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UN-Habitat completes rehabilitation of 102 houses in Tal Banat

“At last, we have a roof over our heads. We can now sleep peacefully, knowing that we will be safe in this house. UN-Habitat restored our hope for a normal life” This is just one of many expressions of gratitude that the UN-Habitat’s team received from the community after the completion of 102 war-damaged houses in Tal Banat, Sinjar. Entering their new houses represents a new beginning for vulnerable families and people with disabilities who look forward to rebuilding their lives and livelihoods after years of displacement. This project was generously funded by the Government of Japan.



Celebrating World Children’s Day at Mosul’s Al Yarmouk Park

Children in Mosul celebrated World Children’s Day in the recently inaugurated Al Yarmouk Park— a park they eagerly waited for. In line with this year’s theme of “Inclusion, for every child”, the playground has been designed to create an inclusive play area that meets the developmental needs of every child in the city. The park provides opportunities for physical, cognitive, communicative, social, emotional, and sensory development for children. This initiative was organized under the EU-funded programme ‘Supporting Recovery and Stability in Iraq through Local Development’.

UN-Habitat offers training course on land governance in Dohuk University

UN-Habitat Iraq joined the Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) and Regional Office for the Arab States (ROAS) to provide a training course on land rights to the students of Dohuk University. The course aimed to introduce the concept of good land governance and its key Housing, Land and Property (HLP) components to students, lecturers and key partners of Dohuk University. Such courses on land governance and management should also be provided in other Iraqi institutions to complement future land-related initiatives.



UN-Habitat celebrates World Children's Day in Telafar

UN-Habitat celebrated World Children's Day in Telafar, a city in northern Iraq that suffered the brunt of the occupation and conflict with ISIL, in the new garden it inaugurated in late October. Here the team managed to transform a forgotten pocket of land full of debris and garbage into a lively garden exclusively for ladies and children to enjoy in.

The design for this project reflects this year's theme —'Inclusion, for every child'— through the creation of an inclusive and safe public space executed under the EU-funded programme 'Supporting Recovery and Stability through Local Development in Iraq'.



UN-Habitat celebrates successful completion of vocational training courses in Telafar

UN-Habitat staff joined its implementing partner Aid Gate Organization (AGO) in celebrating the graduation of 200 young unemployed men and women from the rural district of Talafar. These young men and women had completed around 20 vocational training courses on construction skills and sewing topped by two weeks of on-the-job training. The initiative, delivered in partnership with the Mosul Vocational Training Centre (VTC), was funded by the European Union under its local development programme.



Layla's story: UN-Habitat empowers women in Iraq

UN-Habitat actively works to promote gender equality and women empowerment in Iraq. This month, we invited Layla to share her professional journey and experience within the agency.

Layla, 29 years old, is currently working in the rural town of Sinjar as a Community Mobilizer, helping her community recover from ISIL's occupation— as part of a project funded by Japan.

"Over the years, UN-Habitat became my second family. I am grateful to the organization that I can contribute and support my community, my people and loved ones. I see a great positive impact on the return of normal life in the area. With my team's experience and work, I hope that we can create opportunities for more women to take on humanitarian jobs, giving them the ability to participate equally across sectors," said Layla.

By leading with stories of women, UN-Habitat continues to foster a supportive environment where inclusivity and equality are promoted.



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