



Social Cohesion Programme during COVID-19 Update

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SANITIZING SCHOOLS IN ANBAR GOVERNORATE

Pictured here, on August 31, eleven exam centers in Al Qaim were sterilized so that students could safely attend school the next day for examinations. The campaign, including sanitization of schools in the remote areas of Al Qaim, Rawa, Anah, Haditha, and Heet in Anbar Governorate, finished on September 20 when exams were completed. In addition to the sanitization, information on prevention of COVID-19 is posted and masks, hand sanitizer, and gloves are made available for students, teachers and school staff. Local Peace Committees supported by UNDP implemented these activities in partnership with non-governmental organization Pulse of Hope.



“We are living in a very difficult period. During the start of the coronavirus pandemic we were unable to undertake our daily activities. Today I am happy to write my exams in this sterilized examination center. I hope to succeed in school and become a doctor so that I can help the community fight against infectious diseases.”

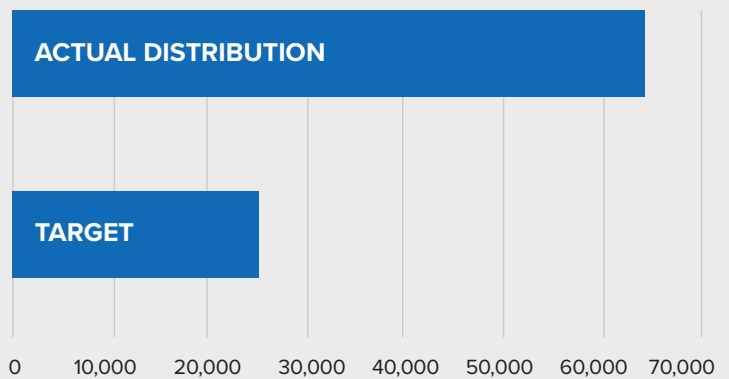
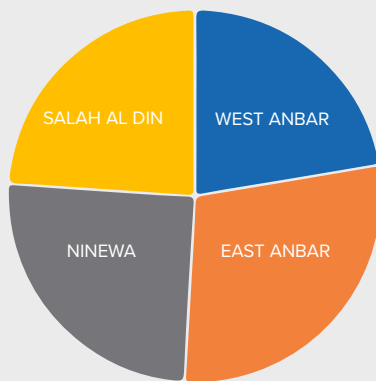
Duha, 19 years old, participated in an exam on September 1.



FOOD DISTRIBUTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

After two successful food distribution campaigns, the Social Cohesion Programme's set target to reach 25,000 beneficiaries has been surpassed. During the most recent distribution 6,000 food packages and 6,000 hygiene packages were delivered in Ninewa, Salah al-Din, and Anbar in coordination with Local Peace Committees and non-governmental organization partners. During these campaigns, information on COVID-19 was handed out and public areas were sterilized.

64,181 beneficiaries have been reached in total.
 14,300 in West Anbar
 18,315 in East Anbar
 15,329 in Salah al-Din
 16,237 in Ninewa



FUTURE LEADERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

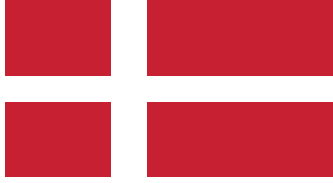
In July and August, as part of a series of initiatives developed by UNDP Iraq's youth groups and in partnership with non-governmental organization Wasel Tasel, communities in Anbar, Diyala, and Ninewa governorates received various necessities including water, clothing, hygiene packages, and face masks. The youth groups undertook the following activities:

- Providing 100 households in Rutba, Anbar Governorate with 20 liters of potable water from 29 July to 02 August.
- Purchasing and delivering clothing to vulnerable children in Saqlawiyah, Anbar Governorate, a city where many people have been declared missing following prolonged conflict.
- Distributing 500 hygiene kits from 17 to 19 August in Qatoon, Al-Khan, and Al Karnabat, Diyala Governorate.
- Distributing 300 hygiene kits in Al-Shifaa, Ninewa Governorate, and sterilizing public areas.
- Distributing 1000 face masks from 16 to 20 August, in Qaim, Ramadi, Haditha, and Ameria, Anbar Governorate.

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