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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:

- **April 27: PHOTO: USAID ‘Syria Program’ – Website**

Hospitals in the Deir ez-Zor region of northeast Syria have struggled with a high demand and low supply of oxygen for years, but with the emergence of COVID-19, the need has become critical.

As part of the United States Agency for International Development’s (USAID) work to restore access to essential services that address community needs and support communities to rebuild, the USAID Essential Services project worked with residents and members of the local health committee to identify investments that could best support progress and self-reliance in Deir ez-Zor. The USAID in coordination with the Deir ez-Zor Health Committee rehabilitated an old warehouse and transformed it into a medical grade oxygen refilling plant.

The new plant now produces approximately 100 medical oxygen cylinders over an eight-hour period. The locally-sourced oxygen cylinders are now being refilled, transported, and distributed to local hospitals.

The USAID will continue to work with local partners to rehabilitate health infrastructure, strengthen local health systems, and deliver health services to communities.

<https://www.usaid.gov/syria/program-updates/apr-2021-how-oxygen-bottling-plant-bringing-hope-northeast-syria>





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- **April 27: PHOTO: UNAMI – Twitter**

The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) received a US \$6.4 million contribution from the government of Japan to support nearly 40,000 internally displaced person in camps for five months with monthly food assistance, and a further 15,000 people in urban communities with work projects over a 10-month period.

Japan's contribution is helping displaced families in Iraq, as well as urban livelihoods, resilience-building projects, and supporting vulnerable people to return to work during the COVID-19 crisis.

Now, by supporting these initiatives – introduced in response to the COVID-19 pandemic – Japan and the WFP are able to help cushion the loss of income suffered by workers dependent on day or seasonal employment as a result of the pandemic and assist them to meet their immediate food needs.

<https://twitter.com/UNIraq/status/1387104262862237709>



- **May 1: PHOTO: UNAMI – Twitter**

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, in collaboration with the Iraqi Ministry of Agriculture, distributed feed and seeds to approximately four hundred households, including returnees, in the sub-district of Ba'shiqa, Ninawa province. The initiative is funded by the European Union (EU).

During this time where Iraq has been badly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as drought, it is important to restore livelihoods in order to increase the resilience of rural communities and provide support to the farmers, especially the returnees, who lost their property and livelihoods. Read more: <https://bit.ly/3xDKXBi>
<https://twitter.com/UNIraq/status/1388377517753569280>





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- **May 3: PHOTO: Nadia's Initiative – Twitter**

During their occupation of Sinjar, Daesh stole 20/24 of the district's electricity maintenance trucks and crippled the ability of the Sinjar Electricity Directorate to reconnect the homes of returning families to the electrical grid.

Nadia's Initiative and the USAID are responding to community priorities by providing the Sinjar Electricity Directorate with maintenance trucks and safety equipment. This will increase the local capacity to connect homes, conduct repairs, and respond to maintenance requests.

<https://twitter.com/nadiainitiative/status/1389138195133222912>



- **May 5: PHOTO: UNAMI – Twitter Arabic**

Mosul suffered massive devastation during the fight against Daesh. An estimated 7-8 million tons of debris was created by the fighting, mainly in the Old City on the banks of the Tigris River. To deal with this huge debris challenge, the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) are joining forces with Mosul Municipality to establish the city's first debris recycling center.



In the conflict's immediate aftermath, clean-up campaigns cleared hundreds of thousands of tons of debris blocking streets to allow residents access to their homes and businesses, and enable rehabilitation of critical infrastructure such as hospitals, schools and water treatment plants.

The UNEP's initiative together with the IOM on recycling debris which cleans up the urban environment and produces materials for road construction will help creating job opportunities for unemployed youth. The project is funded by the government of Japan.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/2PUY3Jm>

<https://twitter.com/UNIraq/status/1389837266437255169>



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