- Providing inclusion awareness and accessibility support to national and international actors; supporting advocacy efforts of local and national actors, building capacity of Civil Society Organizations/Organizations of Persons with Disabilities to support social cohesion efforts.



Overview on ongoing projects

Sectors where HI conducts projects and focus on beneficiaries and operational partnerships

Project title & Main sector	Main activities	Beneficiaries	Partners	Location	Duration	Donors
<p>Health & Protection for Persons with Disabilities and other vulnerable groups</p> <p>Rehabilitation Health Armed Violence Reduction</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of physical and functional rehabilitation and mental health and psychosocial support services to the most vulnerable men, women, girls, and boys through direct delivery, outreach/mobile capacity support, and a cash-for-health system Provision of tailored technical support to selected health facilities Provide women, girls, men, and boys in the targeted areas with life-saving messages tailored to their different experiences with exposure to EO including improvised explosive devices Train and support new and existing Community Focal Points that include men and women and Community Safety Committees for sustainable Risk Education activities in the areas of intervention 	<p>Persons with disabilities and persons injured, Caregivers</p> <p>Staff of the health facilities Communities impacted by presence of Explosive Ordnance</p> <p>Community representatives Total beneficiaries: 21,405</p>	<p>Directorate of Health Anbar Directorate of Health Ninewa</p>	<p>Anbar and Ninewa Governorate</p>	<p>April 2022 – September 2023</p>	<p>Affaires Mondiales Canada (GAC/AMC)</p>
<p>Functional rehabilitation service in Basra</p> <p>Rehabilitation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of comprehensive and tailored technical support to increase the quality of existing physical and functional rehabilitation services Provision of Inclusive Health awareness to health facility staff and support to health facilities with 	<p>3 health facilities, 25 health staff</p> <p>100 health facility staff</p>	<p>Directorate of Health Basra</p>	<p>Basra Governorate</p>	<p>May 2022 – April 2023</p>	<p>Centre de Crise et de Soutien (CDCS) – MEAE</p>



<p>Inclusion</p>	<p>accessibility and/or renovation work for increased accessibility and acceptability of physical and functional rehabilitation services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support to Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs) to advocate for the right to health care for PwD 	<p>30 Civil Society Organizations/Organizations of Persons with Disabilities members</p> <p>126,000 estimated indirect beneficiaries</p>				
<p>Mine Action and Cluster Munitions Programme</p> <p>Armed Violence Reduction</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of direct risk awareness sessions to promote safe behaviours and inform affected population on the immediate threat Provision of risk awareness messages on the threat posed by Explosive Ordnance (Eos), through mass media Training of Community Focal Points to spread sustainable awareness and promote safe behaviours to minimize the risk of accidents Development and support of Community Safety Committee to reduce the impact of EOs on local communities Prioritization and implementation of Community Safety Plans, including the rehabilitation of inclusive safe spaces Conduct non-technical survey of areas suspected to be contaminated with EOs including IEDs. / Marking of suspected hazardous areas (SHAs) in preparation for future clearance operations. 	<p>20,000 direct and indirect beneficiaries of land released</p> <p>25,200 beneficiaries of direct Risk Education sessions</p> <p>7,875 indirect beneficiaries of Explosive Ordnance Risk Education</p> <p>National Mine Action Authorities representatives (Directorate of Mine Action, Iraqi Kurdistan Mine Action Agency)</p>	<p>National Mine Action Authorities representatives (Directorate of Mine Action, Iraqi Kurdistan Mine Action Agency)</p>	<p>Governorate of Kirkuk</p>	<p>September 2020 – August 2023</p>	<p>Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (BuZa)</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Clearance activities in cities, villages and/or rural areas known to be heavily contaminated with EOs including IEDs ◆ Land release through survey/manual clearance and handover to local authorities and NMAAs ◆ Technical support to National Mine Action Authorities to plan and respond to the needs of victims 					
<p>Building Peaceful Futures 2022</p> <p>PHASE III: Strengthen capacity of local civil society to deliver action towards social inclusion and cohesion</p>	<p>Capacity building and support to civil society organizations in Sinjar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Support access to funding for civil society organizations in Sinjar to contribute to social inclusion and cohesion in their communities ◆ Capacity building and access to funding for the Sinjar Organizations of Persons with Disabilities to enable the implementation of activities for people with disabilities. 	<p>Civil Society Organizations/Organizations of Persons with Disabilities supported and their staff</p>	<p>Consortium Save the Children (lead) Care Australia NRC</p>	<p>Governorate of Ninewa</p>	<p>June 2022 – December 2022</p>	<p>Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)</p>
<p>Support to populations affected by Explosive Ordnance through a comprehensive approach to Humanitarian Mine Action</p> <p>Armed Violence Reduction</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Improved safe access of local communities to land released through the reduction of the threat posed by Explosive Ordnance including IEDs ◆ Increased awareness on safe practices through effective mine action community liaison ◆ Improved access to, and quality of, physical and functional rehabilitation services including referrals for Victims of EO 	<p>Direct beneficiaries: 25,238</p> <p>Indirect beneficiaries: 250,000</p>	<p>National Mine Action Authorities representatives (Directorate of Mine Action)</p> <p>Directorate of Health</p>	<p>Salah al Din, Kirkuk Governorates</p>	<p>July 2022 – June 2024</p>	<p>German Federal Foreign Office (GFFO)</p>



<p>Rehabilitation</p>						
<p>Armed Violence Reduction (Victim Assistance)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Victims provided with case management support to access to services ◆ Civil Society Organizations/Organizations of Persons with Disabilities increase their capacity to support victims ◆ Accessibility works on facilities ◆ Inclusion trainings to service providers 	<p>50 service providers and Civil Society Organizations/Organizations of Persons with Disabilities</p> <p>300 beneficiaries of case management services</p> <p>Beneficiaries of cash to access services</p>	<p>Civil Society Organization s/Organizations of Persons with Disabilities</p> <p>Directorate of Mine Action</p>	<p>Governorate of Ninewa</p>	<p>June 2022 – December 2024</p>	<p>Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (NMOFA)</p>

Donors

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<p>German Federal Foreign Office (GFFO)</p>  <p>german humanitarian assistance <small>DEUTSCHE HUMANITÄRE HILFE</small></p>	<p>Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)</p>  <p>Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</p>
<p>Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (BuZa)</p>  <p>Government of the Netherlands</p>	<p>Centre de Crise et de Soutien (CDCS) – MEAE</p> <p>Avec la participation de</p>  <p>MINISTÈRE DE L'EUROPE ET DES AFFAIRES ÉTRANGÈRES <i>Liberté Égalité Fraternité</i></p>