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BUILDING A PATHWAY FOR DURABLE SOLUTIONS FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES AND IDPS IN IRAQ

FACT SHEET FOR THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN OXFAM, IRAQ AND RDPP



Duration: 2020 - 2021

Budget: 917,249 EUR

Geographical area: Iraq with a focus on KRI

RDPP thematic area: Research and Advocacy

Local partners: KOHRW, STER Organization for Human Development, WOLA

Beneficiaries: CSOs, national and local decision makers, displacement-affected community members

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The project's overall aim is to contribute to policies and programming in Iraq that are more conducive to durable solutions as a result of being informed by locally-led and evidence-based advocacy. The project supports at least three selected CSOs in the Kurdish Region of Iraq (KRI) to identify local obstacles to refugees' and IDPs' ability to pursue solutions to their displacement based on a thorough understanding and analysis of specific issues that affect them. The CSOs are trained and equipped with relevant tools to identify and map issues including their root causes, and structure their advocacy and influencing approaches based on solid local evidence and thorough actor and factor mapping processes. The project works towards two main outcomes:

I. Local/national actors are capable to advocate on behalf of displacement-affected communities on the development and implementation of durable solutions-related policies and programming

Oxfam applies tailored training materials, on-the-job training, coaching and mentoring to strengthen the

selected CSOs' capacities to conduct advocacy initiatives and to identify and address knowledge gaps with regards to the situation impacting displacement-affected communities.

Oxfam supports the selected CSOs in identification of their advocacy priorities and action plans that are based on sufficient evidence and developed in consultations with the persons of concern. Under Oxfam's leadership the CSOs engage in research resulting in policy positions and recommendations on durable solutions in Iraq.

II. Relevant stakeholders have a better understanding and awareness of the rights and needs of refugees, IDPs and host communities in Iraq and are able to support improved policies and programming in relation to durable solutions

The selected CSOs are mentored to transform their plans into practical advocacy tactics, be it through round table discussions, bilateral meetings, policy briefs, campaigns and other social-media and communications initiatives. Policy briefs developed by project partners are disseminated through relevant channels to reach the appropriate decision-makers and duty-bearers with learning sessions with local authorities and other actors organised at the governorate level.

The Oxfam-RDPP partnership embodies the key RDPP engagement principle of localization insofar as the project partners with a network of national and local CSOs and develops their capabilities through an effective partnership model that employs blended participatory capacity development techniques and is to increase the long-term capacity of the selected CSOs to engage with duty bearers at various levels of governance in an evidence-based dialogue around issues that concern them.