

**Supporting Iraq in hosting and reintegrating refugees and IDPs**

**Pillar:** Support for host countries and communities

**Objectives:** (1) to ease pressure on the host countries involved; (2) to enhance refugee self-reliance; (4) to support conditions in countries of origin for return in safety and dignity

**Country:** Iraq | **Actors involved:** Ministry of Planning, KfW, GIZ, local NGOs, international NGOs, political foundations

The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) supports Iraq as one of the main host countries of Syrian refugees and a country strongly affected by conflict-induced internal displacement.

**What does Germany do?**

Iraq is not only a host country for Syrian refugees but also heavily affected by conflict and resulting internal displacement. Germany supports Iraq in its efforts of reconstruction and to achieve stabilization, in its efforts of hosting refugees, of hosting and reintegrating IDPs and Iraqi returnees from Germany and other countries. Germany strengthens Iraqi structures on national, regional and local level. The main partner is the Ministry of planning in Iraq, which is responsible for the overall coordination of development interventions.

A mix of instruments (Transitional Development Assistance, Special Initiative Forced Displacement, bilateral technical and financial cooperation) allows for tailor-made interventions according to the specific needs of the Iraqi partners, host population, IDPs and refugees alike, and for a multi-sectoral approach, including private sector development, education, water and sanitation.

**How does Germany support Iraq?**

Main implementation partners of German development cooperation are KfW, GIZ, United Nations (UNDP, UNICEF) NGOs (Deutsche Welthungerhilfe, Oxfam, Medica Mondiale etc.) in close cooperation with the private sector.

Bilateral cooperation measures strengthen the national and regional structures in terms of stabilization, economic development and decentralization. Iraqi refugees returning to Iraq are supported in their reintegration into the local labour market and with mental health and psychosocial support measures. The Special Initiative "Forced Displacement" targets more immediate needs such as livelihoods through cash for work measures for vulnerable groups. Transitional Development Assistance supports the provision of basic services like health, WASH and education, with a strong focus on infrastructure improvement (hospitals, schools, water infrastructure) as well as training of relevant actors (teachers, health personnel). This also reflects the multisectoral approach of German development cooperation: strengthening of the local economy, the promotion of new technologies, strengthening of the private sector; the provision of basic services in the sectors health, education and WASH.

Core of all interventions is a conflict-sensitive approach: all interventions address all groups alike and focus on social cohesion. For example, German development cooperation supports its partners in setting up community centers in IDP and refugee camps as well as host communities to create space for communities to get together. It also includes mental health and psychosocial support measures.

**Core messages:**

- BMZ support strengthens national and regional frameworks and systems; hence, **parallel systems are avoided**.
- BMZ applies different funding modalities in order to address the specific needs of Iraq as a host country. BMZ support starts where humanitarian support (covering humanitarian needs of newly arriving, vulnerable refugees) ends and always equally addresses IDPs and refugees' longer term needs as well as development needs of a vulnerable host population. BMZ supports Iraq in **increasing synergies between humanitarian and development approaches**.
- By promoting stabilization, economic development and strengthening basic services, **resilience of host communities is strengthened**.
- BMZ promotes **partnerships** by working with national and international NGOs, UNHCR, UNICEF, development partners and the private sector.

**Project list (BMZ financed)**

Rehabilitation of schools and medical supply in the region Zakho / Northern Iraq	NGO	500,000 EUR
Improvement of sanitation basic services in refugee camps and surroundings in Northern Iraq	NGO	900,000 EUR
Establishment of child protection mechanisms for IDPs, refugees and host communities in Northern Iraq	NGO	1,100,000 EUR
Refugee help in the Kurdish region of Northern Iraq	NGO	344,000 EUR
Support of IDPs in Northern Iraq	NGO	400,000 EUR
Support of education and health facilities to strengthen local host capacities and contribution to the refugee response in Northern Iraq	NGO	400,000 EUR EUR
Education and protection of children in Iraq	UNICEF/Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau, KfW	24,242,913 EUR
Temporary stabilization of vulnerable households in Northern Iraq / reparations of roads, schools, green areas, wastewater	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, GIZ	53,500,000 EUR
UNICEF Iraq, education, child protection and WASH	UNICEF/Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau, KfW	15,795,000 EUR
Contribution to the improvement of life perspectives of IDPs in Ozal	NGO	1,425,000 EUR
ICT perspectives for a modern youth	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, GIZ	5,000,000 EUR
Income creation for IDPs, refugees and socially vulnerable households in host communities	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, GIZ	20,000,000 EUR

Consequences of migration and forced displacement in the Middle East	NGO	679,700 EUR
UNDP Iraq – Stabilization and Employment	UNDP/Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau, KfW	40,000,000 EUR
Stabilization and Employment, FFIS/ICRRP	UNDP/Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau, KfW	29,300,000 EUR
Private sector development and employment promotion / development-oriented (re-)integration of Iraqi youth	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, GIZ	9,150,000 EUR
Stabilization of livelihoods for returnees and local population in Ninewa, Iraq	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, GIZ	28,500,000 EUR
Crisis-preventive reconstruction Mossul, Iraq	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, GIZ	19,500,000 EUR
Stabilization of drinking water and sanitation provision for refugees, IDP and host communities in governorate Dohuk	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, GIZ	35,833,800 EUR
Promotion of decentralization and local development	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, GIZ	7,000,000 EUR
Improvement of health services for IDPs, refugees and local population in Dohuk province, Northern Iraq	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, GIZ	37,124,800 EUR
Improved access to education, training and income generation for IDPs, refugees and population of the host communities	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, GIZ	49,550,000 EUR