Catalytic Climate Action in Iraq
مشروع تهيئة العمل المناخي في العراق

The project will help Iraq adapt to and mitigate the impacts of climate change.

WHY?
Iraq is among the most fragile countries to the impact of climate change. Temperatures continue to rise, and rainfall has significantly reduced. Without quick action, Iraq will witness a massive reduction in its water resources and experience more heatwaves, droughts, sandstorms and desertification. Food scarcity is likely to increase, impacting both health and livelihoods.

HOW?
By providing advisory support to the Iraqi government and assisting it in its climate change adaptation measures and facilitating implementation of the NDC. The project will specifically work on NDC fiscal modelling, energy transition, transboundary water diplomacy, water resources management and improving early warning and preparedness for environmental hazards, such as drought.

NDC?
The Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) is Iraq’s vision to combat climate change and reduce emissions. The NDC was set after Iraq joined the Paris Agreement in 2021.

WHO?
The project will work at two levels:
I) policy and institutional capacity building and
II) community-preparedness.

Policy level interventions will be closely coordinated with the national ministries and departments, while community-based initiatives would target vulnerable groups like the farmers and women in high risk areas in northern Iraq.

Local level interventions will focus on the governorates of Erbil, Sulaimaniyah, Ninewa, Salah Al Din, Kirkuk and Diyala.

KEY OUTPUTS
Supporting the Iraqi government to facilitate energy transition

Improving knowledge and capacity of Iraq for transboundary water diplomacy

Strengthening Iraq’s drought preparedness and risk reduction

Duration
Jan 2022 - Mar 2024

Budget
$6.8m

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