

Expert Iraqi geologists give a lecture on modern technologies for urban planning

The Mosul Old City team organised a lecture by expert Iraqi geologists, Dr Tabet and Dr Hana, on the technologies that can be used to map the particular geophysical situation of the historic city, whose underground cavities and on-going erosion are challenging the authorities' capacity to plan a proper sewage network.



Extension of potable water network in Baiji ensures clean and safe water supply to underserved citizens

While there is no magic wand to fix urban areas affected by war, a multi-dimensional project approach can go a long way in supporting the sustainable return of Iraqi households displaced by the conflict with ISIL. In the city Baiji, located in Salah al Din governorate, the European Union has invested in the rehabilitation of damaged housing, public open spaces, WASH, job creation for the unemployed and activities for youth. In parallel to the rehabilitation of the malfunctioning Al Maliha Water Treatment Plant, UN-Habitat has just completed a 12.3 km extension of the potable water network serving Al Asri centre and Al Noor neighbourhoods. During his final inspection of the works and handover, Mr Qais, Head of Baiji Water Directorate, met with several citizens who stated their appreciation for their brand-new connections. Approximately 3,400 persons living in Al Asri are now receiving clean and safe potable water.



UN-Habitat rehabilitates marketplace that will revive economic activity in Tel Qasab

As a part of the "Support for Urban Recovery and Peacebuilding in Western Ninewa" project funded by the European Union, the rehabilitation of a marketplace with 24 shops in Tel Qasab, Sinjar District is complete and has been handed over to the Municipalities.

UN-Habitat makes progress in ensuring land rights of Yazidis

UN-Habitat handed to the Directorate of Municipalities of Ninewa 11,500 Occupancy Certificates and the data that were collected for 50,475 beneficiaries. The collected data will serve and facilitate the local authorities to support and register land rights of Yazidi minority into official cadaster and upgrade the occupancy certificates into full ownership/Title Deeds. The data and the certificates were handed over after a one week training on how to use and apply the STDM (Social Tenure Domain Model) tool to ensure that local authorities working with the data and the certificates are fully trained and capacitated.

Assessing neighbourhood upgradation needs of vulnerable citizens in Basra

The European Union Delegation and UN-Habitat Iraq team conducted a site visit to Jurf Al-Melah, one of the three selected underserved neighbourhoods, as part of the EU funded project: "Increasing Access to Employment Opportunities for Vulnerable Urban Population in Basra City in Response to the COVID-19 Crisis". The team held meetings with the local stakeholders, Community Development Committees' members and the local beneficiaries to discuss the actual situation and services needs for the upgrading of the Jurf Al-Melah neighbourhood.



Responding to water scarcity, UN-Habitat hands over a new water well in Qatawi

As part of the WASH projects under the Headway Programme, UN-Habitat constructed and handed over a new water well in Qatawi underserved neighborhood in Erbil Governorate. This intervention comes as a response to the scarcity of water and the drought season across the region. An additional number of 350 households (2,800 people) including IDPs, refugees and host community members will have access to regular and clean water supply benefitting from this intervention.



Construction of 95 houses and rehabilitation of WASH facilities underway in Dokry for returnees

UN-Habitat project team has conducted a field mission to Sinjar between 20-22 February in order to monitor the progress of ongoing construction of 95 houses in Dokry village as well as construction and rehabilitation of WASH facilities in Tal Banat, which are funded by the Government of Japan. The team met with communities' leaders to have their support and engagement. The construction of 95 houses is planned to be completed by the end of March and around 1,100 returnees will benefit from the project. The construction and rehabilitation of WASH facilities are planned to be completed by the end of May and will benefit around 30,150 people.



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