

In this newsletter we present some of our efforts in aiding the Government of Iraq to enhance land governance and secure tenure for all citizens. Additionally, we highlight key achievements, relationship-building initiatives, and important updates regarding UN-Habitat Iraq projects.



EMPOWERING CITIZENS: PROMOTING HOUSE, LAND, AND PROPERTY RIGHTS

- Two new projects to strengthen land governance and secure tenure for all Iraqis: "Policy Dialogue on Legislative Reform to Improve Land Governance and Secure Tenure Rights by Registering and Resolving Land Claims for vulnerable IDPs in Iraq", funded by the LAND-at-scale, Netherlands, and "Support to Formalize the Housing, Land and Property (HLP) Rights of Minorities in Sinjar"
- Literacy in House, Land, and Property Rights: Conducting women-only awareness sessions for empowerment of female-headed households in Sinjar.

URBAN REGENERATION: ADDRESSING SPATIAL INEQUALITIES

- Restoring vital infrastructure for sustainable return movements: construction of a Potable Water Network in Sinjar, made possible with the support of the Government of Japan, along with the installation of six new handwashing trailers in public areas around Sinjar and Sinuni, funded by the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA).
- Showcasing the success of the "Support for Urban Recovery and Peacebuilding in Western Ninewa" project, funded by the European Union through the EU Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis, the Madad Fund: Final Steering Committee Meeting, which can be further explored through a video summarizing three years of work and a brief coverage of the concluding meeting.



HUMAN IMPACT STORIES: TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH TECHNICAL WORK

- Sharing stories of triumph over displacement through house rehabilitation: Mr. Barakat Murad Khala, 3-years-old Ghalya Oussaf, Mian Hassan Sayidu stories;
- Showcasing economic recovery actions through vocational training and employability program: Zaina Kheirou's is a young woman who underwent whitewash painting training, and is now actively contributing to the rehabilitation of houses in her community.



BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS: TRANSPARENCY AND HOSPITALITY

- Strengthening relationships with donors, local authorities, and government partners: a delegation visited Japan to provide a comprehensive overview of our enduring partnership; we facilitated a KOICA delegation's visit to Sinjar to witness project achievements; and welcomed a delegation from the Ninewa Governorate at UN Compound in Erbil to address pressing regional challenges.
- Integrating with UN-Habitat Regional Office: a 5-day mission in Iraq, hosting Ms. Rania Hedeya, UN-Habitat Region Representative for the Regional Office of Arab States. She closely observed the Iraq Programme's operations and took the opportunity to meet with Iraq's Minister of Justice, Dr. Khaled Shwani. During her visit, a Contribution Agreement was signed to launch policy dialogue on reforming the land legal framework. Ms. Hedeya also engaged with representatives of donor organizations, authorities, conducted field missions, and personally witnessed the positive impact our work has on the lives of the people we serve.

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NEW PARTNERSHIP: UN-HABITAT AND UNODC COLLABORATE WITH IRAQ MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

Enhancing conditions in juvenile detention centers in Baghdad and Mosul: Special intervention under the UNODC-led, European Union funded project 'STRIVE Juvenile: Preventing and Responding to Violence against Children by Terrorist and Violent Extremist Groups', in Iraq.



HOUSING SOLUTIONS: A FOUNDATION FOR RETURNEES AND UN-HABITAT IRAQ'S TRADEMARK

Rehabilitating and constructing homes for displaced families: 21 houses were rehabilitated and handed to Yazidi homeowners in Old Tel Qasab Village, Sinjar, with the support of KOICA. With European Union funding, 97 core-housing were constructed in Tel Uzair Complex, Qahtanya Sub-District, Ba'aj.

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