



## About Mercy Hands

Mercy Hands for Humanitarian Aid is an Iraqi not-for-profit humanitarian organization that works in disaster affected areas in Iraq and elsewhere to save lives, sustain human rights and restore a healthy community. We are active in different sectors of emergency response, protection, livelihoods, community development, and peacebuilding. Mercy Hands is an active member of **Emergency Livelihood Cluster** and **Multi Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA) Workgroup**.

## Did you know?

In addition to the livelihood programs, we organize job fairs that will connect job seekers to private companies and organizations. In 2019, we conducted 5 job fairs in Baghdad, Salah Al Din, Basra, and Muthanna governorates.

During the job fair Mercy Hands and other sponsors of the fair will organize workshops and presentations on relevant topics such as interviewing skills, resume writing, career planning, etc.

Interested in organizing or sponsoring a job fair in Iraq? Contact us!



## Our Partners

In 2019, we partnered with many different UN agencies and international organizations for livelihood programs, such as: WFP, Malteser International (MI), Deutsche Welthungerhilfe (WHH), Mission East, Mercy Corps, AMAR US, FAO, UNICEF, and Lemon Tree Trust.

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## Livelihood Programs

2019





## Sustainable Livelihood & Economic Development

In Ninewa, with MI and WHH, we rehabilitate agricultural infrastructures, train farmers and agribusiness owners, distribute business grants, distribute livestock on farmers, and rehabilitate greenhouses and orchids.

In Duhok we continue to support our self-funded greenhouse.

In rural North East Syria we dug up wells and provided farmers with training and equipment.

## Microloans for Women

In Babil we provide vulnerable women with small loans (\$200 - \$1000) to start/ grow their businesses. Women received one-on-one training on entrepreneurship skills.



## Vocational Training (VT)

In 2019 we provided VT through:

- WFP's EMPACT: Two centers in Tikrit and Samarra. IT and English courses.

- PLLAY Center: with Mercy Corps, Providing Leadership and Life Skills for Adolescents and Youth in Tikrit.

- ACE Centers: with AMAR US, 6 Active Community Engagement Centers, in Baghdad, Samawa, and Basra.

- Women Center in Basra: Computer, English, Horticulture, and Beauty Salon training for vulnerable women.

- VT Centers in Duhok and Erbil: Beauty salon, dairy production, electricity, and IT courses for unskilled IDPs, refugees, and host community.



## Cash Based Transfers (CBT)

Where we have accessible markets and functioning cash infrastructures, we implement cash based transfer as Emergency Livelihood assistance to vulnerable groups. Our first CBT was with WFP in 2017 for IDPs in Baghdad. It is still ongoing (2019 - 2020) and extended in 2018 to include IDPs in Karbala.

Our other CBT programs are:

- Emergency Cash Transfers in Mosul (UNICEF, 2018 - 2019): Vulnerable families received monthly CBT to encourage them to send their children to school.

- Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance in Tel Afar (Malteser International, 2019 - 2020): enabling recipient households to define and meet a variety of their most urgent needs



## Food Vouchers

In 2019 and in partnership with WFP we provided all IDP families living in camps in Anbar governorate with monthly electronic vouchers to purchase food for a given quantity or value in designated shops accessible to them. In 2020 we are extending our partnership with WFP for the food vouchers to include IDPs living in camps in Ninewa governorate.

## Cash for Service

- Emergency Livelihood - Cash for Work (C4W): In 2019 we implemented four C4W projects; 3 in Ninewa (with FAO, WHH, and MI) and 1 in Salah Al Din (with WFP).
- Sustainable Livelihood - Cash for Training: With WFP in 2020