

# Capacity Partnerships and Access to Information for Sustainable Reintegration of Returnees in Iraq (CAIR II)

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## Background and context

CAIR II will be implemented as a follow-up project to phase one (CAIR I) that the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) implemented from February 2021 until May 2023. Based on the milestones and achievements of phase one, CAIR II will expand on the existing set of priorities outlined under phase one and expand on several outputs related to institutional capacity building for the Government of Iraq (GoI), private sector engagement through a multi-stakeholder engagement approach, and awareness raising and outreach for potential migrants and returnees.

CAIR II is funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Denmark and implemented by ICMPD in Iraq. The project builds on ICMPD's experience over the past three years in supporting the GoI's ongoing work in strengthening the national reintegration framework for returnees in Iraq.



### DONOR

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### IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

ICMPD



### DURATION

June 2023 – May 2025



The project beneficiaries include General Secretariat of the Council of Ministers (GSCoM), Ministry of Migration and Displaced (MoMD), Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (MoLSA), Ministry of Planning (MoP), Kurdistan Regional Government – Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Kurdistan Regional Government – Ministry of Planning – Kurdistan Region Statistics Office, Kurdistan Region Branch of Ministry of Migration and Displaced, private sector, NGOs, receiving/host communities, and potential, outgoing, and returning migrants.

## Objectives

To contribute to, through whole-of-government/whole-of-society and capacity partnerships approaches, the sustainable reintegration of Iraqi returnees, individuals as well as families, in their communities of return in Iraq, with a focus on the provinces of Ninewa, Erbil, Baghdad, Anbar, Salah Al-Din, Basra and Kirkuk.

In particular, the project will support the Republic of Iraq in the following:

Conducting, through the ICMPD-operated Migration Capacity Partnerships Training Institute (MCP-TI) located in Valetta, Malta, **specific and focused capacity building activities for government institutions** that are engaged (directly and indirectly) in the area of return and reintegration through focused trainings for the project beneficiaries



**Developing Training of Trainer (ToT) programmes** to deliver capacity building in the areas of reintegration support to returnees

**Strengthening cooperation with the private sector** for their active contribution/engagement towards reintegration efforts for returnees; and continuing support to the operationalisation of the Multi-Stakeholder Platform to enhance dialogue and communication between the GoI and the Iraq's private sector

**Implementation of the Vision on Sustainable Reintegration of Returnees in Iraq** and its **Action Plan** to address the GoI's priority areas in the area of return and reintegration.<sup>1</sup>

Expansion of work of the Migrant Resource Centre (MRC)<sup>2</sup> in line with the vision of MoLSA. **The establishment of MRC-Hubs is envisaged**, whereby the Labour Departments (of highly prone migration areas) will be trained on awareness raising methodologies to serve as extended support units to the MRC.

## Expected Outcomes

Strengthened institutional capacities of the government of Iraq in the area of return & reintegration, including through EU-accredited trainings

Better developed institutional and stakeholder capacities to offer high-quality, streamlined return & reintegration services in Iraq

Strengthened private sector's role in reintegration service provision in Iraq, including strengthened dialogue and cooperation among stakeholders in the Multi-Stakeholder Platform

Increased access to return and reintegration services for returnees

Increased change in the knowledge, attitudes and intentions (KAIs) of potential migrants regarding regular and irregular migration, as well as increased awareness of returning migrants regarding reintegration services, service providers, and the national referral mechanism

1 The *Vision on Sustainable Reintegration of Returnees in Iraq* is accompanied by an *Action Plan* that was developed through a whole-of-government approach setting out the action points under each priority area and its scope for implementation in terms of institutional responsibility and timelines.

2 Established and operationalised in 2020 in Baghdad, together with MoLSA – to focus specifically on counselling, awareness raising and training sessions for intending, incoming foreign, and returning local migrants, and referrals.