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## WHAT WE DO

**Localisation:** DCA advocates for localisation and actively promotes local leadership and coordination to support sustainable solutions to the challenges across Iraq. DCA focuses on strengthening the capacity of national and local organisations through participatory approaches that are aimed at sharing knowledge, expertise, and good practices.

**Survivor and Community-Led responses:** DCA and local partners support communities in identifying and addressing their own risks and needs through community-led initiatives by providing trainings and micro-grants. In addition to responding to community needs, the approach has shown to increase resilience, facilitate inclusive spaces and contribute to fostering social cohesion.

**Psychosocial Support:** DCA and local partners provide psychosocial support and recreational activities to vulnerable groups, including children, youth and women, to promote their well-being, resilience and support them to better cope with the effects of armed conflict and displacement.

**Livelihood Opportunities:** DCA and local partners are providing vocational training to vulnerable groups to generate employment, reduce poverty, avoid the risks of child labour and early marriages due to increased income, and strengthen social cohesion between the different communities.

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## FACTS:

- **Operational Presence:** DCA has been in Iraq since 2017. In 2024, DCA reached 23822 beneficiaries (11576 men and boys and 12246 women and girls).
- **Operational Areas:** The Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI) and Government of Iraq (GoI), with an office in Erbil.
- **Projects:** In 2024, DCA Iraq had 9 projects, and 7 in 2023 which were mainly implemented through local partner organisations.
- **Partners:** Judy Organization for Relief and Development (JORD), The Iraq Health and Social Care Organization (IHSCO) and Women Rehabilitation Organization (WRO), and Ashor Organization for Relief and Development (ARD).

## DCA IRAQ'S NATIONAL PARTNERS 2023-2024:



**Judy Organisation for Relief and Development (JORD)** was established in 2012 by six Syrian refugees who wanted to help members of their community and has since grown to support several vulnerable communities in Erbil and Dohuk. JORD and DCA have since 2019, delivered psycho-social support, educational classes, livelihood trainings and survivor- and community-led responses.



**Women Rehabilitation Organization (WRO)** a leading women's rights civil society organisation in Iraq since 2003, and actively promotes women's equal participation, improved access to health and education, and mitigates violence against women. WRO and DCA have been partners since 2020, and have focused on providing GBV services, psycho-social support and livelihood, legal case management trainings.



**The Iraq Health and Social Care Organization (IHSCO)** has been operational in Iraq for the past 20 years in the sectors of mine action, protection, and provision of basic services, and is currently operating in Baghdad, Salah al-Din, Ninewa, Kirkuk and Anbar Governorates. DCA and IHSCO have been partners since 2020 through an integrated project focusing both on mine action activities and organisational capacity-strengthening, aimed at developing national explosive hazard clearance capacity in Iraq.



**The Iraqi Ashor Foundation for Relief and Development (ARD):** The youth foundation focused on addressing the humanitarian and basic needs of marginalized groups, particularly the displaced community when ISIS swept through the country, then shifting its efforts to support the relief and rehabilitation of returning families. In 2024, Ashor partnered with DCA producing sitreps, intention surveys and needs assessments addressing the Lebanese and Syrian refugees influx.



## PARTNERSHIPS' ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE KURDISTAN REGION OF IRAQ IN 2024:

- 19 community groups and community-led initiatives were implemented.
- 317 children reached through PSS activities.
- 418 children participated in educational classes.
- 44 youth, men and women participated in vocational training and job preparedness.
- Provision of case management services to 109 individuals.
- Provision of PSS activities to 107 adults and children.
- 43 religious leaders participated in workshops with the Directorate for Combating Violence Against Women (DCVAW) and CSO Services.
- 198 families received agricultural equipment and tree seedlings for water harvesting and land restoration.
- 6,715 people were given awareness sessions on climate change.

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