



17,701

Total direct beneficiaries benefited from Tdh services in 2023

5,172

Children and youth benefited from Formal and Non-formal education

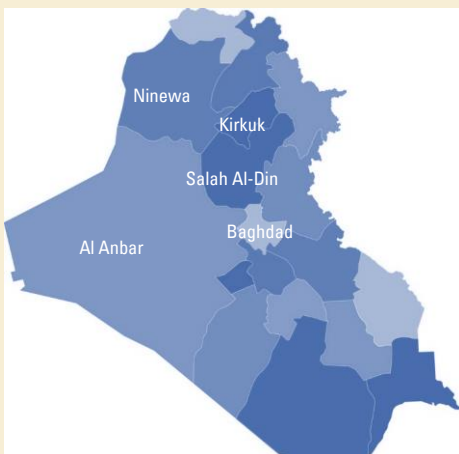
3,428

Females benefited from psychosocial resilience activity including MHPSS & Case management

Context

Iraq has shifted to a period of relative stability since the onset of the conflict a decade ago, yet the context remains fragile and complex, and humanitarian needs persist. The population still faces displacement and pervasive protection issues. This includes 1.1 million internally displaced people (IDPs), with 86% in out-of-camp settings. All camps in Federal Iraq have been closed since 2023, while in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI), 175,000 IDPs still reside in camps, with the Ministry of Migration and Displacement's revised deadline to close all camps by July 2024.

Intervention map



General overview

Tdh started its operations in Iraq in December 2014, responding to the needs of children and youth between the age group of 9-22 years, affected by the ISIL -driven crisis of 2014-2017. In **2023**, Tdh Iraq closed its office in Kirkuk and began working through partners in **Anbar, Kirkuk, and Salah al-Din** governorates to support its strategic localization process while continuing direct interventions in **Baghdad and Ninawa**. Tdh Iraq conducted Child Protection (CP) and Education activities in Ninewa, Baghdad, & Anbar, & Access to Justice (A2J) activities in Kirkuk, Salah al-Din, & Baghdad. Tdh projects' responses included awareness-raising, case management, internal & external referrals, psychosocial support, specialized mental health services, catch-up classes, and teacher training. Tdh is recognized as the predominant and active A2J actor in Iraq through its contribution to reintegration and social cohesion by having close relationships with the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.

Our thematic priorities



Education: Through the ECW project, Tdh rehabilitated schools and provided education enrollment to 5,155 girls & 6,256 boys aged between (0 – 24).



Child Protection: Tdh provided child and youth-friendly protection services to the most vulnerable out-of-camp IDPs, returnees, and host communities through the French Embassy project to promote and protect the rights of children in the region by establishing a safe, accessible, and supportive space.



Access to Justice: Through its A2J program funded by GIZ, Tdh continued to work to strengthen the juvenile justice system for children and youth and presented a new reintegration model for children in the justice system. Tdh provided technical support and worked with juveniles, stakeholders, and communities to enhance their understanding, knowledge, and capacities.

Results

- 2, 866 persons who access improved basic water, sanitation, and/or hygiene services, through participatory WASH management in schools in 2023.
- 11,411 children (re) enrolled in formal and non-formal education services in 2023.
- 8 events (roundtables, workshops, training courses, awareness raising events) organized with the support of Tdh where formal and non-formal justice actors collaborate in 2023.
- 376 female & 483 male formal and non-formal actors who report (satisfaction) that the training has provided them with the information and support they need in 2023.
- 86% of justice professionals and actors that demonstrate increased knowledge and competencies on child-friendly and restorative justice principles and practices
- 265 justice actors, customary and tribal judges and non-justice stakeholders completing a cycle of training on Child-friendly justice (including CAS) in 2023.

Highlight project

In partnership with SEDO, Tdh implemented the “**SALAM: Security and Social Cohesion in Salah Al-Din**” project, funded by GIZ with a total budget of 250,000 EUR for a period of 12 months beginning on 5 April 2023 and concluding on 31 March 2024. This project was set out to effectively mitigate and prevent violence and violent extremism and meet the needs of IDPs and returnees, especially vulnerable or at-risk children and youth, including CAAFAG.

“At 7 years old, Abdul Rahman found himself working to support his family, engaging in difficult daily wage jobs. His mother, the sole provider for the family, fell ill, leaving Abdul Rahman to shoulder the burden of responsibility.

Despite the circumstances, Abdul Rahman never lost hope. He continued to work hard to build a better future for himself and his family. Through this program, Abdul Rahman received training in plumbing and soft skills development. He also received psychological support to help him cope with the trauma he had experienced.”

Outlook

Tdh Iraq will continue to support the most vulnerable and at-risk children and youth through its A2J, CP, and Education programmes and aims to enhance the capacity of local partners by providing technical expertise and is also developing strategic and meaningful partnerships strongly aligned with Tdh’s long-term programmatic goals. Tdh Iraq will work on improving the projects’ quality and sustainability to optimize long-term social impact.

Advocacy

Tdh Iraq successfully concluded the final event of “**Social Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Children Deprived of Liberty Under Affiliation with Terrorism Offenses**” funded by GIZ and advocated for the launch of the new reintegration model for children in the juvenile justice system. The final event, held on 24 April 2024 in Baghdad, brought together a diverse group of stakeholders, including representatives from donors, government officials, International NGOs, and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs).

Main donors and partners

- GIZ, Save the Children, CDCs, UNICEF
- Local and international NGOs
- Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Youth and Sports



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