



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



STRENGTHENING THE LONG-TERM RESILIENCE OF SUBNATIONAL AUTHORITIES IN COUNTRIES AFFECTED BY THE SYRIAN AND IRAQI CRISES

HEADWAY PROGRAMME | January 2019 – December 2021

REHABILITATION OF WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE (WASH) INFRASTRUCTURE COMPONENT

BACKGROUND

Since 2013, Iraq has been deeply affected by the conflict with the so-called Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). The displacement of over 6 million people and the influx of refugees from Syria has exerted extreme pressure on the Kurdistan Region, which has hosted the majority of the displaced persons and Syrian refugees.

Developed in 2018 in consultation with government partners and stakeholders, and implemented in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Headway Programme aims to strengthen the long-term resiliency of targeted subnational authorities and their host, displaced, and refugee populations affected by the Syrian and Iraqi crises. The Programme addresses the urban recovery needs of local populations in five target cities – Erbil, Duhok, Sumel, Mosul, and Sinjar – with components that focus on strengthening the capacity of local governments, improving service delivery, and facilitating local economic development.

To improve service delivery, UN-Habitat worked with the respective municipalities and water directorates to identify and implement small-scale water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) infrastructure for rehabilitation. Aligning with the guidelines of the WASH Cluster in Iraq for the rehabilitation of dysfunctional infrastructure to ensure quick access to potable water, the WASH projects also support Sustainable Development Goal 11 by providing access to basic services. An investment of USD 795,000 supported the component of WASH projects.

LOCAL PARTNERS

- Erbil Joint Crisis Coordination Centre (EJCC)
- Erbil Water Directorate
- Duhok Joint Crisis Coordination Center (DJCC)
- Duhok Water Directorate
- Ninewa Water Directorate
- Sumel Water Directorate
- Sumel Municipality



Rehabilitation of water network in Erbil, 2020. Photo © UN-HABITAT

KEY OUTPUTS OF WASH PROJECTS



11,058 people have equitable access to sufficient, safe, durable, and sustainable water supply



3,000 people have improved sanitation infrastructure



6,565 working days created for skilled and unskilled workers in support of local economies

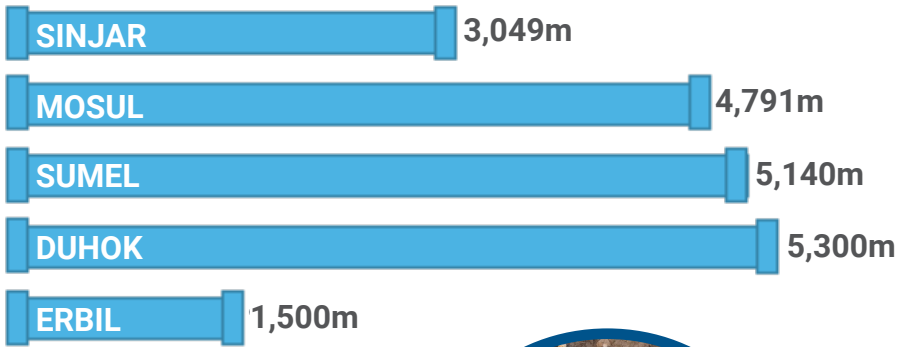


16 stakeholder events held, including meetings with partner institutions, focus groups with women and youth

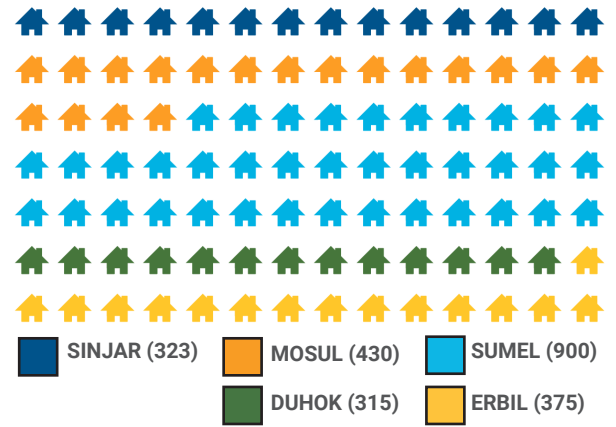


Construction of culvert box in Sumel, 2020. Photo © UN-HABITAT

WATER PIPES INSTALLED



OVER 2,300 HOUSEHOLDS BENEFITTED



Installation of water pipes in Sinjar



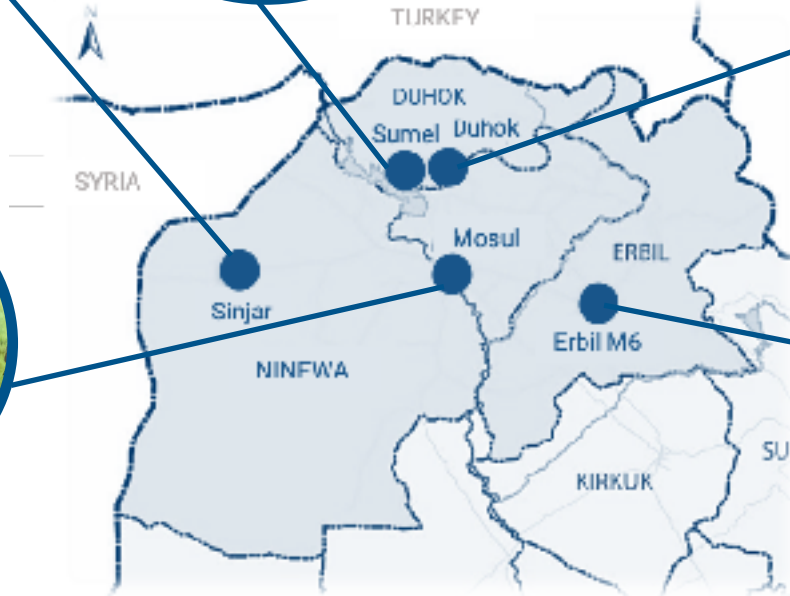
Construction of a culvert box in Sumel



Installation of water pipes in Duhok



Installation of water pipes in Mosul



Construction of a new water well in Erbil



PPE supplied to local partners, 2020. Photo © UN-HABITAT



COVID-19 awareness in Mosul markets, 2020. Photo © UN-HABITAT

SUPPORT TO MUNICIPALITIES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In response to the continued COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the operational capacities of local institutional partners, UN-Habitat provided the municipalities of Erbil, Duhok, Sumel, Mosul, and Sinjar with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supplies to enhance their ability to safely provide services to their most vulnerable populations. The supplies included sanitizers, gloves, PPE gowns, face masks, shoulder sanitizer sprinklers, and touchless thermometers. Support was also extended to the water directorates in Erbil, Duhok, and Ninewa Governorates through the supply of PPEs and water purification materials. All works undertaken as part of the WASH projects adopted COVID-19 protective measures and precautions.



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