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#LifeAfterDaesh Progress highlights in Iraq and Syria

SOUTHWEST ASIA – The Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve and its partners remain united in a long-term, international mission to create enduring security in Iraq and northeast Syria to enable stabilization activities and humanitarian assistance.

Below are examples of stabilization support and life after Daesh:

- **March 27: PHOTO: Global Coalition – Twitter**

Landmines and explosive devices maim and kill long after a conflict ends. The Norwegian People's Aid (NPA) Mine Action and Disarmament are clearing explosive ordnance and saving lives across Iraq.

In 2017, the NPA began its mine action program in Ninawa. A year later, they expanded their efforts to other liberated areas of Iraq.

Since 2018, the NPA has cleared more than 42.5 million square meter of land using advanced technology.

As a result of NPA's Iraq operations, more than 28,000 explosive ordnance items have been cleared.

The NPA has provided mine risk education sessions to more than 74,000 children and 18,000 adults.

<https://twitter.com/coalition/status/1375877103510552578>





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- **March 29: PHOTO: IOM Iraq – Twitter**

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) Iraq led a three-day caregiver training for 30 parents to provide them with the tools and skills to develop stronger relationships with their children.

The program aimed to foster positive interactions between children and parents through improving the attendees' parenting skills, with the overall goal of improving family wellbeing and overall community cohesion.

This activity is funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

<https://twitter.com/IOMIraq/status/1376524006250049538>



- **March 29: VIDEO: UNDP Iraq – Twitter**

To help Iraqis rebuild from the Daesh conflict, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has provided 90,000 livelihoods opportunities through cash-for-work, cash-grants, Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) grants, business development training, and vocational and employability training.

The short term cash-for-work employment opportunities are provided to the local community, especially women in five liberated provinces from Daesh - Anbar, Diyala, Kirkuk, Ninawa, Salah Ad-Din. Empowering and ensuring the equal participation of women in Iraq's development journey is key to sustainable stability and growth.

Learn more about how the UNDP initiatives are supporting women in Anbar with short-term employment:

<https://twitter.com/undpiniraq/status/1376522663993171968>





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- **March 29: PHOTO: Nadia's Initiative – Twitter**

While many displaced Yazidis long to return home to Sinjar, targeted educational investments are required to facilitate a dignified return. The trilingual (Arabic-Kurdish-English) Hostler Library at al-Hateen High School will be a sanctuary for children looking to learn and to heal. It will also be the first-ever school library in this territory of Iraq.

Sinjar's first ever library is fully furnished and stocked with books by Nadia's Initiative and partner Sunrise NGO. The al-Hateen Hostler Library will soon be staffed with a full-time librarian and officially opened so that local students can find refuge in reading.

The project was made possible through support and funding from Millie's Bookshelf.

<https://twitter.com/nadiainitiative/status/1376459736141414401>



- **March 30: PHOTO: IOM Iraq – Twitter**

Following an IOM-led training on leading community initiatives, 15 youth came together in Wahid Huzairan neighborhood in Kirkuk to develop a garden within which community members would be able to relax and de-stress.

The youth group plans to continue their initiatives and newly-honed gardening skills to create more relaxing green spaces for the community throughout Wahid Huzairan neighborhood.

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<https://twitter.com/IOMIraq/status/1376849699093803011>





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- **March 30: PHOTO: USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance – Twitter**

The U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Linda Thomas-Greenfield announced more than \$596 million in additional humanitarian assistance for the people of Syria. The announcement, at the fifth Brussels Conference on “Supporting the Future of Syria and the Region,” co-chaired by the European Union and the United Nations, comes amid a somber milestone this month with the crisis now in its 10th year.



The United States remains the single largest donor to the Syria crisis response, providing nearly \$13 billion since the start of the decade-long conflict, which has left 13.4 million people in dire need of assistance and forced 13 million people from their homes.

This assistance, provided by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the U.S. Department of State, will further support response efforts for vulnerable communities inside Syria, as well as Syrian refugees and host communities in Turkey, Lebanon, Iraq, Jordan, and Egypt.

The USAID funding will enable humanitarian partners to continue providing urgently-needed emergency food and nutrition support, as well as relief supplies and cash assistance to help meet critical needs of newly displaced families; rehabilitating shelters damaged by the conflict and natural disasters; restoring livelihoods; and ensuring communities' access to safe and reliable sources of water, particularly for COVID-19 mitigation efforts.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/3fon6yN>
<https://twitter.com/USAIDSavesLives/status/1376936303753891842>

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