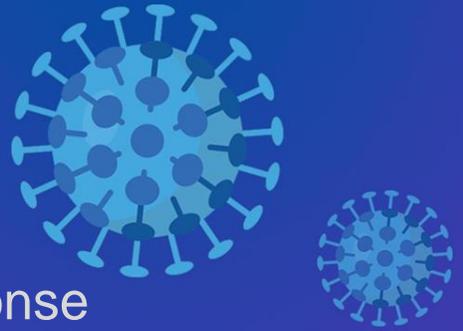


# EU global response to coronavirus across all of Iraq

## Urgent, short-term emergency response



The EU has mobilised EUR 159 Million to address the most pressing challenges in Iraq posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.



The EU **support package for Iraq amounts to EUR 159 Million** to address the impact of the pandemic in the larger sense. This includes **EUR 90 Million in additional funding** specifically to contribute to **increase citizens' provision of social protection** and access to **employment opportunities**.



The EU expands its engagement with National Authorities and WHO to support the **Iraq Covid-19 Response Plan and the National Action Plan for Health Security (2019-2023)**. We will support the provision of **protective personal and medical equipment** as well as **medical supplies**.

Iraq will also be one of the priority focus countries for the **global WHO Response Plan** to support the immediate response and preparedness in countries with weak healthcare systems, which will receive **EUR 114 million from the EU globally**.



**EUR 35 million** will be dedicated to the **immediate humanitarian needs** including **healthcare, water and sanitation and protection**, prioritising the **most vulnerable** populations. This includes **awareness raising; public health surveillance; training of health staff; rehabilitation of water and sanitation systems**; and the provision of **hygiene kits** and **multipurpose cash assistance**.

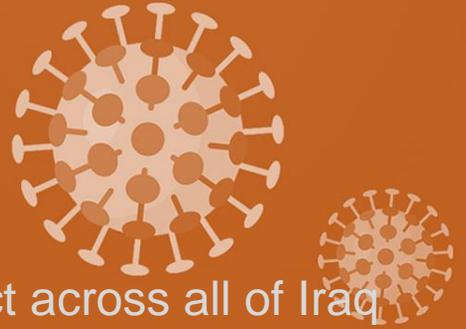


Additionally, to ensure continued access to quality education the **EU is providing support to develop online distance learning platforms, content and assessment tools**. We are helping schools to **encourage children's continued learning** through, creative means such as competitions using social media.



Mental health is important. We are using a **large network of 1000 volunteers and 27 local organisations** to provide **support including psycho-social** support to parents and students. We also ensure **Urgent Protection Services** and counselling for **Gender Based Violence survivors**.

# EU global response to coronavirus in Iraq



## Mitigating the economic and social impact across all of Iraq

*The EU will continue to support the reconstruction process in the aftermath of the crisis.*



The EU supports **agricultural livelihoods of vulnerable families across all of Iraq**. We also aim to **increase agricultural productivity** and the **functioning of agri-business value chains** in view of **creating decent jobs (especially for the youth and women)** and **ensuring domestic food security**.



The EU is **stepping up support to the state building and socio-economic development of Iraq**. We will be investing in **boosting opportunities for employment in the short term** across promising sectors all over Iraq, including the reconstruction of urban centres and infrastructure. In parallel we will also mobilise our partners for reinforcing **social and labour protection** for formal and informal workers, youth, women and displaced people.



The EU will also step-up its engagement to **improve the business climate for MSMEs, encourage private sector development, investment and trade** to counter the imminent fragility of the Iraq's socio-economic system. We will also **support serious structural economic governance reform** to support Iraq to diversify its economy, to render it **macro-economically stable and fiscally sustainable**.



Promoting **democratic citizenship, good governance and Rule of Law** remains a strong priority for the EU. We will be bolstering our support to the **Civil Society of Iraq**.



**Supporting sustainable returns** is key and the EU will support the reconstruction of housing units for returnees and the **rehabilitation of urban infrastructure**, coupled with support to local authorities' capacity to handle **housing, land and property rights** whilst strengthening **the resilience of vulnerable populations including minorities**.



Embracing the **sustainable development goals** and **Iraq's Vision 2030**, we will continue our engagement for **responsible natural resource management** and the promotion of **renewable energies**, as well as the provision of reliable electricity and clean water to all Iraqis.



The EU will also launch a **"Team Europe Initiative"** in Iraq, combining resources from the EU, its Member States, and financial institutions to support Iraq in fighting against the coronavirus pandemic and its consequences.