



Standing with Syria

Meeting the needs for a successful transition

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EU support in Iraq

The European Union is a long-term partner of Iraq and co-chaired the International Conference for the Reconstruction of Iraq in Kuwait in 2018.

More than €1.8 billion

EU assistance to Iraq since 2011, and **€533.9 million** provided in response to the Syria crisis, have contributed to:



Providing income-generating and cash-for-work opportunities to over **13,000 refugees** and host community members.



Offering employability, vocational, and entrepreneurial skills training to more than **39,000 refugees, IDPs, and host community members**.



Supporting **5,000 micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises**.



Delivering over **142,000 primary healthcare consultations** to refugees, IDPs, and host community members.



Training more than **4,800 healthcare staff** in maternal and childcare, and upgrading or constructing **99 healthcare facilities**.



Ensuring access to safely managed water for more than **177,000 refugees, IDPs, and host community members**.



Providing protection services to **over 45,000 refugees, IDPs, and host community members**.



Demining **3,783,938 m² of land**.



More than €119 million in Humanitarian assistance

Protection: to support access to civil documentation, case management, mental health and psychosocial support, and protection in detention.

Multi-purpose Cash Assistance: temporary cash assistance was provided alongside protection services, enabling beneficiaries to obtain documentation and facilitating their inclusion in national welfare schemes.

Education in Emergencies: ensuring access to education for children in protracted displacement. Including catch-up classes, basic literacy and numeracy skills, and remedial classes to help children transition back into formal education.



More than €414.9 million in Resilience assistance

Access to healthcare for vulnerable populations.

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"It's fulfilling to connect with patients, offer help, and share knowledge that benefits kids and adults".

Thanks to an EU-funded scholarship through the SPARK project, **Rozhin Namo**, a Syrian refugee in Erbil, pursued pharmaceutical studies and graduated with honors. She now works at a local pharmacy in Erbil. Her journey from Syria to Iraq reflects her perseverance and commitment to building a meaningful career in healthcare.

Access to education, including scholarships for vulnerable Syrian refugees and Iraqi IDPs at both basic and higher education levels.

Livelihood opportunities and resilience, supported through cash-for-work programs and Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprise (MSME) training.

Enhancing Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) infrastructure.



More than €700 million in overall Bilateral development aid

Addressing the root causes of fragility.

Supporting socio-economic development, including green job creation and fostering diversified, sustainable and inclusive economic growth.

Enhancing regional stability and migration management.

Promoting digital and participatory governance and democracy, the rule of law and human rights.

Tackling human development, with a focus on quality education and social protection for all.

Preserving cultural heritage.