



Iraq

In the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, UNDP's project, Accelerated Support for non-camp Syrian Refugees and their Host Communities is assisting local communities to cope with the influx of Syrian refugees. It helps reinforce resilience mechanisms and enhance capacities of key stakeholders for inclusive basic service provision, economic empowerment, and social cohesion.

Another project, Enhancing Protection for Vulnerable Women and Girls among the Syrian Refugees from sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and trafficking, helps establish prevention and protection mechanisms for vulnerable women and girls.

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Some current and planned activities include:

- Enhancing capacities of local governments for strengthened coordination and improved service delivery through participatory and inclusive mechanisms to ensure responsiveness to the needs and priorities of Syrian refugees and host communities, especially women and with a focus on improving housing conditions;
- Ensuring equitable access to essential services through establishing grant schemes for civil society organizations and developing infrastructure projects based on gender-disaggregated priority identified through participatory processes that bring together local and refugee populations, government authorities and other partners;
- Identifying local economic opportunities, products and services with potential for growth and job-creation in local and refugee communities, and conducting vocational training, targeting on- and off-camp refugees with a clear focus on the most vulnerable people, including female household heads, women and youth;
- Facilitating access to credit, financial resources and business support services for SMEs in host-communities and in the refugee population, and providing small grants for innovative local level livelihoods and economic development initiatives;
- Supporting and developing the capacity of youth and women groups and civil society organization for collaborative leadership and implementation of multi-cultural/social integration dispute resolution and meditation activities, bringing local and refugee populations together, in order to strengthen social cohesion;
- Raising awareness and providing information on human rights, citizens' entitlements and access to social services with emphasis on equal rights of refugees, women, and vulnerable groups in host communities;
- Raising community awareness on sexual and gender-based violence and human trafficking in host communities and ensuring that refugees, particularly women and girls - are aware of the legal rights of victims, and providing legal counselling and services to victims; and
- Supporting and empowering refugees with disabilities by helping to provide emergency employment, as well as working with NGOs to provide and maintain ortho-prosthetic devices, physiotherapy services and walking aids.

Iraq Funding Requirements

| Outputs | Resources required (US\$ million) |
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| Institutional strengthening for improved basic service provision | 7.85 |
| Economic empowerment and livelihood enhancement | 2.0 |
| Social reconciliation and cohesion | 0.85 |
| TOTAL | 10.7 |

Syrian Refugees in Iraq: Location of the Registration

