LWF - Iraq

During the conflict against the Islamic State from 2014 to 2019, almost 6 million people were displaced. This led to a humanitarian crisis especially affecting Iraq’s most vulnerable people and minorities. In the country since 2014, LWF Iraq has been providing humanitarian assistance to internally displaced people (IDPs), refugees, and host communities. With the end of the active conflict, the country program has moved from a relief to a early recovery and development approach. In 2019, LWF Iraq supported more than 26,000 people. Registered with the federal Iraqi authorities and in Kurdistan, LWF is based in Duhok and currently operates in the Dohuk, Nineveh and Erbil governates.

LWF at a glance

Population outreach
2019

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<th>Gender &amp; age</th>
<th>Group</th>
<th>The program mainly supports:</th>
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<td>Girls 5-18yo</td>
<td>Local pop.</td>
<td>• Conflict affected people</td>
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<td>4,743</td>
<td>4,976</td>
<td>• Host communities</td>
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<td>Boys 5-18</td>
<td>IDPs</td>
<td>• Returnees in Nineveh province</td>
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<td>4,042</td>
<td>14,166</td>
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<td>Women +18yo</td>
<td>Refugees</td>
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<td>7,516</td>
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<td>Men +18yo</td>
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<td>Girls &lt;5yo</td>
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<th>Staff in 2019</th>
<th>Projects in 2019</th>
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<td>National</td>
<td>17</td>
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<td>International</td>
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<td>Volunteer</td>
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<td>Incentive staff</td>
<td>42</td>
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<td>Total: 69</td>
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Income in 2019
1,3 million €

Crisis and needs
• IDPs / returnees and refugees
• Conflicts and armed groups

Sectors of intervention
• Protection and Social Cohesion
• Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)
• Livelihoods

26,348
Our work
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Voices from the field
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Key results
2019
- Individuals participated in psychological support activities and awareness raising: 7,778
- Individuals were hired by employers after graduating from the training courses: 548
- Individuals have access to clean water and hygiene practices: 18,024

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