



# **IRC Iraq Protection Needs Overview Oct 2024 – Mar 2025**

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# Who We Are & What We Do

- IRC Iraq has provided humanitarian and protection services since 2003.
- Focus: IDPs, returnees, refugees, host communities
- Core Services: Legal aid, GBV prevention, documentation, child protection, case management

# Donor Landscape & Programmatic Architecture

- ECHO: Protection case management, legal aid, protection monitoring (Anbar, Ninewa, Salah Al-Din via JC)
- FCDO: Access to justice, social cohesion, peacebuilding, durable solutions (Anbar, Ninevah, Salah Al-Din, Kirkuk)
- PRM: GBV prevention, livelihoods, returnee protection, monitoring (Anbar, Kirkuk, Ninevah)
- UNHCR: Legal assistance to refugees/asylum seekers in 13 governorates (Center and South)

District-Level Coverage by Donor & Program Focus				
Province	Districts	Donor(s)	Key Activities	Implementer(s)
North	Ramadi, Heet, Al-Qaim	ECHO, PRM	Legal aid, protection case management, protection monitoring	IRC , WEO
	Ana, Rawa, Heet , Al Qaim	FCDO	Legal assistance, social cohesion	LCN, TAD
	Mosul (Qayyarah), Gayyarah	FCDO	Legal aid, social cohesion	JC, TAD
	Sinjar	ECHO, FCDO, PRM	GBV, legal aid, case management, reintegration	IRC, Al Mesala, HCR
Central	Kirkuk City, Dibs, Daquq, Hawija, Rashad	FCDO, PRM	Legal aid, GBV, refugee protection, reintegration	IRC, IAA, JC, PFO, WEO
	Tikrit, Tooz, Baiji	ECHO , FCDO	Legal aid, returnee support, social cohesion	Justice Center, TA
	Yanjaka	FCDO	Access to justice, documentation	JC, TAD
South	Baghdad, Najaf, Basra, Maysan, Dhi Qar, Karbala, Babil, Wasit, Al-Qadisiyyah, Muthanna, Erbil, Salah Al-Din, Anbar	UNHCR	Legal aid for refugees and asylum seekers, documentation, child protection	IRC (Direct Implementer)

## Protection Monitoring Methodology & Scope

- Tools: IRC Toolkit – HH Survey, KII, FGD, Observation (disability disaggregated)
- Standards: GPC-aligned, DRG-recognized
- Scope: Anbar, Ninewa, Kirkuk (Salah Al-Din resuming)
- Coverage: 178 HHs, 76 KIIs, 351 FGD participants

# Key Protection Findings – Access & Legal Barriers

- 94% report access difficulties (top barrier: cost)
- Priority Needs: Livelihoods (92%), Legal Aid (53%), Healthcare (49%)
- 28% of households lack key documents
  - Child labor (45%), early marriage, school dropout
  - Gender-based mobility barriers
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## **Strategic Outcomes & IRC Value-Add**

- 36,000+ supported with documentation (2021–2024)
- Legal services + case management + GBV + social cohesion
- Unique dual-monitoring role (ECHO & PRM)
- Strong Gov & CSO partnerships

# Recommendations & Opportunities

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- Scale legal aid in high-return districts
- Strengthen referral and case management systems
- Expand services to climate-affected zones
- Support inclusive, government-led reintegration



**Thank you for your attention.**

**Questions welcome.**