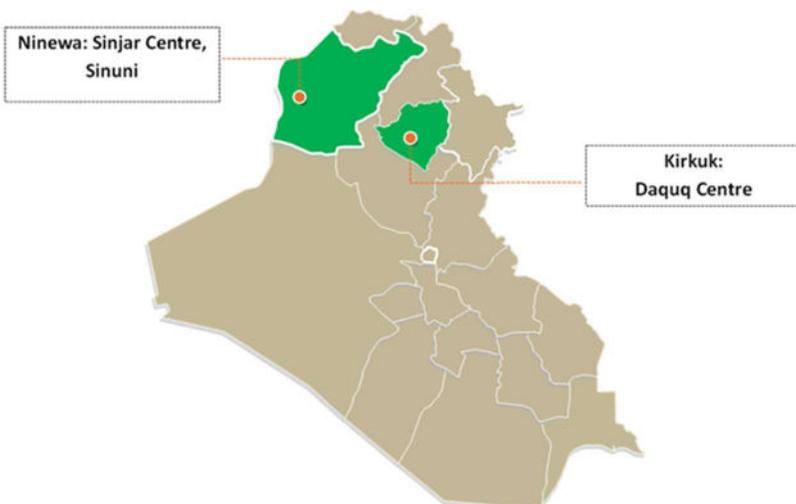


Building for Peace through Inclusive Service Delivery and Accountable Local Governance in Sinjar and Daquq

Country	Republic of Iraq	<p>Map showing project locations in Iraq</p> 
Location(s)	<p>Kirkuk Governorate: Daquq Centre</p> <p>Ninewa Governorate : Sinjar Centre; Sinuni</p>	
Partners	<p>Lead Grantee: Kurdistan Organization for Human Rights Watch</p> <p>Sub-Grantees: Accepting Others Organization; Peace and Freedom Organization</p>	
Duration	20 Months (01.02.2025 - 31.09.2027)	
Total Budget (in EUR)	2,000,000.00	

Across Sinjar and Daquq, the legacy of war continues to fuel mistrust and inter-communal tensions. These are further reinforced by gaps in water, health and education services – of which the access is often perceived as unequal across communities. This project addresses these service and trust-linked pressures through inclusive dialogue, fair service improvements as entry points from trust-building and strengthened and responsive local governance.

The Challenge

Through 90 sessions with 351 participants (44% women), including 60 KIIs and 30 FGDs, the Consortium’s Peace and Conflict Analysis identified the following key tensions across the target locations:

- Historical grievances and unresolved trauma continue to drive mistrust between groups.
- Service availability, fairness and accessibility – real or perceived, particularly in water, health, and education strongly shape inter-communal relations and community-authority relations.
- Communities and officials alike seek clearer communication, and practical, inclusive collaboration.

Kirkuk – Daquq Centre

Interactions among Arab, Turkmen, and Kurdish communities are shaped by perceptions of uneven service

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delivery. Water boreholes, Public Health Centres and schools emerge as key sites where service gaps intersect with community grievances, offering entry points for tangible improvements.

Ninewa – Sinjar Centre & Sinuni

Mistrust between Yazidi and Sunni Arab/Kurdish communities persists due to the legacy of war and ISIS occupation, displacement and unresolved trauma. Even minor service disruptions such as water shortages or overcrowded schools are often seen through a lens of favoritism or exclusion, reinforcing divisions.

The Building for Peace Approach in Practice

1 Intra- and Inter-Group Dialogue

Community Platforms facilitate intra-group, bridging and inter-group dialogue, alongside structured community-authority meetings to validate priorities and provide regular updates.

2 Fair & Conflict-Sensitive Service Improvements

Joint planning with relevant directorates enables rehabilitation of a priority well in Daquq, Public Health Centres in Sinjar (including strengthened Psycho-Social Support systems), and schools across both districts, complemented by inclusive water-use campaigns and school engagement events.

3 Responsive & Accountable Governance

Local authorities receive targeted workshops and mentoring on inclusive engagement, communication and conflict-sensitive practices, supported by regular dialogues and interaction with communities on priorities.

Dialogue, tangible service improvements and strengthened accountability mechanisms work together to reduce tensions, improve cooperation and rebuild trust between communities and local authorities.

How it Works

Target Outcomes

- Strengthened cooperation and trust between communities.
- Improved fair and reliable access to water services in Daquq.
- Improved fair and reliable access to health services in Sinjar.
- Improved fair and reliable access to school services in Sinjar and Daquq.
- Strengthened trust and cooperation between communities and local authorities.

In Figures

- **20,850 beneficiaries of public facilities** rehabilitation.
- **8 locally led-platforms** for problem-solving and community consultation.
- **1,200 community members and officials** engaging in intra- and inter-group dialogue
- **8 public facilities rehabilitated** and equipped with O&M support to sustain inclusive service delivery.
- **2 Psycho-Social Support systems** improved
- **240 officials and community members** engaged in joint planning and monitoring

