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Project Factsheet

Support emergency & critical care services and maternal and child health in Duhok governorate in response to the Syrian crisis

OBJECTIVES

- Increase access to quality emergency healthcare for mothers and children.
- Strengthen maternal and child health services in selected healthcare centres and in three hospitals.
- Strengthen emergency medical response in one secondary level and one tertiary level centre.

BUDGET

EUR 5.7 million

START DATE

17/09/2016

DURATION

24 months

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Increase the reception capacity of Duhok's maternity and paediatric hospitals by at least 20%.
- Improve working conditions in 72 primary healthcare centres.
- Increase the reception capacity of Duhok Emergency and Trauma Hospital and Akre Emergency Hospital by at least 30%.
- Provide higher quality emergency and critical healthcare services by the staff of Duhok and Akre Emergency Hospitals.

BENEFICIARIES

1,500,000

Iraqis and
Syrians
in Duhok
governorate

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER



PROJECT LOCATIONS



IRAQ

Duhok

Akre

IMPACT



Shirin weighed between 500 and 600 grammes when she was born in late December 2017.

"Normally, with such a low weight at birth, they don't survive," says chief nurse Susanna Padrini. "This is a dream for us, because she has now reached 2 kg, she's fine without oxygen and she doesn't need any treatment for respiratory distress."

"Now, she only needs to grow a little bit and she will then be discharged," adds Padrini.

Like other health structures in the region, Duhok Pediatrics Hospital faces dire challenges in providing basic quality services to vulnerable

patients.

Thanks to EU funds, Italian NGO AISPO provided equipment and staff training for the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit.

"We improved the equipment and the number of beds in the ward. Before, it was 18 - now we have 25 beds," explains Padrini. "Last year, in 2017, we had 21,000 deliveries, equivalent to at least 57 deliveries per day, in this ward."

By the end of the project, the paediatric hospital will have more than 50 beds. It will increase its capacity to receive more inpatients.