

UNHCR'S SUPPORT TO THE KURDISTAN REGIONAL GOVERNMENT'S PUBLIC SERVICES 2023-2024

UNHCR has been – and continues – to be a committed partner to the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG). In 2023, UNHCR focused its spending on key interventions with the aim of strengthening capacity to provide protection and quality public services for Iraqis and refugees on an equal basis.

UNHCR's support is in line with the shift in 2023 from a humanitarian response to a development-focused approach and building on the KRG's exemplary refugee inclusion efforts.

These investments in public services in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq are expected to continue benefiting Kurdish communities for years to come, even after Syrian refugees will have safely returned to Syria.

Key investments in public services in 2023 **\$35.4M**

PROTECTION **\$27.4M**



Focused on core protection activities such as registration, access to legal aid and documentation, gender-based violence and child protection, community engagement, as well as resettlement and complementary pathways.

PUBLIC HEALTH, EDUCATION, INFRASTRUCTURE **\$8M**



5 public healthcare centres constructed, rehabilitated or equipped.



15 public schools constructed or rehabilitated.



27 infrastructure projects completed (for example, rehabilitation of solar-powered bore holes, water supply and management, shelter upgrades).

In 2024, UNHCR will continue its interventions with the aim of strengthening existing public services, requiring **USD 18 million**.

Refugee Education Integration Policy (REIP)

UNHCR's investment will further the inclusion of refugee children in public schools and acknowledge the hiring of qualified refugee teachers to teach in KRG public schools.

Expected Results

- **4 schools** will be constructed with 12 or 18 classrooms.
- **4,000 refugee children, parents and teachers** will receive remedial and Kurdish language classes to support their enrolment into formal education as well as for their parents to better support their children's learning.
- **43,500 children** will receive learning materials, including textbooks and stationery.
- **4000 refugee teachers** will receive capacity-building training for better quality of teaching and to equip them to better accommodate mixed populations and improve the quality of education.

Funding requirement: USD 15 million

Healthcare and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS)

UNHCR's investment will complete the integration of healthcare facilities into the national system and enhance mental healthcare provision.

Expected Results

- **5 refugee camp primary healthcare centres** will be integrated into the national health system and handed over to local health authorities, with staff trained and supervised.
- **360 health workers and MHPSS actors** will benefit from capacity building and receive training on MHPSS to strengthen the national healthcare system and improve the quality of health services.
- **91,500 refugees** in camps will benefit from UNHCR-supported health services (for example, provision of medicines, medical supplies).
- **192,500 medical and MHPSS consultations** are expected to be provided.

Funding requirement: USD 3 million

