



# RWANGA FOUNDATION P R O F I L E

June 2022

**SUCCEED.  
COMMIT.  
DECIDE.**

We established Rwanga Foundation to help make education universal. To improve education is the principal idea that guides us; we firmly hold that the employability, dignity, security, and self-respect of individuals hinges on their education. We believe that the individuals' education is their most precious investment and, in effect, confers identity to them. We operate on the belief that individuals remain loyal only to a culture based on education in this changing world. Therefore, we aim to create a culture of learning among the youth so that they find an essential function in society.

To counter the adverse circumstances created by the ongoing conflicts in Iraq and Syria, we broadened our operations beyond education and youth empowerment to include refugee and disaster relief. We have aided the internally displaced peoples in Iraq and the Kurdistan Region and assisted the Syrian refugees, particularly to help them pursue education, facilitate capacity building, and provide employment opportunities. Furthermore, as a response to the Covid-19 pandemic, Rwanga volunteers have been distributing food supplies to vulnerable families in quarantine.

Rwanga continues to focus on education and youth empowerment and in the meantime, stands ready to support the disadvantaged and the less fortunate in our society. We remain steadfast to create a better future; we remain committed to our vision of improving education and creating a learning culture.



Idris Nechirvan Idris  
Founder and President



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## BIOGRAPHY

Rwanga Foundation is a nongovernmental organization, that envisages a world where quality education is accessible to all. Its mission is to provide services, build capacities, and design policies to ensure easy access to education for all and improve the overall educational standards in Kurdistan and the greater global community.

Rwanga officially launched its activities in September 2013 to conduct projects and activities all over Iraq through its four main sectors of education, youth, environment, and vulnerable groups.

Rwanga's strategic goals are to develop platforms for youth to discover talents and fulfill their potential, introduce the latest technology, including the e-learning system, to the education process in order to meet the advanced international standards, and create a culture and passion for learning in particular among the youth.

## VISION

A world where quality education is accessible to all.

## MISSION

Rwanga's mission is to provide services, build capacities and design policies to enable easier access to education and improve its overall standard in Kurdistan and the greater global community.



# OBJECTIVES

## 1. IMPROVING

The curricula in the nursery, primary and secondary schools to meet international standards.

## 2. DEVELOPING

Platforms for youth to discover and apply their strengths and talents.

## 3. PROVIDING

A suitable learning environment for students in schools.

## 4. INTRODUCING

The latest technology and e-learning to the education process.

## 5. STRENGTHENING

Relations between schools and their respective communities.

## 6. CREATING

A culture and inciting a passion for learning .

## 7. ENHANCING

The teaching experience and the educational administration.

# Our Donors



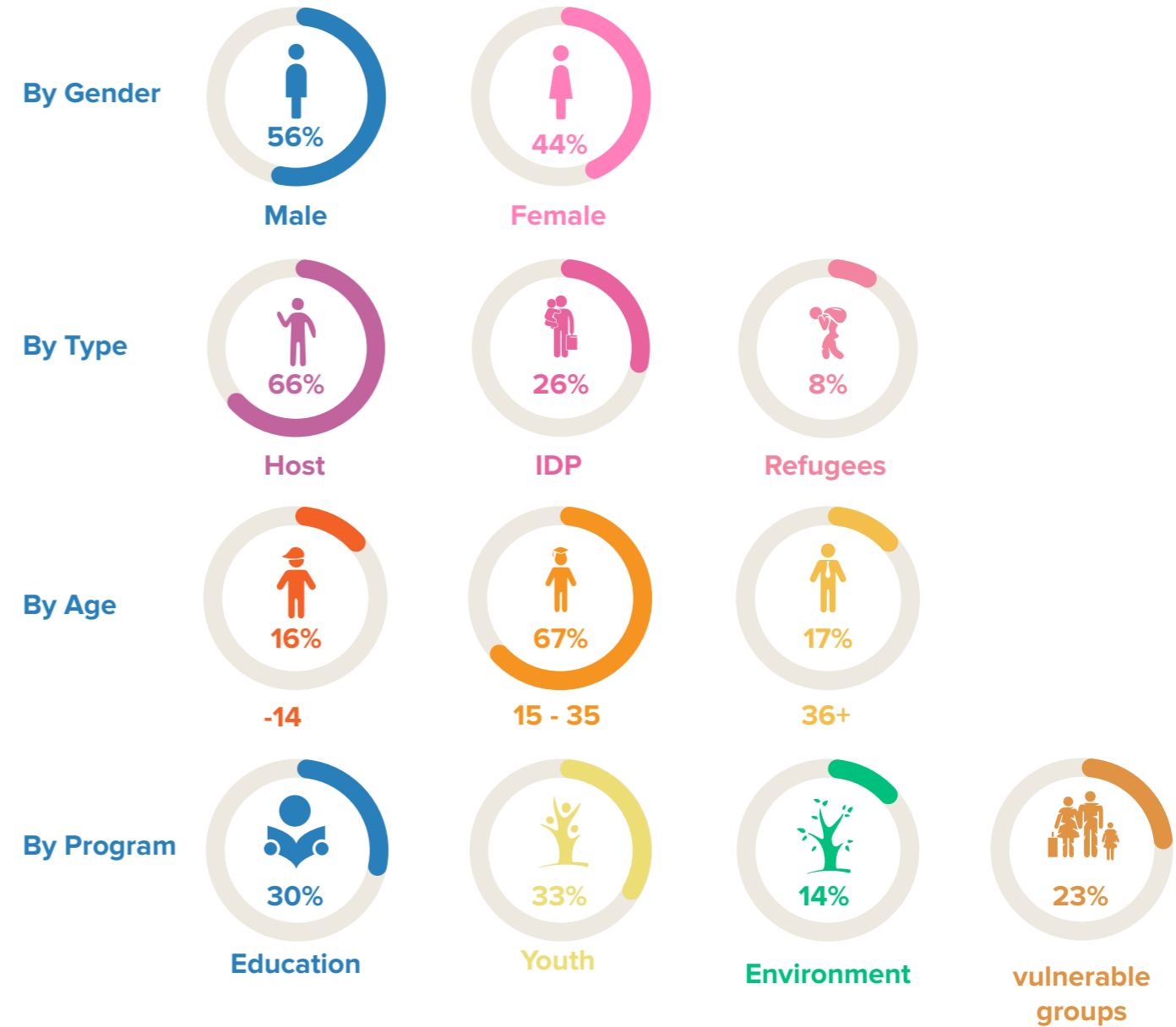
# Our Partners



# Data Of Beneficiaries & Projects

**267** projects

**3,341,812** beneficiaries





### Education

Education in the Rwanga dictionary is not only what we gain from schools and universities. In this sector, we talk about practical learning to improve individual lives and society status. Rwanga Foundation aspires to make everyone's life a learning journey.



### Environment

Environment protection is a global concern and is also the area of concentration for the Rwanga Foundation. Through awareness programs and providing public service and basic needs, Rwanga Foundation is highly involved in protecting and keeping the earth's planet clean.



### Youth

Youth is the driving force of today and the future aspirant leaders for tomorrow; therefore, involving them in the current society is very important and necessary to empower them with the right skills and lead them in the best way.



### Vulnerable Groups

Poverty filled with fear cannot focus on learning! Providing the vulnerable groups with basic needs to survive, continue their education and develop their skills are Rwanga Foundation's main objectives. Rwanga Foundation is committed to supporting people in need to integrate with the society to become a part of it for a brighter future.



Education





## Renovation of Schools & School Supplies in Erbil, Sulaimani and Duhok



The Rwanga Foundation renovated and provided school supplies to one hundred schools across the Kurdistan region. The activities were mainly funded by the GIZ and from Rwanga's own funding and donations by local companies in the past years.

**100**  
Schools  
Renovated

# Mathematics Competition

برسیاری به کم

له مانگیکی تایبهتا 5 پینج شهممه تیدایه، نه گهر رۆزی به کم و کوتایی مانگ پینج شهممه نه بیت. نایا به کم رۆزی نهو مانگه چ رۆژیکه؟

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0	قیستا قهرمان سعید	2
0	لافین دلیژ خدرالدین	3
0	نزا وشیار صالح	4
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Mathematics Competition

MATH

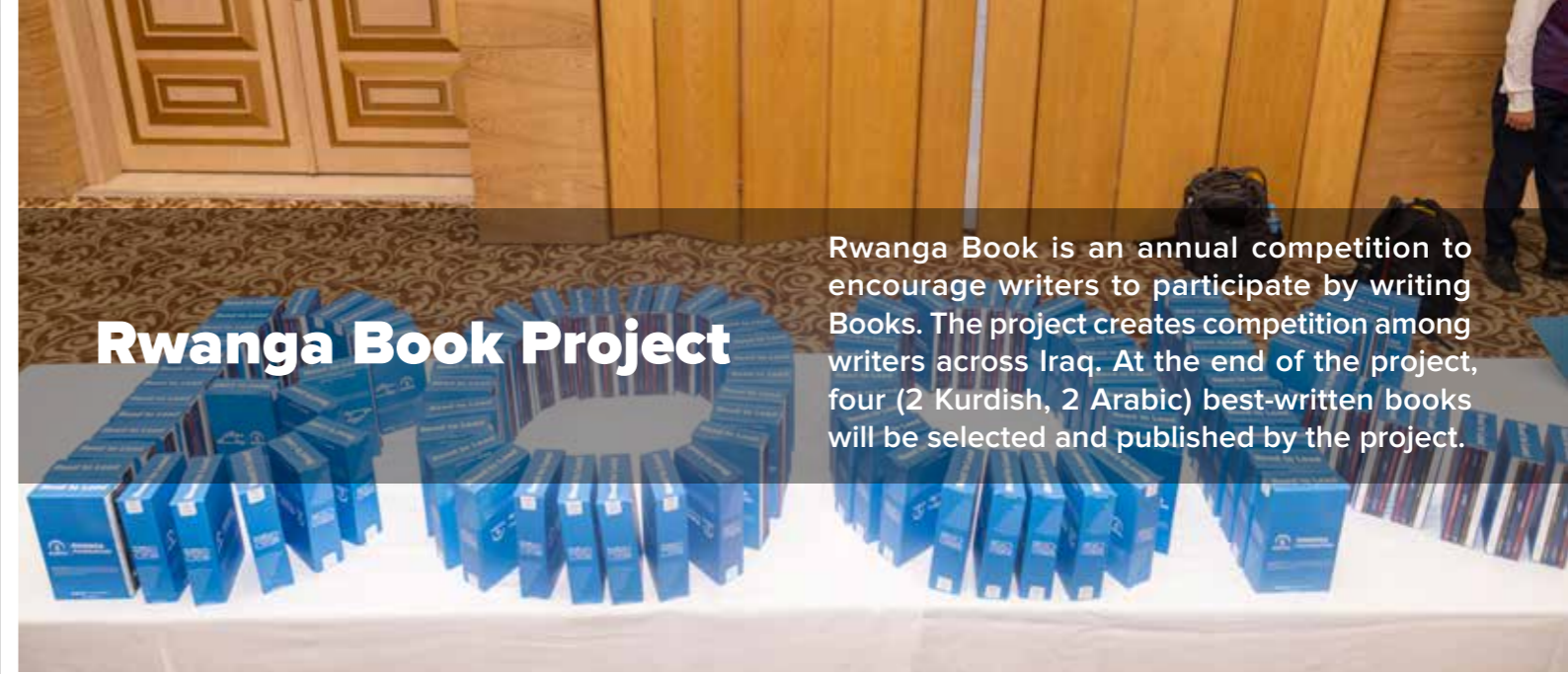
**464**  
Students

**4**  
Stages

**3**  
Winners

Mathematics Competition is an annual project that aims to encourage and motivate students to attend the science stream and compete on the national and international levels. The project consists of 4 stages and creates competition across Kurdistan Region where one student from each school will participate. In the last stage, the first, second, and third winners will be announced, and awarded.





# Rwanga Book Project

Rwanga Book is an annual competition to encourage writers to participate by writing Books. The project creates competition among writers across Iraq. At the end of the project, four (2 Kurdish, 2 Arabic) best-written books will be selected and published by the project.





## Plato Project

The Plato Project, which started in December 2018 and continued until November 2019, was carried out in partnership with VOKA - Chamber of Commerce and Industry Antwerp – Waasland, and it included ten sessions on Business Management, including HR, Marketing, Finance, entrepreneurship, etc., for ten local companies.

The Plato Project built an effective network between small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the Kurdistan Region to share their experiences and knowledge of business by discussing various business-related subjects. The project also created networks between the companies and built joint ventures.

As a result of this cooperation, Rwanga Foundation, in partnership with Flanders' Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Voka) and in coordination with Erbil Chamber of Commerce and Industry, implemented another project to support the production and exporting of local agri-food products by organizing several numbers of trainings and conferences.



## Qutabkhana Application

Qutabkhana application is an educational platform of Rwanga Foundation. Qutabkhana provides questions and answers from KRI's curriculum for 9th & 12th grade students. The platform also supports the youth on how to choose their path before applying to college by providing new contents to guide them choose the right specialty. Moreover, the application includes other features that support the student's non-formal education, and it operates on both IOS and Android systems in Kurdish, Arabic and English.

**21,637**  
Users





# University Guide Video

University Guide Video is a project of the Rwanga Foundation that aims to help students (Especially High-School graduates) to learn more about the departments in which they are interested in studying. Through Videos, the project provides information about departments and the classes the students will be studying. 99 videos from 20 university departments have been produced.

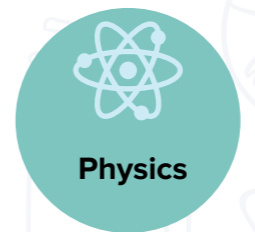
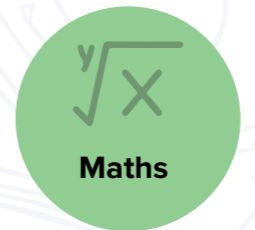
**20**  
Colleges

**105**  
Departments



The project provides video lessons for the school subjects of 12th Grade lessons in Kurdish language, the project was done in partnership with Zaweta Academic Office and in coordination with KRG.

Another part of the project includes providing video lessons of school subjects from 1st to 12th grade in Turkmani and Syriac languages. The video recording was done in partnership with Al Hayat Company-PEPSI, and in coordination with KRG.



**4 Classes**  
**153 Lessons**



## Building an 18-Classroom School

It is a high school with 18 classrooms, from grades 7 to 12, and it is suitable to fit up to 450 students. The building, also contains Biology, Physics, and Computer labs, as well as Volleyball and Basketball playgrounds. More than 80 people have worked on the project; the school is equipped with the best quality equipment. There are also environment friendly bins provided for the students to introduce them to environmental protection initiatives.

# 450

Beneficiaries





## Building a 6-Classroom School

The school consists of six classes, including grades 1 to 6 elementary, as well as a manager's room, two teachers' rooms, a large hall, an archive room, Volleyball stadiums and other services. The school's construction took 4 months and was built on 1620m<sup>2</sup>-area land.

**268** **95**

Indirect Beneficiaries

Direct Beneficiaries



## Building a Primary School in Said Sadiq Subdistrict-Sulaimani

A six-classroom primary school was built in Said Sadiq district. The school project was implemented after urgent appeal from residents for a solution to the lack of access to education for their children.



## Providing Whiteboards & Kerosene for the Schools

The project includes the distribution of Kerosene and Whiteboards to the Schools In order to ensure a positive educational environment on all needed levels.

In 2018, Rwanga Foundation provided 100 whiteboards and 70 kerosene heaters for 26 schools in the Mergasor district. A total number of 5.341 students and 274 teachers could benefit from this distribution.

In 2019, a total of 50,000 liters of Kerosene was provided by KurdNeft Company and more than 149 schools and 13467 people (6870 male and 6597 female) including students and school staff benefited from the project.

# 13,467

Students Benefited

# 149

Schools





## Messages From Children

An annual competition that encourages Grade 1-6 students at the primary stage to express their thoughts enthusiastically through art in the form of a painting. The project is in coordination with the Ministry of Education and The Kurdistan Parliament.



## Supporting the General Directorate of Education (GDoE) in implementing the General Education Sector Plan (GESP)

The project is funded by UNDP and implemented by Rwanga Foundation in coordination with the General Directorate of Education in Erbil. The project aims to provide a quality and relevant education consistent in the province's education sector. The plan sets as its main strategic priorities to meet the sustainable development goal 4 (SDG 4): Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.





Youth



Kurdish Short story



Arabic Short story



Photography



Software development



Recycled art



Drawing



Solo musician



Scientific innovation



Entrepreneurship



Short film



Arabic Poetry



Kurdish Poetry



# Rwanga Annual Awards

the project is a unique opportunity for youth o strive to discover their talents, strengthen their confidence, and find all types of artistic, literary, and scientific projects developed by young people throughout Iraq. Over the last seven years, 213 young people have been awarded.

Rwanga Foundation accepts the submission of ten different categories by young people from all over Iraq. The categories for submission are short story (Kurdish), short story (Arabic), short film, recycled art, scientific innovation, entrepreneurship, solo music, photography, drawing, poetry (Kurdish), poetry (Arabic), and software development.

# 36

Youths awarded annually

# 12

Categories



# Rwanga Foras

A platform that operates all over Iraq brings together different resources, opportunities, and initiatives for everyone, mainly youth and university graduates, who are eager to learn, work, and develop but do not know where to start. Rwanga Foras provides the youth with free access to a variety of resources through online and offline training courses, including personalized guidance on how to write a CV/Resume, prepare for job interviews, and learn the basics of work ethics for the young people to determine the career path that best matches their life aspirations. It is further to register companies and create a network between the employers and the job seekers.

In Iraq, the Foras project started in 2013, was funded by the USAID and implemented by FHI360 until the end of 2015. Starting from April 2019 until December 2020 it was funded by BMZ through GIZ, and the Rwanga Foundation continued the implementation. Until December 2021, the Rwanga Foras project was funded by Rwanga Foundation in partnership with silatech and implemented by Rwanga Foundation.

Starting from January 2022 until now, the Rwanga Foras project is being funded by Rwanga Foundation itself and it continues to connect job seekers with job providers all over Iraq. Since its initial launch in 2016, the Rwanga Foras project has benefited a total of 72,162 people throughout Iraq.



# Rwanga Foras International Job Fair

One of the main objectives of Rwanga Foundation is to link the job seekers, mainly the youth and fresh graduates, with employers and build a bridge of communication for the best benefit of both. Rwanga Foundation organizes the Rwanga Foras International Job Fair annually, which is a unique networking opportunity for employers and recruiters from various sectors, including private, public, profitable, and non-profit local and international organizations, to gather under one roof to meet and communicate with prospective job seekers.

The companies and organizations have the opportunity to increase brand awareness and make conversation with the real talented, but also non-traditional, candidates rather than just CVs. The companies and organizations meet and network with other corporations and make a vital bridge to connecting in a mutually beneficial way. The companies and organizations contribute to improving the people's living conditions at the current challenging economic situation.

In order to provide more opportunities for young people, fresh graduates and/or job seekers, the job fair offers internship opportunities, trainings, and panel discussions.

Since 2016, The Job Fair gathered 413 local/ International Companies and Organizations, and 72,472 visitors have visited the job fairs.

- Job Opportunities
- Trainings
- Panel Discussion
- Internships

# 72,472

Visitors

# 413

Local / International Companies & Organizations







## Rwanga Youth Forum

A platform for youth to engage in dialogue with various decision-makers to explore possible solutions for creating an economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable future. We try to reduce the gap and establish a bridge between the youth and decision-makers. Each year, they discuss an issue and a challenge affecting youth's life. At the same time, they recommend and propose solutions for those issues and challenges.





## Iraq Handmade

The project acts as an online shop that collects and sells different types of handmade products made by the hands of different young Iraqi business owners on one platform and application. The application is available on both iOS and Android systems.

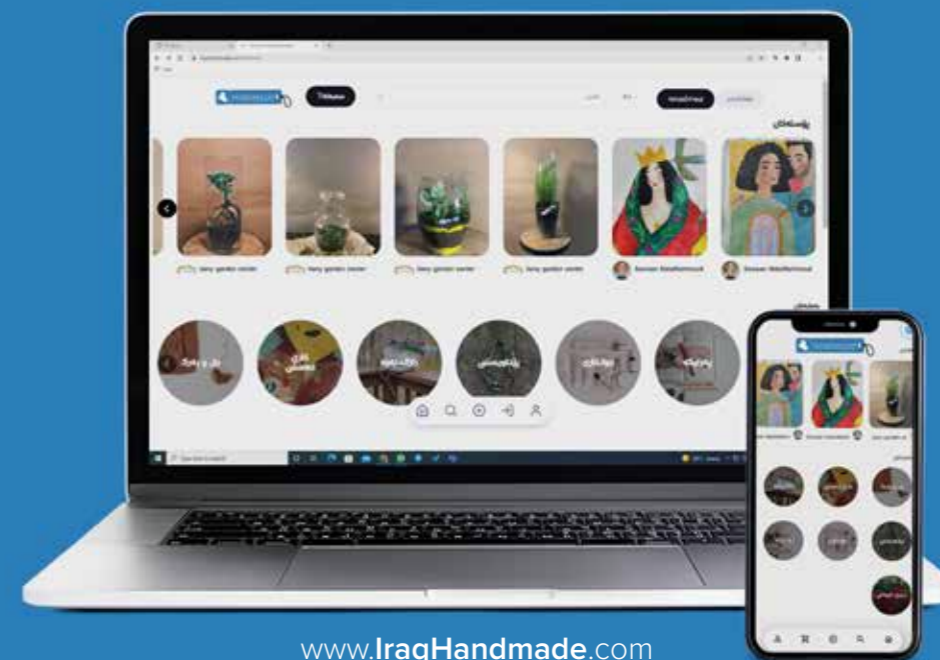
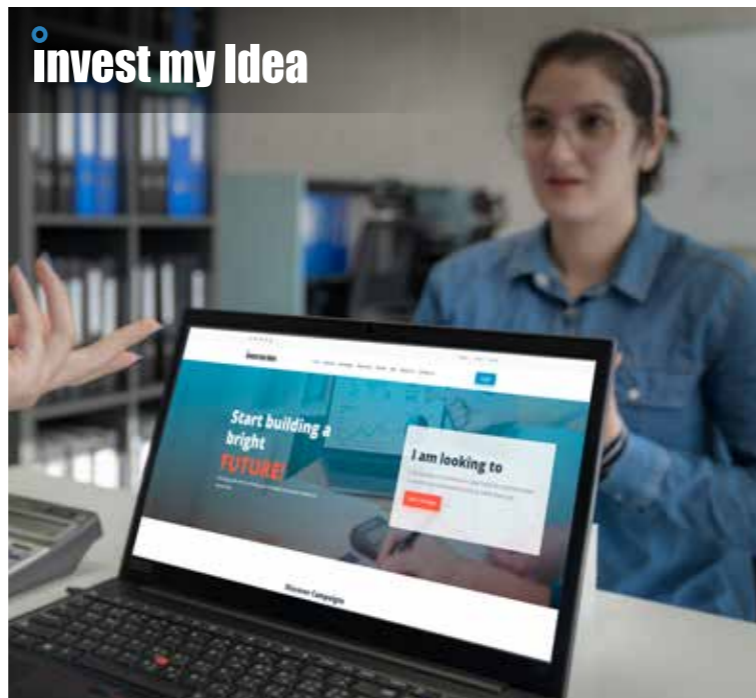


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Check Our Products

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 Download Iraq Handmade Application

## Invest My Idea

An online platform that provides funding opportunities for small businesses and start-ups. It matches up business projects that need funding with investors through an online platform. In exchange, investors will receive returns on their investment. It connects start-up owners, mentors, investors, and organizations working in the entrepreneurial landscape to perform crowdfunding.





## Youth Volunteers Initiative

Voluntary work is generally considered an altruistic activity where an individual or a group of people provide services for no personal or financial gain but merely for the benefit of the public.

However, volunteers usually need some support, including financial but not salaries, to cover the cost of necessary tools, materials, and equipment to make the project happen.

Youth Volunteers Initiative is an annual competition held by Rwanga Foundation since 2018, which urges female and male youth to come up with project proposals and participate in a competition to be funded and supported to implement their projects for the best benefit of the public.

Through the last five years of the project, 46 youth volunteer groups were able to turn their projects from ideas into reality. The projects served benefit to more than 104,205 people.

# 24

Volunteers Groups Funded Annually



**Youth 2020**  
Volunteers Initiative  
Building a Volunteer Culture



**Youth 2019**  
Volunteers Initiative  
Building a Volunteer Culture



**Youth 2018**  
Volunteers Initiative  
Building a Volunteer Culture



## Creation of Job Opportunities for Youth in KRI

The project aimed to promote job matching and help the job seekers through the provision of Employment Skills Training courses and supporting them to be employed. Through the project, 34 jobseekers were employed in 16 companies in 3 governorates (Erbil, Sulaimani, and Duhok). The project also provided the first 4-months salaries to the beneficiaries.

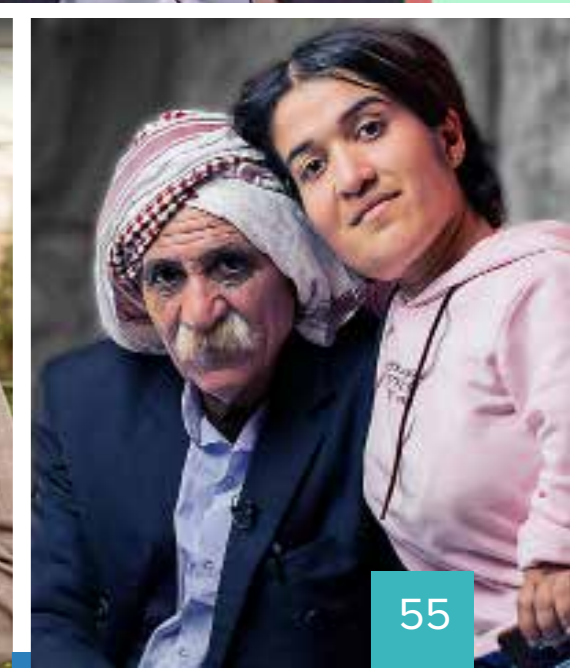
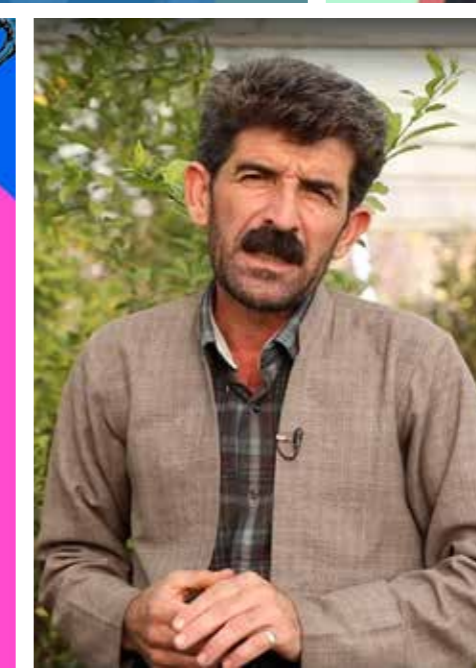
The creation of job opportunities for youth in KRI was implemented in a partnership with 'Action Against Hunger.



## TALK@Rwanga



Is a platform for talented and successful youth to share their experience and success stories with the public and communicate that to others through various communication and social media channels.



## Job Creation in KRI

Funded by the “EU Regional Trust Fund in response to the Syrian crisis, the EU MADAD Fund” and in partnership with UNDP and Erbil Governor Office, Rwanga Foundation implemented the Employment Creation Grant Scheme in KRI. The Headway grant scheme program was successfully achieved in three governorates; (Dohuk, Erbil, Sulaymaniyah, including Halabja) and included three sections:

- Job Creation – Headway Grant Scheme  
The first call started in March 2020 and supported 44 selected businesses where; (16 projects in Erbil, 17 in Sulaimani, and 11 in Duhok). The second call started in July 2020, supporting 12 selected businesses (1 project in Erbil, 5 in Sulaimani, and 6 in Duhok). Based on these two calls, 700 employees were supported financially and placed into jobs during the project implementation, and 258 employees remained employed in the companies after the end of their contracts.
- Missing Entrepreneurship – Grant Scheme  
The Missing Entrepreneurship (ME) component Facilitated local economic development and extended the provision of safe public services to the local population through the provision of grants to fund and sustain micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) with innovative and sustainable business models, particularly those owned by the most vulnerable.



The sectors were the following:

1. Youth Entrepreneurship in Erbil
2. Development of Agripreneurship Initiatives in Halabja
3. Entrepreneurship Development Programme
4. Entrepreneurship Network Crowdfunding platform

- Let's Beat Corona Campaign

The Let's Beat Corona campaign was one way to express the solidarity of the European Union with the people of Iraq and the Kurdistan Region and to show that together we can help raise awareness, overcome this pandemic and recover faster.





## Improving The Career Opportunities For Young People In Duhok Governorate



The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and Rwanga Foundation in partnership with Help Organization, worked together in a joint project to implement a two and half year project to develop the vocational skills of one thousand female and male youth from the three communities of the host community, refugees and IDPs in order to enable them to enter the job market to support themselves and their families.

Vocational training courses included: welding, mobile phone maintenance, carpentry, air-conditioning maintenance, electrics, mechanics, sewing, PVC (Plastic/Aluminum Works), computer, hairdressing, and handicrafts.

The project costed 815000 Euros and was funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).



## English Language & Computer Skills Training Courses

Funded by Gulf Keystone Petroleum Iraq, Rwanga Foundation implemented English Language and Computer Skills training courses for 120 female and male youth in both Qasrouk and Atrush sub-districts in Duhok province, Kurdistan region of Iraq.

**120**  
Youth

# Youth Excel

The project brings together different types of local stakeholders working to strengthen youth livelihoods in Koya and Qalat Dizah, in the KRI, to collaboratively address the common problems youth face through their ongoing initiatives and existing assets. The participants work together to share and discuss ongoing issues, transform knowledge into action through research projects, and better address issues facing youth.



## Empowering Young Employees in the Private Sector Through Skills Development in KRI

Financed by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) in partnership with Rwanda Foundation implemented training courses for 288 private sector employees all over the KRI to improve their knowledge and productivity in a variety of areas based on the needs of employees.

**288**  
Employees

**15**  
Training Courses



## Resilient Communities | Supporting Livelihoods, Education and Social Stability for Syrian Refugee and Host Population



Young people are usually energetic, enthusiastic, and have many ambitions and creative ideas, but they need to be supported and empowered to reach their full potential. Rwanga Foundation, in partnership with the COSV, implemented a project of soft incubation and acceleration opportunities for entrepreneurship ideas in Media Sector, promoting inclusive and sustainable growth in KR-I.

The project included six main phases (Call for business ideas, Evaluation and pre-selection of ideas, Support to 10 projects by organizing a ten day training program, submission of applications, Selection of four winner projects, Awarding the four projects with up to 15,000 Euro, mentoring and coaching). For the next four months, the winner projects were monitored and coached by providing support and assistance in order to optimize the projects's sustainability.



## NGO Camping

Additionally, to provide an informal learning platform for NGOs' new staff and to strengthen the network of NGOs in the Kurdistan region, Rwanga Foundation, in a joint venture with Barzani Charity Foundation (BCF), under the patronage of the NGOs Directorate of KRG, organized a six-day capacity building course in Avdalan village, Mergasor district in Erbil in which sixty NGO staff (25 females and 35 males) from sixteen NGOs participated.

**25**  
NGOs







## Bee Keeping Training

a -4day Beekeeping training was held in Halabja Governorate. The participants learnt skills to become good beekeepers.

The training covered the topics of Bee world, Bee types, Bee lifestyle, Apiary management, the components of the Honeybee colony, and Honeybee life cycle.

The training was delivered to 18 youths (10 male, 8 female) about beekeeping and modern, scientific farming.

Another training was also held in Halabja about 'How to cope with drought' for 15 farmers in Halabja Governorate to help them in finding new mechanisms for reducing the side effects of drought.



## WeCode

Training youth in KRI to gain software development skills and provide adequate technical and soft skills so that they qualify to land their first job as junior software developers and be able to work in this sector and take this career path. Three bootcamps were held, including (UX / UI design, Front End Development, and Mobile Application Development).

# 105

Youth Trained





Environment



**938**  
Youth Employed



## Cleaning & Maintenance of Water Reservoirs

Funded by GIZ and implemented by Rwanga Foundation.

The project included cleaning and maintenance of 516 iron and concrete reservoirs with different sizes, fixing reservoir doors, welding of broken doors, painting the external wall of reservoirs, clarifies, intakes, etc.

The prime objective of this project was focusing on creating temporary job opportunities for the vulnerable people from the host community as well as from the IDP and refugee communities. Beneficiaries (198 skilled labors, 740 unskilled labors). Indirect Beneficiaries: 840,000

The project implementation covered seven districts in Erbil governorate (Soran, Choman, Rwandiz, and Mergasor districts, Koya, Shaqlawa, and Makhmour).

**156**

Water Reservoirs Cleaned

**840,000**

Beneficiaries

**After**



**Before**



## Keep Kurdistan Clean

The project is in coordination with the mayors and municipalities of Erbil, Duhok, Sulaimani and Halabja, which aims to improve healthier waste disposal practices in Kurdistan and ultimately enhance its people hygiene and health and improve the environmental condition.

The campaign consisted of distribution of a large number of plastic bags distributed to the picnickers, and over 200 bags of trash were collected for proper disposal.

The project also included providing 4000 trashcans of different sizes and placing 30 mottos in city centers and popular tourist regions of the four governorates

# 4,000

Signboards



## Renovating Zaweta Park

Through GIZ and the 'Cash for Work' program new roads were built, old roads were renovated, pathways created, fire barriers made, walls around trees retained, and channels constructed.

Playgrounds had been prepared and fixed, sports instruments installed, bathrooms built and public lightings installed, as well as solar systems and public benches.

Awareness sessions on the environment to locals, IDPs, and Refugees were delivered, as well as printing and fixing signboards and trashcans, inside and outside the park. In total, 8575 persons could benefit from the project. consisting of 5,700 IDPs, 2700 Locals, and 175 Refugees.

# 8,575

Beneficiaries





## Water Communications Assistant

The project was Funded by the USAIDIGPA/ Takamul in coordination with Erbil and Sulaimani Water Directorates, which included campaigns to raise awareness in the society about the importance of saving water in order to cope with water scarcity.

The projects contained various activities such as community meetings and distributing posters, leaflets, and flyers that contained environmental awareness messages.

It also included producing videos and advertisements published through social media channels. According to a follow-up survey, it also had a considerable impact on reducing water use by 10% in the targeted areas.



## Improving Green Yards in Schools

More than 5.500 m<sup>2</sup> of 15 school green yards had been weeded from debris and other undesired materials in order to plant more than 1.200 various flowers and plants.

This project benefited 10,423 students, teachers and administration staff (9,100 students and 1,323 educational staff members).

**5,500 m<sup>2</sup>**  
Green yards

**10,000**  
Beneficiaries



## Conserving Water Through Art

A campaign to preserve water through creating awareness paintings on the Kurdistan Parliament wall to deliver awareness messages about conservation of water, ecosystem protection, and Recycling.



## Creating Environmental Awareness through Art

Implemented by Rwanga Foundation in partnership with (Nahj al Iraq company - the exclusive agent of GWM) in all three governorates of Erbil, Duhok, and Halabja to spread awareness messages about saving the environment in an artistic way through drawing environmental paintings on several specific walls of these governorates to deliver the environmental awareness message to the community.





### Vulnerable Groups

## Rwanga Community

To provide a dignified way of living for those forced from their homes. Rwanga Foundation began the installation of the Rwanga Community in 2015, a project to accommodate 24000 IDPs through 3000 prefabricated residential units installed in line with the most up-to-date practices. The camp is located in Duhok.

# 24,000

IDPs

# 3,000

Prefabricated Residential Units



## Rwanga Community Kidzone for kids

A Kidzone where children can play and be children and a green space park where people can relax.



## Food Baskets to Vulnerable Local People, Refugee and IDP Families

The outbreak of COVID19 and its consequent negative impacts did not only threaten the health of people but also seriously affected their livelihoods. Many people, especially those who work as daily laborers have lost their jobs and do not have any source of income. For those living in rented accommodations, the challenge even doubled.

Rwanga Foundation, following a rapid assessment conducted jointly with the Governor Offices and the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, distributed food baskets to 8,841 local, refugee, and IDP families (totaling 47,117 individuals). The basket included rice, white flour, groats (bulgur), sugar, tea, vegetable oil, tomato paste, chickpeas, beans, lentils, powder milk, salt, dishwashing liquid, soap as well as hygiene materials including sanitizers, masks, and gloves.

# 8,841

local, refugee and IDP families



## Support to Strengthen the Resilience & Self Dependence of IDPs by 6 Community Centers



The project was implemented in partnership with GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit) with the support of DoLSA (Directorate of Labour and Social Affairs) and funded by BMZ. Through running six community social centers in six different IDPs camps (Rwanga Community Camp, Chammishku Camp, Shariya Camp, Bajed Kanadala Camp, Kabarto 1 & Kabarto 2 Camps).

The project aimed to build capacities, raise awareness and have a healthier life and stronger peaceful coexistence through providing Legal Services, Sport Activities, Art Activities, Social Awareness, Basic Life skills, and Business Start-Up. The starting date of the project was the 1st of July 2017. More than 57106 people benefited from the project, and more than 1893 activities have been conducted in all six community social centers.

The six community social centers in six IDP camps were officially handed over to DoLSA in 2020.

# 57,106

Beneficiaries

# 1,893

Activities



## Children of Peace

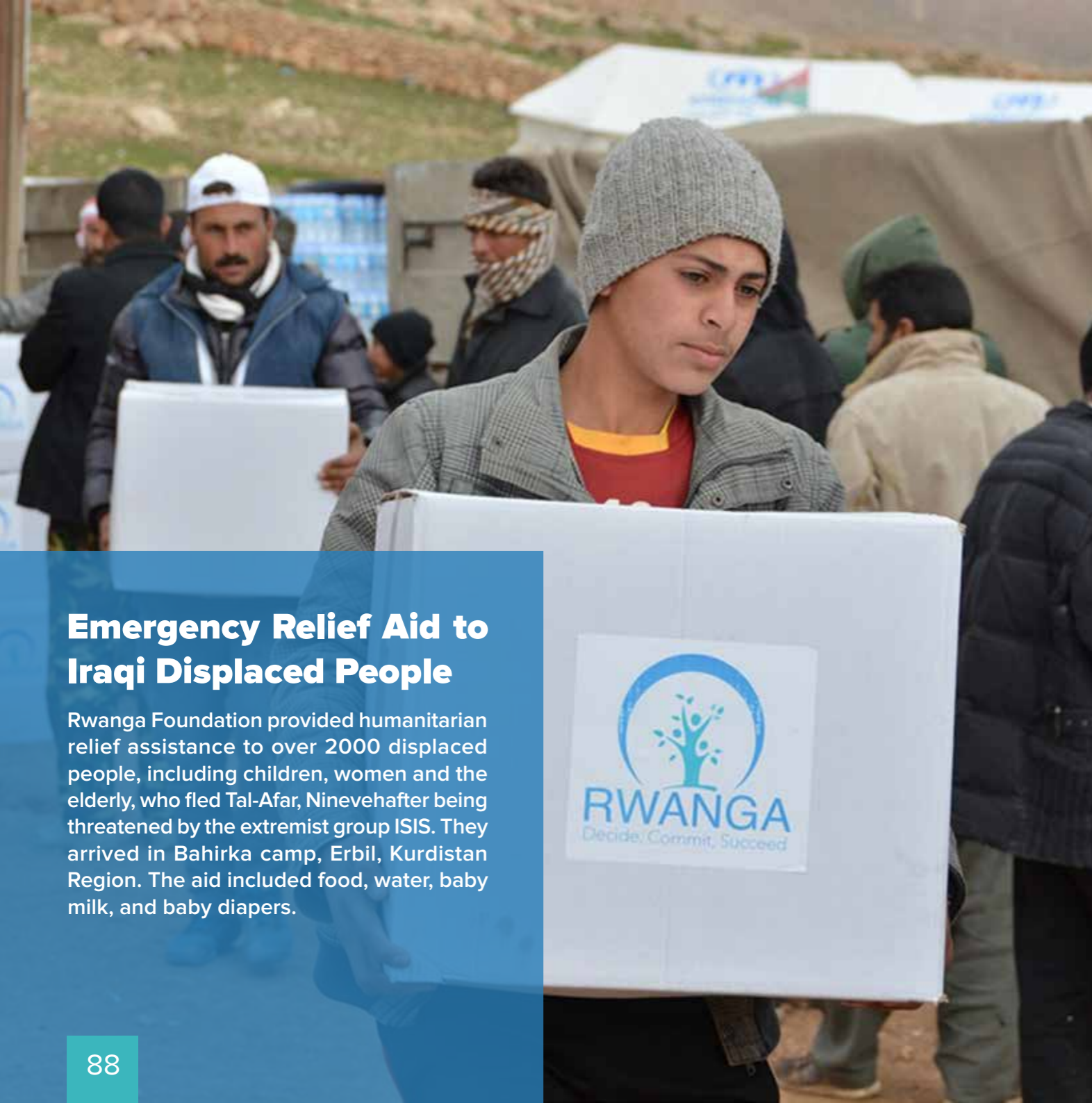
Funded by the Act Now Children's Fund, Rwanga Foundation implemented the Children of Peace project in 2017. The project targeted 100 Yazidi IDP children and adolescents (aged 4 to 17), rescued from the ISIS captivity and currently living in the Rwanga Community.

The aim of the project was to provide support through psychosocial counseling by giving music and art courses to the traumatized children and those who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).



## Distributing Gifts to Children in IDP Camps

Rwanga Foundation distributed gifts and toys to IDPs children at Dibaga camp in Erbil governorate. The activity of organizing and distributing presents for IDPs children was to make them feel at home, not isolated from the society, and enjoy their innocent childhood days.



## Emergency Relief Aid to Iraqi Displaced People

Rwanga Foundation provided humanitarian relief assistance to over 2000 displaced people, including children, women and the elderly, who fled Tal-Afar, Nineveh after being threatened by the extremist group ISIS. They arrived in Bahirka camp, Erbil, Kurdistan Region. The aid included food, water, baby milk, and baby diapers.



## Water Network Extension for Parazan and Maluma Villages (Sulaimani Governorate)

Water scarcity is a large concern, especially during the summer months in Kurdistan. People are affected throughout the region, which potentially creates an additional vulnerability that has consequences within rural areas in particular.

The project included drilling a well into an underground spring and then distributing water to all houses from a central watershed.



## Emergency Support to the Flood-affected Families

The Kurdistan Regional President, H.E. Mr. Nechirvan Barzani, dedicated more than 1 Billion Iraqi dinars as emergency support to the vulnerable families affected by the flood in Erbil through Rwanga Foundation. The project started as emergency support for providing three types of support:

- Three warm meals per day for two days in coordination with the Barzani Charity Foundation. A total of 11,790 meals were provided for 5,150 families.
- Water to support the cleaning process of neighborhoods which benefitted 2,000 families.
- Necessary home equipment for 1,464 vulnerable families. Each family received a package of (5 Pillow, 5 Mattress, 7 Blanket, 53.2 square meter Carpet & 1 Kerosene Heater).

**1,500** Families



## Business Recovery Support Program

A project in partnership with LWF, CAPNI, Truvalu and is funded by KiA (Kerk in Actie) to support local firms and enterprises in WASH, agribusiness, and textile industries to recover their business and develop their productions in response to the needs of communities and as virus protective gear such as the production of food, hygiene material, and protective cloths.

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Businesses received loans



## Capacity Building of General Directorate of Care and Social Development in Duhok Governorate

The project was implemented by Rwanga Foundation in partnership with GIZ and funded by BMZ Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany) and aimed to support and develop the technical skills and capabilities of DoLSA employees to prepare the staff technically and administratively to be able to sufficiently operate the six-community social centers and two out-of-camp DoLSA's social centers in Duhok.

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Employees



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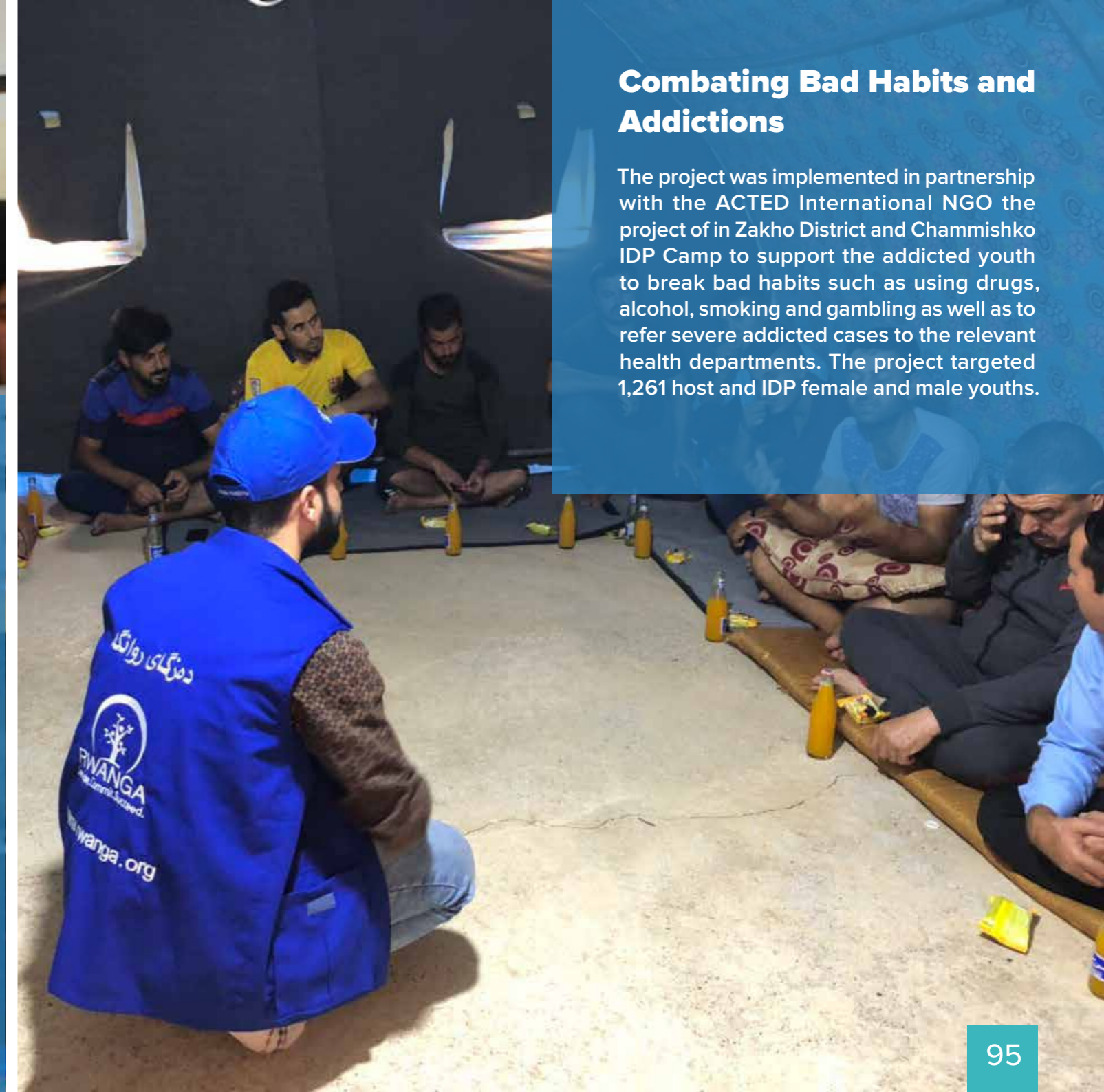


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## Income Generating Project for Peshmarga Martyr Families

Rwanga Foundation, funded by Marathon Oil Corporation, completed the project of cash assistance distribution to families of the martyred peshmergas and security forces who were killed in the war against ISIS. The project was planned to provide cash assistance (USD 850) to 1600 families; however, by the end of the project, 1,453 (91% of the target) were assisted as the other 147 families could not be identified. Therefore, the Marathon Oil and Rwanga Foundation agreed to use the remained funds to conduct income-generating projects for the 130 martyrs' family members - mainly the youths and women - to support them in becoming skilled and finding jobs.



## Combating Bad Habits and Addictions

The project was implemented in partnership with the ACTED International NGO the project of in Zakho District and Chammishko IDP Camp to support the addicted youth to break bad habits such as using drugs, alcohol, smoking and gambling as well as to refer severe addicted cases to the relevant health departments. The project targeted 1,261 host and IDP female and male youths.



## Building and Renovation of KidZone in Qushtapa Camp

In April 2014, Rvanga Foundation, jointly with the Emirates Red Crescent, built a KidZone in the camp and handed it to the Ministry of Culture and youth of KRG, which included various facilities such as the library, computer lab, sports yards, gardens, and other space for other activities like arts, writing, and meetings. In October 2019, the Ministry of Culture and Youth of KRG officially requested Rvanga Foundation to renovate the KidZone.

The aim of the renovation process was to create a healthy and suitable environment for the children and young people of the camp in order to be able to spend some fun time and create more opportunities for the young people to improve themselves and have a place to practice their hobbies.



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