

## UNHCR's National NGO Empowerment Scheme in Iraq

### Overview

The role of civil society and community-based non-governmental organizations in Iraq is a crucial component in ensuring UNHCR's assistance operation in Iraq reaches its persons of concern, the displaced, returnees and refugees. The national NGOs (NNGOs) possess a wealth of information and experience and have a vested interest in the development and rebuilding of their country. Although there are reportedly several thousands of "established" national NGOs in Iraq, most lack the basic capacity and experience to deliver quality humanitarian projects. Civil society and organized community contributions during the past few decades were to some extent limited in a state controlled Iraq. Most of the currently operational NNGOs were established since the fall of the regime in 2003.

As part of its outreach mechanisms to ensure timely assistance and intervention, UNHCR in March 2009 launched a scheme to identify and partner with potential NNGOs working in places of return and displacement. The overall goals are twofold: 1) to enhance the performance and administrative capacity of selected NNGOs thus ensuring their sustainable contribution; while 2) enabling UNHCR to deliver urgent assistance at a targeted and grassroots level.

### Objectives

- Empower and engage NNGOs that are currently operational in areas of return and displacement, in their reintegration and reconciliation efforts;
- Respond to urgent, specific and multi-sectoral needs of the most vulnerable returnees and displaced in the form of small, targeted projects;
- Coordinate with / involve local authorities, community structures and tribal leaders in the process, such as needs assessment and implementation.

### Implementation Arrangements

UNHCR entered into sub-agreements with three international NGOs in 2009 to manage the scheme; Mercy Corps in northern Iraq, Intersos in the central region and Millennium Relief and Development Services (Millennium) in the south. These INGOs act as umbrella agencies, overseeing the work of the NNGOs in coordination with UNHCR. Each has a focal point NGO Coordinator who is responsible for mentoring and guiding the prospective NNGOs through the project development phase and submission and, if accepted, through the implementation and reporting phases.

### 2009 NNGO Partnership Summary:

A total of 76 national NGO (covering northern, central and southern Iraq) were selected to implement 88 small-scale projects in returnee and IDP populated areas:

	<b>NNGO name/ Project Location</b>	<b>Project Sector</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Amount (US\$)</b>	<b>Number of Beneficiaries</b>
<b>BAGHDAD</b>	<b>Al-Warkaa Organization (2 projects)</b>	Domestic Needs/Household Support	Poor families mainly widows and orphans receive air-coolers	\$9,940	80 families
	Baghdad (Al-Amil, Al- Shuhadaa, Al-Risalah) Baghdad (Al-Ameria)	Education	Orphaned school children receive school stationery	\$9,992	560 pupils

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<b>BAGHDAD</b>	<b>Al-Wafa Society for Iraqi Children Care (2 projects)</b>  Baghdad (Al-Mansoor, Al-Shurtah, Al-Ameria)	Domestic Needs/Household Support  Education	Displaced widows and orphans receive clothes  School children have better facilities through supply of classroom desks	\$10,000  \$9,600	275 beneficiaries  400 pupils
	<b>Homeland for Humanitarian Aid (2 projects)</b>  Baghdad (Al-Zafrania)	Education  Community Services	Children enjoy safe and playful environment through refurbishing of preschool yard  IDP and returnee children in settlement have access to rehabilitated sport playground	\$9,950  \$11,050	150 children  190 families
	<b>Al-Rajeh Foundation for Culture, Education and Human Development</b>  Baghdad (Al-Shuhada, Al-Yousifiya)	Domestic Needs/Household Support	Vulnerable returnees and widows receive essential domestic items	\$10,000	196 beneficiaries
	<b>Model Teacher Organization</b>  Baghdad (Al-Baya'a)	Education	Vulnerable educated returnees trained to be teachers	\$8,650	50 women
	<b>Iraqi Organization for Women and the Future</b>  Baghdad (Al-Adhamia)	Vocational Training	Returnee female heads of households receive intensive vocational training	\$9,450	20 women
	<b>Iraqi Greenpeace Organization (3 projects)</b>  Baghdad (Qurtan, Swaib) Baghdad (Shakha, Al-Makaseb, Al-Baya'a)	Income Generation  Crop Production  Income Generation	Displaced widows supported with livestock (goats and chickens)  Returnee farmers receive irrigation pumps  Returnee female heads of families receive poultry cleaning machines for income	\$9,955  \$13,484  \$13,650	67 widows  360 beneficiaries  34 families
	<b>Patience Humanitarian Organization</b>  Baghdad (Al-Nahrawan)	Domestic Needs/Household Support	IDP vulnerable families receive essential domestic items	\$9,993	65 families
	<b>Dar Al-Salam Humanity</b>  Baghdad (Al-Dora, Al-Saydia, al-Ghazalia, America, Al-Jadeeda)	Domestic Needs/Household Support	Poor returnee families receive air-coolers	\$8,500	60 families
	<b>Culture for All (2 projects)</b>  Baghdad (Al-Baladiat) Baghdad (Al-Zafrania)	Education  Education	Returnees and IDPs benefit from a Learning Resource Center  School teachers in returnee areas receive special training	\$9,940  \$8,807	600 beneficiaries  60 teachers
	<b>Iraqi Organization for Maternal and Pediatric Care</b>  Baghdad (Al-Baya'a)	Domestic Needs/Household Support	Displaced women assisted with adequate clothing	\$7,225	250 women

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<b>BAGHDAD</b>	<b>Association for Teaching and Qualifying Children in Iraq</b> Baghdad (Al-Baladiat)	Vocational Training	Vulnerable girls and boys trained in computer and handcrafts	\$7,500	120 children
	<b>Friendship Organization around the World</b> Baghdad (Al-Mansoor, Al-Ameria)	Vocational Training	Poor unemployed women trained in handcrafts and fine arts	\$7,033	200 women
	<b>Iraqi institute for Media and Development (2 projects)</b> Baghdad (Al-Mansoor, Al-Yarmouk)	Vocational Training	Potential returnee youth receive professional media training	\$7,600	15 young returnees
		Vocational Training	Potential returnee youth receive professional media training	\$12,100	25 young returnees
	<b>Women for Peace Organization</b> Baghdad (Suburb)	Community Services	Women and children exposed to peace concepts through theatrical life performance	\$9,595	200 beneficiaries
	<b>Peace, sport and Youth Organization</b> Baghdad (Al-Zafrania)	Community Services	Returnee youth interact and reconcile through soccer competition	\$9,850	250 young sportsmen
	<b>Iraqi Women Organization for Peace and Democracy (2 projects)</b> Baghdad (Al-Jama'a, Al-Khadra)	Vocational Training	Vulnerable women trained in computer and hair-dressing	\$7,260	300 women
		Vocational Training	Returnee women trained in first aid and driving lessons	\$9,840	80 women
	<b>Mercy Light Organization</b> Baghdad (Maroof)	Vocational Training	Female head of households receive training in computer, sewing and health awareness	\$7,500	280 women
	<b>Al-Rahman Humanitarian Establishment for Orphan and Street Children (2 projects)</b> Baghdad (Huriya) Baghdad (Resafa)	Shelter (repair)	Vulnerable IDPs in camp benefit from improved shelter roofs and grounds	\$11,180	100 families
		Domestic Needs/Household Support	Vulnerable IDP families receive clothes	\$10,071	150 families
	<b>Iraqi Organization for Supporting Child's Rights</b> Baghdad (Al-Rahmania)	Health	IDPs in camp have access to basic health services	\$9,280	312 beneficiaries
	<b>Charity Establishment Belad bin Al-Nahrain</b> Baghdad (Al-Jama'a)	Food	Most vulnerable female and minor heads of households receive food assistance	\$7,560	300 families
	<b>Abeer Al-Zhoor Association for Sociological Care</b> Baghdad (Al-Addamia)	Health	Female heads of households trained in first aid and basic nursing	\$7,310	50 women

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<b>BAGHDAD</b>	<b>Iraq Tent Association for Humanitarian Relief</b> Baghdad (Al-Shaikh Maroof)	Domestic Needs/Household Support	Returnees assisted with domestic relief items	\$7,455	240 beneficiaries	
	<b>Larsa Human Rights Organization</b> Baghdad (Al-A'mil)	Community Services	Needy children undergo psych-social rehabilitation	\$10,004	30 children	
	<b>Banat Al-Mustaffa League for Women</b> Baghdad (Al-Shulaa)	Education	School girls motivated and engaged in general knowledge contest	\$9,100	500 girls	
	<b>The Heart of Mercy Humanitarian Association</b> Baghdad (Sadr City)	Health	IDPs and returnees benefit from H1N1 prevention awareness campaign training	\$10,000	500 trainees	
	<b>Omatona for Education Organization</b> Baghdad (Al-Baya'a)	Vocational Training	Vulnerable widows receive sewing training course	\$9,720	60 women	
	<b>Future Social League</b> Baghdad (Al-Huriya)	Vocational Training	Female and minor heads of households benefit from computer training	\$9,550	200 beneficiaries	
	<b>The Independent Organization of Human Resources Development</b> Baghdad (Al-Huriya)	Vocational Training	Eligible returnee youth receive computer training	\$10,012	60 young beneficiaries	
	<b>Um Al-Yateem Foundation</b> Baghdad (Al-Huriya, Al-Jawadia, Al-Tobchee, Al-Washash)	Community Services	Children exposed to useful entertainment attending mobile cinema shows	\$9,206	600 children	
	<b>Muslim Youth Society</b> Baghdad (Al-Mansoor)	Vocational Training	Eligible IDPs and widows receive intensive training in mobile cell phone and computer maintenance	\$9,580	40 beneficiaries	
	<b>Charitable Society for Care and Rehabilitation of Iraqi Children</b> Baghdad (Al-Sha'ab)	Health	IDPs in camps live in healthy conditions through anti-rodent fumigation and distribution of hygienic kits	\$10,325	170 families	
	<b>Omeed Cultural Social Establishment Foundation</b> Baghdad (Palestine St.)	Domestic Needs/Household Support	IDP families receive UNHCR heaters to ensure warmth in winter	\$3,160	340 families	
	<b>Model Teacher Organization</b> Baghdad (Al-Baya'a, Al-Dora, Al-Amil, Al-Saydeya)	Sanitation	Returnees and IDPs live in hygienic condition through ensuring garbage collection and awareness campaigns	\$9,650	200 families	

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<b>DIYALA</b>	<b>Ajjal Charitable Surety for Intelligence &amp; Creation Development</b> Diyala (Mansoria)	Education	School children receive school clothes and stationery	\$9,325	250 children
	<b>Al-Erada Organization for Aid and Development</b> Diyala (Wajihiya)	Water	Returnees in two villages have access to safe drinking water	\$12,050	50 families
	<b>Cooperation Association for Consumers</b> Diyala (Muqdadia)	Health	IDP and returnee female heads of families receive first aid training	\$9,430	35 families
	<b>Human Relief Organization</b> Diyala (Khanqeen)	Water	IDPs in camp have access to water	\$9,430	35 families
	<b>Life Health Convention in Muqdadiya</b> Diyala (Muqdadiya, Baquba)	Health	IDPs and returnees benefit from organized health awareness campaign	\$9,550	300 families
	<b>Al-Noor University Foundation</b> Diyala (Khalis)	Domestic Needs/Household Support	Returnees receive essential domestic items and children receive winter clothes	\$11,050	320 families (300 children)
	<b>Bethoor Al-Kheer Human Organization</b> Diyala (Baquba)	Water	Returnees in rural villages receive water tanks	\$10,880	100 families
	<b>Al-Rahman Association and Quran Broadcasting</b> Diyala (Baquba)	Domestic Needs/Household Support	Returnee families assisted with power supply	\$18,000	50 families
	<b>Baquba Association for Cooperation and Friendship with World People</b> Diyala (Baquba)	Domestic Needs/Household Support	Returnee families receive UNHCR heaters for winter	\$4,350	100 families
	<b>Work for Peace Organization</b> Diyala (Khanqaqin)	Education	IDP and returnee school children receive school bags and stationery	\$9,500	402 children
	<b>Kalat for Development and Relief</b> Diyala (Khanqaqin)	Vocational Training	Widowed heads-of- households trained in sewing courses and supplied with sewing machines	\$10,825	50 widows
	<b>Brotherhood Association Humanity of Human Rights and Defending the Rights of Deportees and Affected</b> Diyala (Bin Saad)	Water	IDPs benefit from water purification plant	\$18,000	200 families
	<b>Al-Salam Organization</b> Diyala (Khanqaqin)	Education	IDP and returnee school children receive school bags and clothes	\$9,965	385 pupils

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<b>DIYALA</b>	<b>Noon for Development of Education</b> Diyala (Baquba)	Health	Returnees benefit from H1N1 prevention campaign and distribution of winter jackets	\$9,165	640 pupils	
	<b>Association of Cultural Development for civil Society (2 projects)</b> Nineweh (Hamdaniyah)	Sanitation Community Services	Returnees in village benefit from concrete pipe culvert Returnees live in hygienic conditions through garbage collection	\$8,453 \$8,890	1600 beneficiaries 1600 beneficiaries	
<b>NINEWA</b>	<b>Friends without Limits Association</b> Nineweh (Mosul)	Domestic Needs/Household Support	Returnees receive necessary NFIs	\$10,800	252 beneficiaries	
	<b>Human Rights Center (2 projects)</b> Nineweh (Telaffer) Kirkuk (Taza)	Domestic Needs/Household Support Transport/Logistics	Returnee orphan children receive winter outfits Returnees have access to easy transportation through road gravelling activity	\$20,227 \$8,765	569 children 426 beneficiaries	
	<b>The Iraqi Development and Peaceful Coexistence (2 projects)</b> Nineweh (Mosul) Kirkuk (Kirkuk)	Water Domestic Needs/Household Support	Returnee families provided with galvanized water tanks Returnee families receive essential domestic items.	\$10,300 \$20,700	1092 beneficiaries 120 families	
	<b>The Iraqi Institute for Development</b> Nineweh (Mosul)	Domestic Needs/Household Support	Vulnerable IDPs and returnees receive essential domestic items.	\$9,139	228 beneficiaries	
	<b>Ninewah Infants and Youth Association for Culture and Arts</b> Nineweh (Mosul)	Education	Poor IDP and returnee children receive school supplies	\$9,715	700 children	
	<b>Association of Children Rights and Family Protection</b> Nineweh (Mosul)	Community Services	Returnee village area cleaned to assist reintegration of returnees	\$6,705	304 beneficiaries	
	<b>Women Development and Support Organization</b> Nineweh (Mosul)	Community Services	Palestinian refugees have clean surrounding conditions around their complex	\$10,590	317 beneficiaries	
	<b>KIRKUK</b>	<b>Community Development Association</b> Kirkuk (Shwan)	Transport/Logistics	Returnees have access to easy transportation through road gravelling activity	\$20,025	600 beneficiaries
		<b>The Iraqi Institute for Human Rights</b> Kirkuk (Kirkuk city)	Transport/Logistics	Returnees have access to easy transportation through road gravelling activity	\$11,415	444 beneficiaries

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<b>KIRKUK</b>	<b>Environment &amp; Society Protection</b> Kirkuk (Kirkuk city)	Community Services	Returnee children get environment education	\$15,420	1,148 children
	<b>Iraqi Human Rights Establishment</b> Kirkuk (Hawija)	Community Services	IDPs have healthy living conditions through garbage collection	\$9,880	9,000 beneficiaries
	<b>Kurdistan Reconstruction and Development Society</b> Kirkuk (Kirkuk city)	Education	Primary school rehabilitated to be operational	\$16,445	601 pupils
	<b>The National Institute for Human Rights</b> Kirkuk (Taza)	Transport/Logistics	Returnees have access to easy transportation through road gravelling activity	\$7,160	1,200 beneficiaries
	<b>Sara Institute for Training and Rehabilitation</b> Kirkuk (Kirkuk city)	Income Generation	Female heads of households receive small businesses assistance	\$9,830	30 women
	<b>Al-Haq Organization for Human Rights Culture</b> Kirkuk (kirkuk city)	Domestic Needs/Household Support	IDP and returnee families receive essential domestic items.	\$11,380	360 beneficiaries
	<b>BASRAH</b>	<b>Rural Women Association</b> Basrah (Al-Zubair)	Water	IDP and host community mothers receive water tanks	\$10,000
<b>Iraqi Al-Firdaws Society</b> Basrah (Basrah city)		Vocational Training	Vulnerable women receive skill/handicrafts training	\$10,000	300 women
<b>Azahir Children Organization</b> Basrah (Basrah city)		Health	Returnees and IDPs participate in health awareness campaign	\$9,670	100 beneficiaries
<b>Hadya Society for Human Rights</b> Basrah (Al-Qurna)		Health	Returnee women receive breast cancer awareness	\$9,245	250 women
<b>Al-Kwather Assembly for Muslim Women</b> Basrah (Fao)		Community Services	Children take part in peace loving sessions	\$9,960	1,200 beneficiaries
<b>Al-Anwar Humanitarian Society</b> Basrah (Shatt Al-Arab)		Water	IDP and returnee families receive water tanks	\$9,820	250 families
<b>Miserable Humanitarian Association</b> Basrah (Abo Al-Kaseeb)		Vocational Training	Vulnerable IDPs receive skill/handicraft training	\$8,605	100 beneficiaries
<b>Shoraa Women's Association</b> Basrah (Shatt Al-Arab)		Health	Vulnerable IDPs attend general health awareness campaign	\$10,000	200 beneficiaries

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<b>THI QAR</b>	<b>Enanaa for Development</b> Thi Qar (Nassiriya city)	Vocational Training	IDP women undertake handicraft vocational training	\$9,925	100 women
	<b>Iraqi Youth Country Connection</b> Thi Qar (Suq-al-Sheoukh)	Community Services	IDPs attend education on fighting violence against women	\$9,641	225 beneficiaries
	<b>Sada Organization for Human Development</b> Thi Qar (Suq Al-Sheoukh)	Vocational Training	Vulnerable women attend handicraft training	\$10,000	50 women
	<b>Save the South Organization</b> Thi Qar (Marshlands and Suq Al-Sheoukh)	Health	IDP community receive mother and child assistance	\$8,760	100 beneficiaries