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UN-Habitat celebrates completion of children playground in Al-Yarmouk Park

On 5th of October, UN-Habitat's Mosul team organized a children playday event in Al-Yarmouk Park to celebrate the completion of the central children playground. The works, realised in partnership with the European Union, included the installation of more than 35 interactive playground equipment over 15,000 sqm area offering a dynamic and lively space for toddlers, children, youth, including people with disabilities, many of whom have grown up in an environment of intolerance and conflict.



UN-Habitat closes the Headway Programme with impactful results

UN-Habitat has successfully completed the rehabilitation of 976 houses inhabited by around 7,000 host community members, refugees and IDPs in the governorates of Erbil, Duhok, and Ninewa, under the Headway Programme, funded by the European Union. The project has helped vulnerable families to have access to water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) through the rehabilitation of small-scale infrastructure projects including installation of water supply networks and drilling water wells. A video illustrating the impact of this programme can be seen here.



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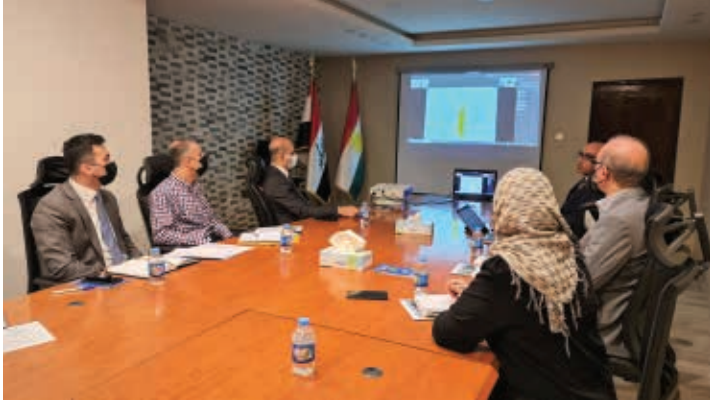


UN-Habitat and UNESCO launch Mosul Old City property mapping task force

On Wednesday 22 Sept, the team launched the creation of a Mosul Old City Riverfront property mapping "task force" between Mosul Municipality and Ninewa's Real Estate office with the intent of streamlining the uploading of the property documents available at the Real Estate Office on the dynamic GIS database created by UNESCO. In his surprise attendance to the meeting, the Mayor strongly encouraged all participants to support UN-Habitat's endeavour and promised to support ground survey efforts of the Real Estate office with the required resources.

UN-Habitat introduces revenue analysis tool to government partners

On 20 Sept, UN-Habitat introduced to Kurdistan's Minister of Municipalities and Tourism (MOMT) the Rapid Own Source Revenue Analysis (ROSRA) tool developed by UN-Habitat HQ to help local authorities optimize their Own-Source Revenues (OSR). The enhancement of local revenue administration in Iraq is an important component of the European Union's support towards decentralization. The Local Area Development Programme will be piloting ROSRA in 5 cities, starting from Erbil, Sulemaniya and Mosul.



UN-Habitat supports Yazidi minority in accessing their land rights with legal help

UN-Habitat HLP programme has been collaborating closely with local authorities and representatives to distribute 310 land occupancy certificates to the Yazidi minority in Tal Uzair, Sinjar district. UN-Habitat in Iraq is supporting the Yazidi's HLP rights who face discrimination in proving their ownership or occupancy land rights, particularly where official documents are missing, damaged or destroyed property documentation.



Preparations for a COVID-19 awareness campaign underway in Sinjar

In partnership with its implementing partner Peace Winds Japan, UN-Habitat is implementing an intensive COVID-19 awareness campaign in Sinjar targeting more than 1,200 beneficiaries. With funding from the Government of Japan, under the project titled "Emergency Support to Returnees in Iraq after the Outbreak of COVID-19", the campaign is delivering a new set of awareness messages to fight the latest wave of the pandemic and enhancing the visibility of clear preventive measures. Public initiatives include the organization of COVID-19-related events at local schools for children and their parents.



UN-Habitat, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, is the focal point for all urbanization and human settlement matters within the UN system and is mandated by the UN General Assembly (beginning in 1975) to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities. Its mandate is further derived from other internationally agreed upon development goals, including SDG11 of the Sustainable Development Goal, a goal dedicated for urban development, and the New Urban Agenda, an action-oriented document signed by member states which sets global standards of achieving SDG11. UN-Habitat has been active in Iraq since 1996.



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