



IRAQ REFUGEE CRISIS



Iraqi civilians are the battleground in a conflict that gets worse every day. Over 4.5 million Iraqis are now uprooted, leading to a humanitarian crisis of historic proportions. The International Rescue Committee is helping those in desperate need and urging fast action to aid and protect the most vulnerable.

IRC Accelerates Aid in Jordan

The International Rescue Committee has begun relief operations in Jordan for thousands of at-risk and underserved Iraqi refugees and the communities hosting them.

Most Iraqis have settled in crowded, squalid apartments in poor urban neighborhoods. They confine themselves to their homes because of economic constraints, disabilities, and fear of detention or deportation. Few can access humanitarian aid.

Partnering with three international organizations—CARE, the Near East Foundation and QuestScope—the IRC has designed programs to ensure the most vulnerable get needed assistance.

Programs include recruiting and training mobile teams that go door to door, providing families with counseling services, household supplies, cash assistance and referrals to medical and social services.

We're also identifying established community groups and providing training and support to strengthen their ability to aid Iraqi refugees. One such program focuses on extending educational, psychosocial and recreational programs to thousands of Iraqi children and youth not enrolled in schools. Another initiative aims to reduce tension between the overwhelmed host community and Iraqi refugees.

In the meantime, plans are underway to launch critical aid programs for Iraqi families who have fled to Syria and northern Iraq.

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A New Beginning

A small number of vulnerable Iraqi refugees are being granted refuge in the United States. It's a precious chance at a new beginning for ordinary Iraqis whose lives were turned upside down by terror and chaos, including some in grave danger because they worked for Americans in Iraq.

Across the United States, International Rescue Committee teams are welcoming Iraqi refugees—providing needed humanitarian assistance to help them recover, settle into their new communities and rebuild their lives.

For the new arrivals, we provide cultural orientation, housing assistance, job placement, English classes and links to community services. We also help register children in school and offer special programs to help them adjust and integrate.

Because most Iraqi refugees have experienced severe levels of emotional and physical trauma, we ensure they have needed counseling and medical services.

Some newly arrived refugees already have relatives here. The IRC is helping those families reunite. Otherwise, we place Iraqi refugees in communities with existing Iraqi support networks and where jobs, affordable housing and other special services are available.

The International Rescue Committee and its network of volunteers are aiding up to 15% of the Iraqi refugees arriving in the United States. We are or will be resettling them in: Atlanta, Baltimore, Boise, Boston, Charlottesville, Va., Dallas, Linden, N.J., Los Angeles, New York, Phoenix, Salt Lake City, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, SeaTac, Wash., Seattle, Silver Spring, Md., and Tucson.



From Harm to Home

Founded in 1933, the International Rescue Committee is at work in 25 countries offering help and hope to refugees and others uprooted or affected by violent conflict. The IRC delivers lifesaving relief in emergencies, rebuilds shattered communities, resettles refugees and is a tireless advocate for millions of the world's most vulnerable people. We are committed to restoring dignity, freedom and opportunity.

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