

SUSTAINABLE REINTEGRATION IN IRAQ

Category

ERRIN Facility

Timeline

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Countries of implementation

Iraq, Baghdad region

Project lead

Finnish Immigration Service

Increasing the acceptance for returns in the countries of origin and improving the quality of reintegration process has long been a core focus for ERRIN.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Implemented by the Finnish Immigration Service and ERRIN Facility in the Baghdad region, the project “Sustainable Reintegration in Iraq” aims to enhance the return process of Iraqi nationals to Iraq by improving the reintegration assistance offered on the ground and gaining a more extensive insight into the return dynamics. More specifically, this entails increasing the local ownership of reintegration by involving local actors in the reintegration process. The project intends to increase the chance of success for returnees by providing supplementary and tailor-made services, such as innovative business training sessions and targeted psychosocial support. Lastly, by tackling social challenges Iraqi returnees face, the project will lay ground for a future campaign that could help a more enabling environment for Iraqi returnees.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Training sessions | the core activity of the project is developing and testing targeted and structured pre-departure and post-arrival training sessions, which will benefit approximately 100 people returning to Iraq from ERRIN partner countries;

Job-matching | Exploring new ways to support returnees in finding employment in Iraq.

Research study | a mapping of specific (psycho)social challenges that returnees face upon the return to Iraq and creating recommendations for a future grassroots campaign that could contribute to creating a more enabling environment for the Iraqi returnees.

ABOUT ERRIN

The European Return and Reintegration Network (ERRIN) is a joint initiative of 15 EU Member States and Schengen countries, the European Border and Coast Guard Agency and the European Commission. The International Centre for Migration Policy Development supports the programme as an implementing partner. ERRIN enhances European cooperation to improve both the return process, and the quality of support offered to migrants.

ABOUT ERRIN FACILITY

Beyond the core activity of facilitating post-arrival support to returnees, ERRIN Facility offers its Members a unique space and funding for developing projects that address return-related challenges. With a budget of €2 million, ERRIN encourages its Members to test innovative approaches towards reintegration, foster cooperation between EU and third country governments, improve counselling, or look into integrated return management.