

Welthungerhilfe (WHH) in Iraq

Overview of past and current projects



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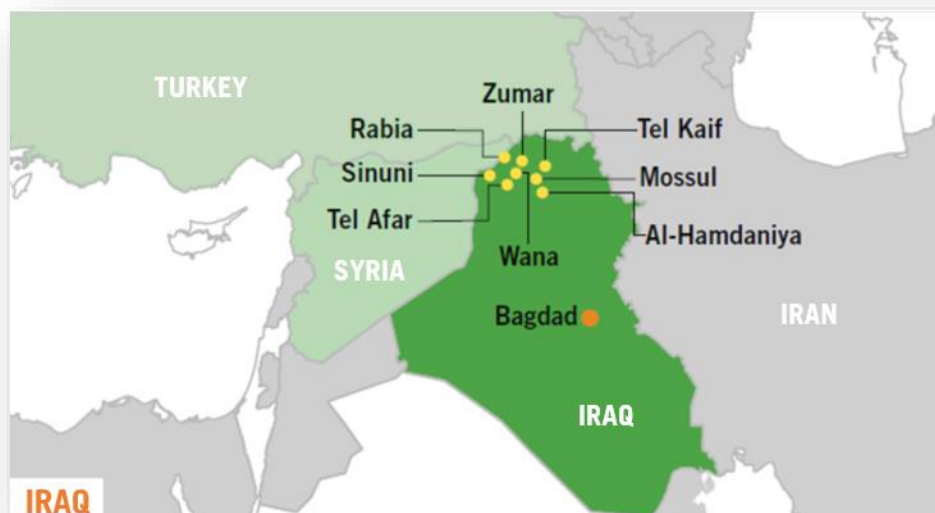
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Who we are

Welthungerhilfe (WHH) is one of the largest private and non-profit aid organisations in Germany; politically independent and non-denominational. Welthungerhilfe (WHH) provides emergency relief as well as long-term development aid to people in need worldwide. It is fighting for "Zero Hunger by 2030". In Iraq, Welthungerhilfe (WHH) works closely with national and local authorities as well as the United Nations and other humanitarian organisations to provide humanitarian assistance and development cooperation to communities affected after the so-called Islamic State (IS) took over large parts of Iraq in 2014. Initially, Welthungerhilfe (WHH) distributed food parcels and provided winterisation assistance in Dohuk and Erbil governorates. Since 2014 Welthungerhilfe (WHH) started to support (internally) displaced people, returnees and host communities in Ninewa governorate and around Mosul. While the combat operations against IS ended in 2017 the humanitarian context in Iraq has transitioned into a new phase and vulnerable people continue to face immense challenges. Therefore, Welthungerhilfe (WHH) has moved to a more comprehensive approach focusing on rehabilitation of infrastructures through Cash for Work (CfW) activities but also on strengthening agricultural and rural development in the region in order to promote the ability of the most vulnerable individuals and families to gain a sustainable income.

Almost 18 per cent of Iraq's population is in need of some form of humanitarian assistance as a result of the crisis which began in 2014. Approximately 1.8 million internally displaced people living in-camp and out-of-camp settings and more than half have been displaced for over three years. Almost 30 per cent of IDPs are in Ninewa Governorate where some of the highest country-wide poverty rates exist that further increases their vulnerabilities. In order to respond to these needs of (internally) displaced people, returnees and host communities in Ninewa governorate Welthungerhilfe (WHH) is currently implementing five projects in different districts within Ninewa four programme sectors:

1. Humanitarian Assistance,
2. Economic Development,
3. Agriculture and Environment Development,
4. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)



List of acronyms

ACTED	Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development
BMZ	German Federal Ministry for Cooperation and Development
BRHA	Board of Relief and Humanitarian Affairs, Northern Iraq
GFFO	German Federal Foreign Office
CfW	Cash for Work
CRS	Catholic Relief Services
DMC	Development and Modification Centre, Northern Iraq
DRC	Danish Refugee Council
GIZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit
IDPs	Internally Displaced People
KRI	Kurdistan Region of Iraq
NFI	Non-Food Items
NRC	Norwegian Refugee Council
PIN	People in Need
PAH	Polish Humanitarian Action
WASH	Water, Sanitation & Hygiene
WFP	World Food Programme

1. CURRENT PROJECTS

1.1 Establishing Sustainable Livelihoods in Ninewa Province



Project title	Establishment of sustainable livelihoods for returnees, IDPs and vulnerable host community members in Ninewa governorate, Iraq
Internal project number	IRQ 1016-17
Sector	Rural and regional development
Donor	BMZ (Transitional Aid)
Implementation Partner	Ain Sifni Organization (ASOCD), Mercy Hands
Duration	1 July 2018 – 29 February 2020
Budget	3,214,012 EUR
Locations	Sinjar, Hamdanyia Districts, Ninewa Governorate
Target Group	12,000 individuals
Project description	The project goal is to support returnees and vulnerable host community members in their ability to effectively work in agricultural and gain a sustainable income from those activities. In order to do so, comprehensive analyses of local markets, value chains as well as the technical capacities of local agricultural consultants and farmers are conducted. Based on the outcomes of these analyses, agricultural consultants from the Department of Agriculture and non-governmental organisations, students, farmers as well as female-headed households receive trainings in areas such as resource-efficient technologies, modern farming methods and nutrition. A special focus is on women as the main drivers of nutrition sensitive agriculture. As a result of those capacity building measures the income of the target group will increase and stabilise. A number of project participants receive support with the development of business models and resources to kick-start their own agricultural businesses.

1.2 Supporting Resilience for Host Communities, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Iraq



Project title	Supporting resilience for host communities, returnees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Iraq
Internal project number	IRQ 1019-18
Sector	Rural & regional development
Donor	EU Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis (MADAD)
Implementation Partner	Consortium project with ACTED, PIN & PAH
Duration	7 July 2018 – 06 July 2020
Budget	2,384,270 EUR
Locations	Ninewa Governorate: Sinjar, Hamdaniya and Mosul Districts, Salah al-Din: Shirqat District
Target Group	257,550 individuals
Project description	<p>The project aims at strengthening the resilience of IDPs in Iraq as well as supporting the recovery of host communities and their administrations.</p> <p>The project will improve stability and resilience of Iraqi communities by increasing access to WASH services and livelihoods opportunities. Livelihoods programming will have a economic impact both at household and community level of the and at the level of the community.</p>

1.3 Ninewa Apprenticeship and Livelihood Creation Project (NALCP)



Project title	Ninewa Apprenticeship and Livelihood Creation Project (NALCP)
Internal project number	IRQ 1021-18
Sector	Economic Development
Donor	GIZ with funds from BMZ
Implementation Partner	Consortium with DRC (Danish Refugee Council)
Duration	01 December 2018 – 29 February 2020
Budget	11,010,400 EUR
Locations	Ninewa Governorate: Rabe'a, Ayudiyah, Telafar, Sinuni, Zummar, Wana and Sinjar
Target Group	13,800 individuals
Project description	<p>The main objective of this project is to revitalise the local economy and improve livelihoods of returnees, IDPs, and individuals of the host and vulnerable communities in Northern Ninewa.</p> <p>So-called Business Re-Activation Grants (BRAG) will be offered to at least 350 project participants after successfully completing a basic business training. Furthermore at least 250 project participants will be offered a basic business training (planning, finance, marketing) and Livelihoods Activation Grant (LAG) to create Micro businesses. Additionally, a minimum of 250 individuals will be offered a basic training and a placement of apprentices in the businesses of project participants who qualified for receiving BRAG.</p> <p>Besides in order to include people with disabilities (PWDs) (10%), women (20%) and young people, 1,000 vulnerable individuals will be offered to participate in Cash for Work (CfW) activities and receive financial support. These activities will have a positive effect on the income situation of the project participants (returnees, IDPs, host and vulnerable community members). Furthermore, local business environment is revived, and job market opportunities are enhanced in the project areas.</p>

1.4 Improving Living Conditions of Highly Vulnerable, Conflict-Affected Communities in Priority Return Areas in Ninewa Governorate, Iraq



Project title	Improving Living Conditions of Highly Vulnerable, Conflict-Affected Communities in Priority Return Areas in Ninewa Governorate, Iraq
Internal project number	IRQ 1023-18
Sector	Humanitarian Assistance
Donor	GFFO
Implementation Partner	Self-implemented
Duration	01 December 2018 – 31 December 2019
Budget	1,990,000 EUR
Locations	Ninewa governorate
Target Group	147,780 individuals
Project description	The overall objective of this project is to improve the living conditions of highly vulnerable, conflict-affected communities in priority return areas in Ninewa governorate, through the provision of WASH and protection services. Conflict-affected communities have improved access to safe drinking water as well as sanitation facilities in schools. Additionally, Welthungerhilfe (WHH) will conduct cleaning up campaign and hygiene promotion awareness on hygiene, water and environmental related issues. Furthermore, through protection monitoring and the organization of awareness raising sessions and information campaigns on human rights and protection related topics the access to information on basic rights and available basic services for vulnerable groups will be improved. Highly vulnerable groups will be supported through unconditional cash transfers to improve their access to basic goods and services.

1.5 Strengthening livelihoods for communities in Telafar District through cfw & rehab. of agric. infrastructure, PHASE 2



Project title	Strengthening livelihoods for communities in Telafar District through cfw & rehab. of agric. infrastructure, PHASE 2
Internal project number	IRQ 1025-19
Sector	Economic Development
Donor	WFP / PAM
Implementation Partner	Self-implemented
Duration	01 May 2019 – 31 December 2019
Budget	923,593 EUR
Locations	Ninewa governorate
Target Group	83,400 individuals
Project description	<p>The project aims to contribute to recovering agricultural production and community assets in the Telafar district in northern Iraq.</p> <p>In cooperation with the Directorate of Agriculture (DoA), different activities have been identified which are going to be implemented through Cash for Work (CfW) schemes, providing short-term income for agriculture-dependent communities as well as creating longer-term community assets. In total 704 households will be engaged in the CfW activities.</p> <p>Additionally, trainings related to agriculture, livestock and marketing of products will be provided to 1,200 project participants. These training are going to strengthen the capacities of local farmers.</p> <p>It is estimated that a total of 13,900 households (83,400 individuals) will indirectly benefit from the project</p>

2. CLOSED PROJECTS

2.1 Support for the Rehabilitation of and Return to Ninewa Governorate, Iraq



Project title	Support for the rehabilitation of infrastructure and return to Ninewa governorate, Iraq
Internal project number	IRQ 1005 - 16
Sector	Transitional aid: rehabilitation of infrastructure, cash assistance, social cohesion
Donor	GIZ with funds from BMZ
Implementation partner	DRC (Danish Refugee Council)
Duration	April 2016 – 28 February 2019
Budget	22.75 Mio. EUR
Locations	Rabia, Sinuni, Zummar, Sinjar sub-districts, Ninewa governorate
Target group	195,000 individuals
Project description	The goal of the project is to improve the living conditions for returnees, the local population and IDPs. The main project activities include the rehabilitation of basic infrastructure such as streets, schools or hospitals through CfW measures. The objective is to provide 26,000 individuals from more than 140 villages with a supplementary source of income through CfW. Additionally, 6,500 particularly vulnerable families such as people with disabilities or female-headed households receive unconditional cash assistance. Through social cohesion activities tensions within and between communities are reduced and peaceful co-existence between local inhabitants, returnees and IDPs is strengthened. The project areas are checked and cleared of undetected weapons and mines and awareness about dangerous remnants of war will be raised.

2.2 Improving the Provision of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for Displaced, Returnees and Host Communities in Northern Iraq



Project title	Improving the provision of water, sanitation and hygiene for displaced, returnees and host communities in Northern Iraq
Internal project number	IRQ 1013-16
Sector	Emergency Aid
Donor	GFFO
Implementation partner	N/A
Duration	15. January 2017 – 30 September 2018
Budget	2,552,000 EUR
Locations	Telafar, Tilkaif, Mosul, Hamdaniya districts, Ninewa governorate
Target group	163,880 individuals
Project description	The project goal is to effectively ensure access to clean drinking water, sanitary installations, hygiene and waste disposal for IDPs, returnees and host communities with a special focus on including women, girls and vulnerable individuals. The risk of diarrhoea and other water-borne diseases is improved. Access to clean drinking water is improved by emergency water provision and the construction and rehabilitation of water supply systems. Furthermore, water and sanitation facilities in schools and health centres are rehabilitated. Hygiene items and baby kits are distributed, and hygiene promotion activities held. Solid waste pits are constructed, and the local community is supported in their garbage collection and disposal efforts. Hygiene awareness sessions and “clean-up” campaigns are organised.

2.3 Construction of a Settlement for IDPs in Dohuk Governorate



Project title	Construction of a settlement for IDPs in Dohuk governorate
Internal project number	SYR – 1016 – 14
Sector	Shelter: Rehabilitation of shelter
Donor	GIZ with funds from BMZ
Implementation partner	ACTED, NRC, DRC
Duration	November 2014 - September 2015
Budget	3.4 Mio. EUR
Locations	12 camps for IDPs in Dohuk governorate
Target group	176,317 individuals
Project description	The project aimed at rehabilitating existing shelter structures and providing the mobile sanitary facilities close to those structures. 1,096 houses were rehabilitated providing shelter assistance for 6,598 people. In addition to that, 1,750 families (10,661 individuals) received winterisation assistance including ovens and cash for heating materials. In order to enhance the sustainability of the project, Welthungerhilfe (WHH) supported workshops and capacity building activities for camp employees. 152 camp employees and 16 BHRA employees received trainings. Child-friendly spaces for 133 children were established.

2.4 Winter Assistance for IDPs in Northern Iraq



Project title	Winter assistance for IDPs in Northern Iraq
Internal project number	SYR – 1018 - 15
Sector	Winter assistance
Donor	AA
Implementation partner	CRS
Duration	February 2015 – September 2015
Budget	1,045,000 EUR
Locations	Dohuk governorate
Target group	8,275 individuals
Project description	The aim of the project was to provide winter assistance to IDPs. Welthungerhilfe (WHH) renovated 513 unfinished, but inhabited shelter units of IDPs who found refuge outside of official camps. Depending on the needs of the affected families, windows and doors as well as railings were installed, roofs were sealed off and electrical wiring repaired. In addition to that, water supply was optimised (water storage) and sanitary facilities (toilets, showers, washbasins, septic tanks) were upgraded. As a result, 8,222 individuals gained access to clean water. 53 daily workers from the IDP and the host community assisted in these efforts and gained access to an income, which improved their living conditions.

2.4 Strengthening Livelihoods for Vulnerable, Conflict-Affected Communities in Telfar District, Ninewa, through Cash for Work and Rehabilitation of Agricultural Infrastructure



Project title	Strengthening livelihoods for vulnerable, conflict-affected communities in Telfar district, Ninewa, through cash for work and rehabilitation of agricultural infrastructure
Internal project number	IRQ 1020-17
Sector	Rural & regional development
Donor	WFP
Implementation partner	NA
Duration	1 April 2018 – 31 December 2018
Budget	483,318 EUR
Locations	Ninewa: Telfar District
Target group	9,162 individuals
Project description	The project aims to support the development of sustainable livelihoods for more than 9,000 individuals through Cash for Work (CfW) activities and agricultural trainings. CfW participants will receive a fixed salary for rehabilitating or constructing communal agricultural infrastructure such as for example animal sheds, communal bread ovens, or irrigation systems. A particular effort is made to include vulnerable groups such as female-headed households or families with chronically ill and disabled members. The project improves the capacity and knowledge of farmers, local community members and employees of the local Department of Agriculture through trainings teaching practical techniques such as appropriate breeding and caring for farm animals, irrigation systems, animal health, and soil fertility. A number of skilled individuals receive more detailed trainings enabling them to pass on their knowledge and skills to the wider community as well.

2.5 Rehabilitation of Basic Infrastructure through the Renovation of Water and Waste Water Systems as well as Renovation of School Buildings in Northern Iraq



Project title	Rehabilitation of basic infrastructure through the renovation of water and water waste systems as well as renovation of school buildings
Internal project number	SYR – 1025 - 15
Sector	Rehabilitation of basic infrastructure
Donor	BMZ
Implementation partner	DRC
Duration	July 2015 – December 2016
Budget	3 Mio. EUR
Locations	Rabia, Telafar, Zummar in Nord Ninewa, Sumel in Dohuk governorate
Target group	73,000 individuals (IDPs, Syrian refugees and host community members)
Project description	The objective of the project was to contribute to the reintegration of returning IDPs into their original communities by rehabilitating basic infrastructure, in particular WASH and education facilities. In Zummar and Rabia Welthungerhilfe (WHH) rehabilitated three water pumping stations together with the relevant water piping and electric facilities in order to provide access to clean water for the local community. 500 water tanks were provided. In addition to that, 10 schools in Rabia and Zummar were rehabilitated and one pre-fabricated school for 400 students was installed and designed in Domiz, Sumel district.

2.6 Summer Schools in KRI



Project title	Summer schools in KRI
Internal project number	IRQ 1009-16
Sector	Social Integration, Education, Cash for Work (CfW)
Donor	GIZ with funds from BMZ
Implementation partner	Alliance2015 Partner: ACTED, People in Need (PIN), Tearfund, Friends of Waldorf Education
Duration	June 2016 - December 2016
Budget	8.6 Mio EUR
Locations	Dohuk, Erbil, Sulaymaniyah
Target group	7,843 CfW participants 37,587 students
Project description	The aim of the project was to create opportunities for conflict affected and displaced children and young people in the summer months during which there are only limited opportunities to participate in educational and recreational activities. When the children are out of school it is even harder for vulnerable displaced families and host communities to seek employment and provide care for their children at the same time. The project supported summer schools activities for a period of five months for over 37,000 students in more than 125 schools. CfW activities provided 230 headmasters, 1,443 teachers and 6170 volunteers with an income during the project period. 101 participating schools received support for small rehabilitation works.

2.7 Winter Assistance for Vulnerable Families in Northern Iraq



Project title	Winter assistance for vulnerable families in Northern Iraq
Internal project number	SYR - 1031-15
Sector	basic needs: winter assistance
Donor	GIZ
Implementation partner	DORCAS, PIN
Duration	November 2015 – April 2016
Budget	4.5 Mio. EUR
Locations	Zakho, Sheikhan, Dohuk governorate
Target group	10,800 Households (about 50,000 individuals)
Project description	The objective of the project was to provide winter assistance to vulnerable families. 10,054 households received cash assistance to purchase oil, heating material and stoves in order to heat their houses. In addition to that, 24,211 families had access to basic medical assistance through mobile clinics. Welthungerhilfe (WHH) installed and designed 229 shelter containers for IDPs in Mamrashan camp. The containers were set up and properly installed by Welthungerhilfe (WHH) engineers and architects. The design and set-up of the containers was adjusted to the needs of the people living in them.

2.8 Emergency Assistance for Populations Displaced and Affected by the Mosul Offensive in Ninewa Governorate



Project title	Emergency assistance for populations displaced and affected by the Mosul Offensive in Ninewa governorate
Internal project number	IRQ 1011-16
Sector	Emergency Aid
Donor	ECHO
Implementation partner	Alliance2015 partners: People in Need (PIN), ACTED
Duration	November 2016 – 30 June 2017
Budget	2.6 Mill. EUR (366,000 EUR allocated to Welthungerhilfe)
Locations	Tilkaif and Telafar districts
Target group	20,600 individuals
Project description	The project goal was the mitigation of the impact of displacement on the population affected by the military operation in Mosul. The project activities included NFI distribution, emergency water supply, the rehabilitation of small-scale water and sanitation infrastructure and provision of emergency sanitation in areas retaken from the so called Islamic State (IS). In addition to that, the Alliance2015 partner PIN supported temporary education centres for children affected by the crisis.

2.9 Mosul Offense Preparedness



Project title	Mosul offense preparedness
Internal project number	IRQ 1008-16
Sector	Emergency aid
Donor	AA, donations and own funds
Duration	September 2016 – 31 July 2017
Budget	815,000 EUR
Locations	Mosul, Tilkaif, Telafar, Hamdaniya
Target group	2,100 Households (about 12,590 individuals)
Project description	The project aimed at providing life-saving assistance for people fleeing Mosul as well as people returning to villages that were retaken from the so-called Islamic State. Welthungerhilfe (WHH) provided this assistance with hygiene, baby and kitchen kits consisting of blankets, jerrycans, cooking utensils, dishes, washing powder, soap, hygiene items as well as a stove, solar lamps and jerry cans. As the lack of access to safe and clean water is a major issue for people in and around Mosul, Welthungerhilfe distributed drinking water and rehabilitated water infrastructure by repairing pipe networks damaged during the conflict.

2.10 Preparedness Activities Involving Safe and Dignified NFI Items for Newly Displaced Families Following the Mosul Offensive



Project title	Preparedness activities involving safe and dignified NFI items for newly displaced families following the Mosul offensive
Internal project number	IRQ 1010-16
Sector	Emergency Aid
Donor	Iraq Humanitarian Pooled Fund (IHPF)
Duration	October 2016 – 31 July 2017
Budget	498,039 EUR
Locations	Mosul, Tilkaif, Telafar, Hamdaniya
Target group	1,765 Households (10,590 individuals)
Project description	The project objective was the procurement and storage of NFI kits in preparation for the displacement caused by the Mosul military operation in order to provide assistance with hygiene, baby and kitchen kits consisting of blankets, jerrycans, cooking utensils, dishes, washing powder, soap, hygiene items as well as a stove, solar lamps and jerry cans.

2.11 Improving Preparation for a Timely and Effective Humanitarian Response for Tal Afar District, Ninewa Governorate, Iraq



Project title	Improving preparation for a timely and effective humanitarian response for Tal Afar District, Ninewa governorate, Iraq
Internal project number	IRQ 1012-16
Sector	Emergency Aid
Donor	WFP
Implementation partner	N/A
Duration	15. January 2017 – 31 January 2018
Budget	305,085 EUR
Locations	Zummar district, Ninewa governorate
Target group	IDPs fleeing from Tel Afar / Mosul
Project description	The project goal was to effectively prepare a humanitarian response in case of large displacement from Tal Afar, a city with an estimated population of 500,000 people which was under the control of IS from the summer of 2014 until August 2017. Welthungerhilfe (WHH) together with the United Nation's Iraq Logistic Cluster set up a logistic base with three large warehouse spaces in Zummar, Northern Ninewa for the pre-stocking of humanitarian goods such as NFI kits. This was done in response to the challenges in accessing Tal Afar district for humanitarian actors due to limited infrastructure and supply routes as well as the lack of appropriate warehousing in the area.

2.12 Rehabilitation of Basic WASH Infrastructure and the Improvement of Waste Management in Ninewa Governorate, Iraq



Project title	Rehabilitation of basic WASH infrastructure and the improvement of waste management in Ninewa governorate, Iraq
Internal project number	IRQ 1007-16
Sector	Transitional aid: WASH
Donor	BMZ
Implementation partner	DRC
Duration	June 2016 – February 2018
Budget	2.9 Mio EUR
Locations	Sinuni, Rabia, Zummar, Wana and Al Qosh
Target group	309,740 individuals
Project description	The project aimed at reducing health risks through the improvement of basic WASH and waste disposal infrastructure. Access to safe and clean water was facilitated, drainage systems in the city centres and waste management were improved. In order to enhance the sustainability of the project, management and maintenance workshops as well as hygiene awareness campaigns for the local population were held.