

## IRAQ

### Improving access to basic education for vulnerable children in Kurdistan of Iraq



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Established in northern Iraq since 2013, the French Red Cross works with the Iraqi Red Crescent to improve access to basic education and well-being in school for Syrian refugees, internally displaced Iraqis and host populations in the autonomous region of Kurdistan of Iraq. AFD supports its action with a grant from the European Union's Madad fund.

#### CONTEXT

Since 2012, the rise of the Islamic State in Syria and Iraq has led to massive displacements of populations, especially in Iraqi Kurdistan. This crisis has exacerbated existing tensions and vulnerabilities, reinforcing the needs of populations for access to basic social services such as health, education or psychosocial support.

In response to the consequences of this crisis, AFD launched the Minka Middle East Initiative to support vulnerable populations and help affected countries build their resilience and accelerate their recovery.

#### DESCRIPTION

The project led by the French Red Cross, which aims to improve access to basic education and well-being at school for children in the governorate of Dohuk, is supported by AFD through a grant from the Madad fund of the European Union. In order to achieve these objectives, this project rehabilitated 10 schools, set up 10 parent-teacher associations in order to better understand the barriers to schooling and trained 156 teachers in psychosocial support and the prevention of school failure.

#### IMPACTS

This project allowed:

- to improve the material conditions of education in 10 schools of the governorate, by the rehabilitation of infrastructures and the purchase of equipment facilitating the care of children;
- to improve psychosocial support for children by training 156 educational staff and parents in preventing failure and exclusion from school;
- to reduce the barriers to schooling thanks to the involvement of teaching teams and parents brought together in 10 parent-teacher associations.

In total, more than 8,000 children benefited from better access to school.



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Project start date

31/12/2020  
Project end date



Dohuk Governorate, Iraqi Kurdistan  
Location



Education and Training  
sector(s)



Delegation of European Union Funds  
financing tool(s)



2 000 000 EUR  
Financing amount



40 months  
Duration of funding

ONGOING  
Status

French Red Cross  
Beneficiaries

