



Total population:
42 million



People in need:
2.5 million



Internally displaced:
1.2 million



Returnees:
4.9 million



Refugees:
287,700

DRC Sectors:

Economic Recovery

Protection

WASH

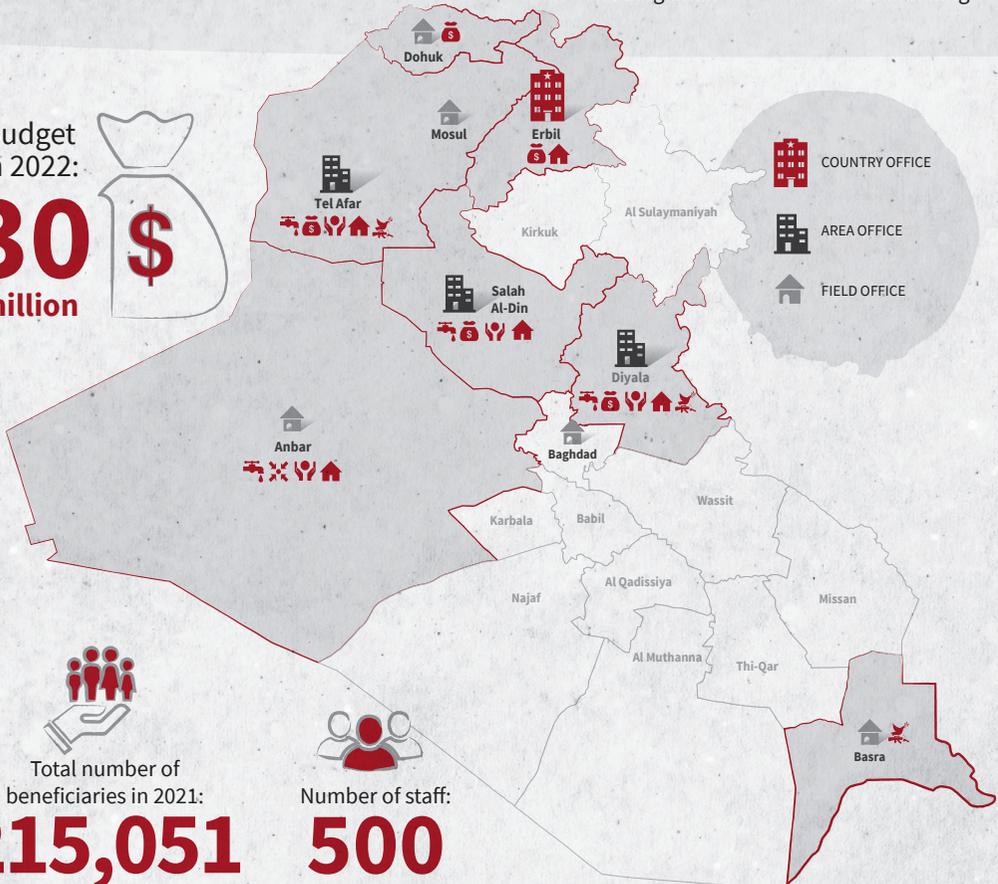
Shelter and Settlements

Camp Coordination and Camp Management

Humanitarian Disarmament and Peacebuilding

Budget in 2022:

30 million



Total number of beneficiaries in 2021:

215,051



Number of staff:

500

Humanitarian Overview

Four years after the end of formal military operations against the so-called Islamic State (IS), the humanitarian context in Iraq remains fragile. Today, more than 2.5 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance and 1.2 million remain internally displaced. The conflict has uprooted millions of people, eroded social cohesion, disrupted access to basic services, destroyed livelihoods and led to increased protection risks. The recent rapid closure of IDP camps has also accelerated the need to support both households in their areas of return and the local communities hosting them. Against this backdrop, the COVID-19 pandemic and the drop in oil prices have increased the socioeconomic vulnerabilities across the country. With governance challenges and limited progress towards recovery and development, the situation has become protracted and millions of people across Iraq remain in need of humanitarian assistance.

DRC's Operations

In 2003, shortly after the start of foreign military operations in Iraq, DRC became one of the first organisations on the ground providing humanitarian assistance in the country. Today, DRC is present in 8 of Iraq's 19 governorates, assisting IDPs, returnees and in need host communities. DRC has progressively adapted the scope of its response to the changing context in Iraq, moving beyond large-scale, emergency programming in camps in favour of more specialised early recovery activities, while maintaining capacity to address sudden onset crises.

DRC works to support the safety, dignity, and resilience of conflict- and displacement-affected people in Iraq by providing for critical basic needs as well as developing sustainable long-term solutions for individuals and communities. To meet these goals, DRC's programming in Iraq focuses on the following programmes:





Economic Recovery

We support people affected by displacement to provide, once again, for themselves and for their families in a dignified and sustainable manner. We help address immediate unmet needs through direct assistance, which involves distributing cash grants and food supplies. We also help to build longer-term resilience and self-reliance, with a specific focus on achieving food security, restoring decent and sustainable livelihoods, and improving financial inclusion.

DRC is part of the Cash and Livelihoods Consortium of Iraq (CLCI), along with four other international NGOs. The main objective of CLCI is to enable socio-economically vulnerable Iraqis to meet their basic needs and achieve greater self-reliance through harmonised cash- and market-based assistance.

damaged dwellings and infrastructure, and repair permanent homes. To support immediate needs, we also offer cash grants and distribute non-food items (NFIs), such as hygiene kits, emergency bedding, cooking utensils and other critical supplies. DRC also supports longer-term recovery through rebuilding and repairing local infrastructure such as water supply systems.



Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM)

We help manage sites of internal displacement in Anbar Governorate and strive to establish the best possible protective environment for the displaced and those hosting them.



Humanitarian Disarmament and Peacebuilding (HDP)

DRC implements a wide array of humanitarian mine action activities in Ninewa and Basra Governorates including explosive hazards risk education, non-technical survey, technical survey, explosive ordnance disposal, mine clearance, battle area clearance, improvised explosive device search and disposal, community liaison and quality assurance/ quality control in support of the Regional Mine Action Centre (RMAC).



Protection

Our interventions are designed to help prevent and respond to the risks and consequences of violence, coercion, and deprivation. This includes through legal assistance, case management, psychosocial support, and community-based protection interventions.

In Diyala governorate, DRC also supports social cohesion by coordinating community dialogue and engaging youth and local leaders and peacebuilders.



Shelter, Settlements and WASH

We help ensure that people affected by displacement have access to shelter and basic services that enable them to live in dignity and safety. We provide temporary shelter, help repair

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