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COVID-19 Awareness campaign and rehabilitation of Al Qahtania Al-Oula Primary School

As part of the EU-funded project titled “Support for Urban Recovery and Peacebuilding in Western Ninewa, Iraq”, UN-Habitat has started the rehabilitation of Al Qahtania Al-Oula Primary School in Tel Uzair, Ba’aj District. The project will expand the school’s capacity and providing access to education services for returning students, in support of war affected returnees that plan to settle back in their communities.

In partnership with Dijla Agricultural Association, is conducting a COVID-19 awareness campaign targeting 20,000 people in Sinjar and Ba’aj Districts.”



World Urban Forum 2022 on transforming cities for a better urban future



The World Urban Forum 11 was organised this year in the Polish city of Katowice by UN-Habitat in partnership with Poland’s Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy and the Municipal Office of Katowice. The slogan “Transforming Cities for a Better Urban Future” captured the essence of this five-day global conference which engaged over 17,000 people in discussions on green future, reconstruction and urban planning. There was special focus on planning the future of cities relying on existing trends, including both challenges and opportunities, as well as suggestions on preparations to address future pandemics and a wide range of other shocks.

“We need to focus on the inevitable escalating urban crises. The climate emergency, pandemics, the biodiversity crisis, other natural and man-made disasters, all converge in cities. Being prepared for and overcoming these crises becomes a precondition to transform towards a better urban future”, commented H.E Madama Martha Delgado, President of the UN-Habitat Assembly (depicted in the photo above).”



Vocational Trainings prepare and provide Sinjar residents with livelihood opportunities

The Japanese Government funded project titled “Emergency Support to Returnees in Iraq after the Outbreak of COVID-19” is conducting vocational training in Sinjar in partnership with Peace Winds Japan. As part of the training, a Cash-for-Work activity has been introduced to provide temporary work in public projects for the most crisis-affected individuals. Currently, 40 females and 60 male graduates of the vocational training are currently engaged in various activities including electric wiring and the whitewashing plastering of walls. Initiatives of this nature help people gain valuable skills and improve their employment prospects.

UN-Habitat continues building houses for IDPs returning to Tal Banat

In order to provide decent living conditions to 350 vulnerable returnees, UN-Habitat is constructing 32 new low-cost housing units in Tal Banat, Sinjar, bringing the total of houses built for people in need in Tal Banat to 127. This project was made possible through the generous funding from the Government of Japan.



Al Mahaba Primary School rehabilitation in Tal Qasab, Sinjar District, Ninewa Governorate, Iraq

Under the EU-funded project, "Support for Urban Recovery and Peacebuilding in Western Ninewa," UN-Habitat has started the rehabilitation work of Al Mahaba Primary School serving about 250 students in Tel Qasab, Sinjar District. The availability of education facilities is a decisive factor for IDPs considering returning to their areas of origin.



UN-Habitat launches another batch of vocational training courses in partnership with AGO

Under the EU-funded program "Supporting Recovery and Stability of Iraq through Local Development" UN-Habitat has partnered with Aid Gate Organization (AGO) to deliver a second batch of vocational training courses. This year, the training is targeting 400 unemployed youth from Tel Afar and Baiji interested in working in the construction industry. The participants are being trained by qualified trainers from the Vocational Training Centres of Mosul and Tikrit and will receive a work certificate from the department upon completion of their training and apprenticeship period.



UN-Habitat, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, is the focal point for all urbanization and human settlement matters within the UN system and is mandated by the UN General Assembly (beginning in 1975) to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities. Its mandate is further derived from other internationally agreed upon development goals, including SDG11 of the Sustainable Development Goal, a goal dedicated for urban development, and the New Urban Agenda, an action-oriented document signed by member states which sets global standards of achieving SDG11. UN-Habitat has been active in Iraq since 1996.



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