Years of continuous conflict and economic stagnation have impacted nearly every aspect of Iraqi society. This humanitarian crisis is however entering a new phase as most of the combat operations have ended and hundreds of thousands of displaced people are returning to their homes and communities. Partners estimate that up to 4.2 million internally displaced people may need assistance. Of these, 1.1 million are expected to be resident in camps and emergency sites and 3.1 million to live in host communities. Partners also estimate that 1.9 million returnees will require assistance including 1.5 million people who are expected to return at some point during the year and 400,000 of the 1.2 million who have already returned home in previous years. At least 3 million Iraqis living in host communities and 1.4 million Iraqis living in newly retaken areas, including 800,000 people in Mosul city and 600,000 in surrounding areas, are expected to require assistance. 230,000 Syrian refugees are expected to remain in Iraq and to require continuing assistance.

Specific objectives will include:

a) To provide drinking water and hygiene through:
   Provision of water trucking, rehabilitation of water points, Schools WASH facilities, and Installation water treatment plants (ROs).
   Provision of hygiene/dignity kits (ensuring water is accessible to all, safe and secure, and taking into consideration the profile of the beneficiaries, eg weight of water to be carried, distance to travel to water sources etc.). Hygiene Promotions activities

b) To support emergency healthcare needs in emergency first aid.
   Provision of first aid trainings to the community and volunteers, Provision of First aids kids.
   Increasing the capacity of IRCS to response with the provision of ambulances.

c) To provide livelihood support based on Household Economic Security (HES) and livelihood feasibility assessment done in 2017.
   Families will be supported financially to start small business initiatives in host communities as well returnee areas.

d) To enhance IRCS crisis management capacity through:
   Provision of training for volunteers in NDRT, IT, Communication and PMER.
   Provision of relevant technical capacity.

This plan target in particular displaced people (men, women, boys and girls) in North Iraq and Central Iraq, notably IDPs living in camp and non-camp settings that have moved from their homes due to ongoing fighting, as well as those newly displaced and anticipated to be displaced.
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Improve access to nutritional food supplies through mobile cash transfers. Immediate life-saving support provided through monthly mobile cash transfers to the most vulnerable.

Emergency water, sanitation and hygiene promotion. Improve access to safe drinking water through the rehabilitation of boreholes. Promote disease prevention through hand-washing and good hygiene and sanitation practices. Strengthen livelihoods. Provide agricultural production support in the form of seeds and fertilizer distributions.

**STATISTICS**

- 35% of the country’s population live below the poverty line.
- 3.3 MIL of the country does not have access to basic health services.
- 23% women in country have experienced some or multiple forms of violence.
- 22.6% increase in unemployment since 2016.

**AREA OF FOCUS**

**DISASTER RISK REDUCTION** CHF 100,000 REQUIRED

As Iraq transition into a recovery phase after protracted internal crisis, the IFRC aim to support IRCS to scale up its Disaster Risk Reduction Programme. This will be achieved by updating its strategic plan and Policy to address the existing and new challenges. Specifically, IFRC will support IRCS in carrying out vulnerability and capacity assessment in 7 Governorates to identifying communities in High risk areas prone to floods, food insecurity, earthquakes, and disease outbreaks. This will include engaging with communities, Schools, local authorities and other local organisations to develop contingency plans and carryout simulation exercise.

**LIVELIHOODS AND BASIC NEEDS** CHF 1,020,000 REQUIRED

Approximately 4.2 million Iraqis need livelihoods assistance. People living in situation of protracted displacement find it hard to access sustainable opportunities. The lack of sustainable livelihoods options limits people’s access to basic needs and services with many turning to negative coping measures to survive. Access to livelihoods support and opportunities is essential in ensuring that people can meet their basic survival needs and in certain cases rebuild and recover. People who are who are returning to destroyed homes, infrastructure and livelihoods, alongside a persistent risk of further conflict and insecurity. In such areas, the need for reconstruction, rehabilitation of basic infrastructure and services, as well as livelihood support are immense. The IRCs, will collaborate with local and International partners to provide support through its branches in North and Central Iraq.

**HEALTH** CHF 290,000 REQUIRED

The IRCS health department aims to develop a community-based health strategy focusing on awareness raising and health education in the communities it serves. Following the development of a first aid strategy and a psychosocial support strategy and their successful implementation to this date with PNS support, the IRCS would like to take the same direction in health education. The development of such a strategy will ensure that all capacity building activities fall under and work towards one goal. For this purpose, the IFRC MENA health and care unit will support the development of the strategy that will consist of a capacity building plan revolving around the CBHFA approach and the design, implementation and monitoring of social marketing campaigns. Health education topics delivered in CBHFA trainings will be tailored to the Iraqi context (cholera prevention, NCDs, etc.). Some of the activities include: provision of first aid trainings to the community and volunteers. Provision of First aids kits. Increasing the capacity of IRCS to response with the provision of ambulances.

**STRENGTHEN NATIONAL SOCIETY CAPACITIES** CHF 150,000 REQUIRED

The IRCS has some new board members who were elected during the IRCS General Assembly in May 2018. Some of these board members are new to the Movement, therefore this country plan aims to support them with a governance training to raise their awareness role of Governance, Principles and Values. This is specially important as the IRCS has just reviewed its strategic plan and aims at developing a new one to cover the period of 2019 to 2024.

**ENSURE EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT** CHF 160,000 REQUIRED

A historically weak institutional framework for disaster management has further undermined the capacity of communities and individuals to manage disasters. The IFRC will work with the IRCS, to enhance to ensure Operational Excellence in all the Society’s response. Iraq is a country that has gone through an inordinate amount of natural and man-made shocks over years, from flooding to cholera outbreaks, to hosting and serving thousands of IDPs across all of Iraq and meeting the needs of refugees seeking safety.

**INFLUENCE OTHERS AS LEADING STRATEGIC PARTNER** CHF 20,000 REQUIRED

The main objectives of the Communication support to the IRCS are:
- Strengthen National Societies communication network by exchanging knowledge, skills and best practices.
- Deliver timely, relevant trustworthy information during emergencies.
- Focus on digital communications and follow the latest trends in harmony with IFRC HQ practices.

**ENSURE EFFECTIVE IFRC** CHF 260,000 REQUIRED

IFRC will ensure accountability to stakeholders (including people reached and partners) through improved planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of projects. It will work to enhance its operational effectiveness through strengthened internal communication and coordination, improved operational and financial management systems, and zero-tolerance policy for confirmed incidents of fraud. The IFRC will carry out a yearly audit which will be made publicly available.

Based on needs and requests, IFRC will support the national society to address issues related to integrity or fraud.

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