AVSI Iraq: yesterday, today, tomorrow
Executive Summary

• AVSI in Iraq
• Our Team
• Our Projects 2018-2019
• **+10 projects** implemented in the country since **1991**.

• **Growing organization: from 6 to 25 staff** in less than 6 months; +2 offices, total programme budget x **20** in about 1 year time.

• **2 main areas of intervention**: Kurdistan Region, Al-Hamdaniya district.

• **3 offices**: Bagdad, Erbil, Qaraqosh + Sulaymaniyya.

• **25 staff**.

• **+5 local partners** (Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs - KRG, VoP, HIWA Cancer Hospital, Church Supreme Board for Construction of Baghdeda…)

• **3 main area of specializations**: Education, Health, Livelihood.

• About **1,000 beneficiaries**, mainly children and adolescents.

• **Main donors**: AICS, UNICEF, PRM.

• Project budget: **4 million USD**.
The Team

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UNICEF Team

SAD Team

HIWA Team
Our projects: education, child protection and social cohesion

**Project Title:** To provide employability skills to adolescents and youth and to foster civic engagement and social cohesion through Vocational Trainings and Life Skills.

**Donor:** UNICEF

**Duration:** Sept 2017 – Feb 2019

**Location:** Erbil, Kurdistan Region, Iraq

**Partners:** Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs – KRG (MoLSA)

**Beneficiaries:** 600 adolescents and youth 15-24. 50% IDPS/refugees; 50% HC members.

**Objectives:** increase opportunities for youth development that promote inclusiveness and social cohesion.

**Activities:** IT and English courses internationally certified; Life Skill Training, Recreational activities; Teacher Training in conflict management and English.

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**Project Title:** ‘English Distance Mentoring’ under the No Lost Generation (NLG) Tech Task Force initiative.

**Donor:** UNICEF MENA

**Duration:** March 2018 – Feb 2019

**Location:** online

**Partners:** Salesforce

**Beneficiaries:** 200 adolescents and youth 15-24. 50% IDPS/refugees; 50% HC members.

**Objectives:** Provide vulnerable youth with English conversational skills and increase opportunities for inclusiveness and social cohesion.

**Activities:** Online mentoring programme between Iraqi and American youths
Our projects: education, child protection and social cohesion

**Project Title:** Supporto a Distanza  
**Donor:** AVSI  
**Duration:** 2014 - 2020  
**Location:** Erbil and Qaraqosh, Iraq  
**Partners:** NA  
**Beneficiaries:** 513 children 3-14 and their families  
**Objectives:** Support vulnerable children in emergency contexts  
**Activities:** Food assistance via food voucher system and/or food boxes, procurement of school supplies and recreational equipment, art & craft activities, kindergarten fee, support in case of urgent or special needs (i.e. health expenses, transportation).

**Project Title:** "Baby Jesus House" Kindergarten  
**Donor:** AVSI, EDUS  
**Duration:** Jul 2017 – Jun 2019  
**Location:** Qaraqosh, Iraq  
**Partners:** The Congregation of the Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena  
**Beneficiaries:** 450 children (2017/18) 530 children (2018/19) 3-5  
**Objectives:** Facilitate the return to normality in Qaraqosh and provided children with safe spaces.  
**Activities:** kindergarten's refurbishment and procurement of equipment (2017), logistic and financial support to the Dominican Sister to manage the kindergarten and offer free service to families (2017-2019), teachers' training.
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Our projects: livelihood

**Project Title:** A virtuous production cycle to relaunch a city and its economic fabric for IDPs and returnees to the Nineveh Plains, Iraq

**Donor:** Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration - US Department of State (BPRM)

**Duration:** Sept 2018 – Aug 2020

**Location:** Qaraqosh, Iraq

**Partners:** Church Supreme Board for Construction of Baghdeda (BfCB)

**Beneficiaries:** 3,100 Iraqi returnees/host community (50%) and Iraqi IDPs (50%) / farmers, workers, family members

**Objectives:** To provide livelihood opportunities that contribute to create the pre-conditions for economic recovery and full return of IDPs to their original homes through the reconstruction of farming businesses.

**Activities:**

1. Strengthen local community organizations and to establish the basis for a community-driven project;
2. Restore economic livelihoods by reactivating 71 small and medium household farms in selected subsectors;
3. Foster civic engagement and social cohesion through inclusive life skills training and community garden reconstruction.
**Our projects: health**

**Project Title:** To advance the diagnosis and treatment of childhood leukemia.

**Donor:** AICS (2017/18) AVSI, Fondazione Maria Letizia Verna (2018-20)

**Duration:** February 2017 – October 2021

**Location:** Sulaymaniyah, Iraq

**Partners:** HIWA Cancer Hospital

**Beneficiaries:** 77 patients treated, 225 days of training performed by Italian doctors.

**Objectives:** Advance the diagnosis and treatment of childhood leukemia via capacity building from Italian doctors/nurses/technicians to local staff

**Activities:** Capacity building and training on the job, medical follow up, procurement of medical equipment, public awareness campaign
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Dream City, Erbil, Iraq