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UNDP Iraq Crisis Response and Resilience Programme (ICRRP)

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Output 1 – Basic services: Socio-economic infrastructures constructed for sustainable and cost-effective provision of public service to the affected communities and internally displaced people (IDPs)/refugee settlements.

Indicators:

- # of community-based infrastructure projects formulated through participatory community consultations
- # of infrastructures rehabilitated/constructed

Targets:

- Additional 14 community-based infrastructures project formulated through participatory community consultation
- Additional 14 infrastructures rehabilitated/constructed

Progress from January-March 2017:

- 11 community-based infrastructure projects have been formulated through participatory consultation with local governments. The projects aim to improve provision of basic services (electricity, water, roads, education, health) for approximately 340,000 IDPs, refugees and host communities.
- 11 community-based infrastructure projects are being rehabilitated/constructed: three projects are ongoing in refuges/IDP concentrated areas; eight projects focus on newly liberated areas (out of which three are already completed in the areas of health, education and electricity).

Refugees/IDP Concentrated Areas

Governorate	Project Description	Total Allocated Amount (US\$)	Progress in Q1 2017
Halabja	Rehabilitation of the sewerage system and road in Halabja to improve access to reliable electricity, increase wastewater management and access	365,660	Rehabilitation work is almost completed (90%).

	to market for approximately 249,900 people (2,334 displaced people, 1,290 refugees and 123,200 host community). (Responsible Partner: Halabja Governorate)		
Erbil	Rehabilitation of Rawandus water plant benefiting approximately 35,000 people (3,500 families, 2,400 host community households and 1,100 IDPs households) to prevent waterborne diseases. (Responsible Partner: Erbil Governorate)	2,898,800	Rehabilitation work is ongoing (30% completed). A ceremony was organized to sign the agreement between UNDP and the Erbil Governorate, attended by the Consul for Political and Humanitarian Affairs at the German Consulate in Erbil. More information available in the press release .
Baghdad	Provision of water pumps to improve the water system in Abu Ghraib to prevent recurrence of waterborne diseases. This project will benefit approximately 50,000 people, mostly IDPs from Anbar and residents living outside of Abu Ghraib.	552,995	Construction work is ongoing (5% completed).

Support for Newly Liberated Areas

Governorate	Project Description	Total Allocated Amount (US\$)	Progress in Q1 2017
Ninewah	Rehabilitation of 500 damaged houses in Sinuni, in partnership with UN Habitat, encouraging return of approximately 3,000 people.	1,952,750	A total of 55 houses were rehabilitated using a community-based approach. Success stories are available in the following social media posts (facebook and twitter).
Ninewah	Rehabilitation of internal road in Wana. Wana is one of the first liberated areas where returns started last year. It requires recovery support to rebuild people's lives.	289,450	Rehabilitation work commenced on 1 March 2017 (30% completed).
Ninewah	Provision of medical equipment for Zumar and Wana hospitals. The majority of medical equipment was looted during the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) occupation. It is expected that a significant number of people will flee to Zumar and Wana as a result of the current military operations in Mosul. It is therefore vital to make the hospitals in Zumar and Wana fully functional to provide services to the displaced people from Mosul.	58,355	Medical equipment for Wana hospital was handed over in the previous quarter. The first shipment of the medical equipment for Zumar hospital was handed over in this quarter. The remaining of equipment will be delivered in the next quarter.
Salah al Din	Provision of electrical equipment in Hajaaj, an area hosting around 3,000 IDPs from Beiji town. The electricity network was heavily damaged due to the fighting along Tikrit-Beiji road.	638,710	The electrical equipment was delivered.
Salah al Din	Rehabilitation of 10 schools in Hajaaj Area. Reopening of schools is one of the critical factors to promote returns.	281,132	Rehabilitation work of the 10 schools was completed in the previous quarter.

Diyala	Rehabilitation of electricity network in Al Adim benefiting hundreds of IDPs and host community.	328,840	Rehabilitation work is almost completed (80%).
Diyala	Rehabilitation of Al Hay Alaskry streets in Muqdadiya benefiting hundreds of IDPs and host community.	364,000	Rehabilitation work is almost completed (95%). End-user requested additional works.
Diyala	Rehabilitation of 8 unfinished schools in Baladrouz, Qazaniya, and Muqdadiyah encouraging hundreds of children to return to school (Responsible Partner: Diyala Governorate)	2,578,645	Rehabilitation work for all 8 schools started on 25 January 2017 (20% completed).



In Hardan town, Ninewah, a total of 500 damaged houses will be rehabilitated in Sinuni encouraging return of approximately 3,000 people.

Output 2 - Livelihoods: Greater economic resilience created for affected communities and IDPs/refugees through income generation activities, employment creation, and local Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SME) support.

Indicators:

- # of market assessments conducted
- # of beneficiaries supported through employment creation (including cash for work)
- # of beneficiaries received vocational training
- # of Micro-businesses and SME (MSMEs) created

Targets:

- Three markets assessments conducted
- Additional 3,000 beneficiaries supported through cash for work/employment creation activities, including through construction work
- Additional 3,000 received vocational training
- 100 MSMEs created

Progress from January to March 2017

- A study on the savings and small business grants in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI) is being conducted which will inform the creation of pilot saving groups as a way to improve economic resilience for conflict affected people. Furthermore, with UNDP’s technical and financial support, the Erbil Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ECCI) hosted a Business Forum in March 2017 which will result in the development of a roadmap for the diversification of the economy in the KRI.
- A total of 804 people (32% women) participated in cash for work activities targeting rehabilitation of schools and other public infrastructures in Diyala while 200 households were provided with income generating inputs (beekeeping) in Ninewah. Selection of 802 women is ongoing in Kirkuk and Bagdad for the creation of value chain groups.
- A total of 516 beneficiaries (42% women) participated in emergency employment trainings in Diyala (such as painting, electrical repair, etc.).
- A total of 345 people (64% women) received small grants to start up their business and restore their lives in Diyala, Al Qadisiyyah and Salah al Din.

Refugees/IDP Concentrated Areas

Governorate	Project Description	Total Allocated Amount (US\$)	Progress in Q1 2017
Kirkuk/Baghdad	Cash for work and value chain development support for 802 women, including returnees to liberated areas in Kirkuk. (Responsible Partner: Relief International)	1,051,980	Selection of 802 beneficiaries is ongoing. To date, 358 beneficiaries have been selected (216 in Kirkuk City; 75 in Sharia, and 67 in Dora). Business coaches have been recruited and trained to provide tailored business support to value chains groups involving 202 women.

South-Central Region	Empower 820 women through access to economic opportunities (including cash for work schemes and livelihoods schemes); access to effective services and protection mechanisms; and increased women’s participation and leadership role in promoting social cohesion, reconciliation, peace, and security. (Responsible Partner: UN WOMEN)	1,200,000	A total of 180 women beneficiaries in Diwaniya (Al Qadisiyyah) and Salah al Din were economically empowered through business grants scheme. They received small grants to startup businesses including sewing, bakery and hair addressing.
Erbil	Support to private sector diversification, in partnership with the Erbil Chamber of Commerce and Industry. (Responsible Partner: Erbil Chamber of Commerce)	375,000	With ICRRP's technical and financial support, ECCI hosted a Business Forum on 13 March titled “The role of the private sector in the growth and development of the local economy” attended by more than 100 participants. Participants offered their unique experiences to contribute towards developing a roadmap for the role of the private sector in development and diversification of the economy in the KRI. The roadmap is expected to inform the private sector, international organizations, as well as policy and governmental support. More information available in the following webarticle .
Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI)	Conduct a study on the savings and small business grants mechanism and social cohesion in four locations in the KRI. At least 80 savings groups’ members (50% women) will benefit from 8 small business grants and saving groups composed of self-selected IDPs, returnees, refugees and host community members.	421,863	Preparatory work for the study is ongoing. Sulaymaniyah, Erbil and Dohuk have been identified as target locations; premises in camps and outside camps are now being selected. Jalawla has also been included due to the high number of returnees.



Left: “My dream of opening a florist shop came true. Now I can provide for my 4 children and my husband.” – Zainab, returnee to Diyala

Right: “My business has improved. I can now take care of my sick son and pay off all debts.” – Alaa, returnee to Diyala

Support for Newly Liberated Areas

Governorate	Project Description	Total Allocated Amount (US\$)	Progress in Q1 2017
Ninewah	Income generating projects and creation of agricultural value chain for 870 households in Northern Ninewah (Zumar, Wanah). (Responsible Partner: Zakho Small Villages Projects)	932,412	200 households were provided with 1000 beehives (5 each). A total of 12 (60%) households trained in fish farming were provided with materials and equipment to install fish farm projects. The project is also promoting quails breeding which is increasing livelihoods and promoting gender equality; a success story has been published on UNDP's website.
Diyala	Cash for work activities for 4,750 people (IDPs and host communities) and creation of agro-business value chain in Northern Diyala (Jalula, Kifri, Khanaquin). (Responsible Partner: Oxfam)	2,112,036	A total of 516 beneficiaries (42% women) participated in emergency employment trainings (painting, electrical repair, etc). A total of 804 people (32% women) participated in cash for work activities targeting rehabilitation of schools and other public infrastructures as well as cleaning campaigns to manage solid waste. Small business grants were distributed to 165 individuals (24% women) to restore or start business activities. Success stories are available in the following social media posts (facebook and twitter).

Output 3 - Social cohesion: Participatory and inclusive dialogue platforms established in the affected communities with the displaced and local populations to address a common agenda on basic services and economic recovery as well as specific needs of women, the vulnerable groups and minorities.

Indicators:

- # of communities which established dialogue platforms
- # of dialogue trainings conducted for IDP/host community members
- # of community events implemented based on inclusive dialogue
- # of analysis report produced

Targets

- Additional 25 communities with dialogue platforms
- 25 dialogue trainings conducted
- Additional 50 community events organized (7,500 participants)
- Two analysis report produced

Key progress from January to March 2017:

- Dialogue platforms have been established in six communities in Dohuk.
- 15 social cohesion/capacity building trainings were conducted involving 420 youth.
- A total of 3920 IDPs, Syrian refugees and members of host community (42% women) participated in peace education activities and social cohesion events in Dohuk and Najaf aiming to promote inter-ethnic coexistence and tolerance in collaboration with local civil society and national and international academia.
- Capacity building targeting youth activists and NGOs leaders from Ninewah is ongoing. They will use the skills acquired to develop a conflict analysis study for Ninewah Governorate that will help analyse the sources of conflict and design peace and conflict prevention interventions.

Refugees/IDP Concentrated Areas

Governorate	Project Description	Total Allocated Amount (US\$)	Progress in Q1 2017
Dohuk	Support to social cohesion dialogue groups, peace education targeting IDPs and host community, and mobilization of local and displaced youth as drivers of change. Expected beneficiaries are 1,400 individuals, primarily IDP and host community youth aged 18-25. (Responsible Partner: New York University)	320,665	A total of 420 IDPs, Syrian refugees and host community participated in peace education activities (40% women) promoted by NYU and the University of Dohuk. Peace clubs promoting social cohesion amongst different ethnic and religious groups are active in Kabartu 2, Chamishku, Bajd Kandala, Sheikhan, Dereboon, and Qadia Camps.

Dohuk	Promotion of social cohesion in Dohuk through activities aiming to enhance dialogue, creative expression, peace-building, and co-existence benefiting over 200 youth and non-governmental organizations.(Responsible Partner: International Relief and Development)	625,623	A total of 373 youth and members of NGOs participated in 15 social cohesion activities/capacity building workshops in the following areas: peace through art, youth camping, awareness raising on coexistence and peace-building, results-based management.
Najaf	Promotion of inter-ethnic, inter-religious dialogue and peaceful coexistence in the Governorate of Najaf through university peace education as well as through the establishment of a centre of excellence that promotes a culture of tolerance and co-existence. Expected beneficiaries are over 2,200 IDPs and host community youth in Najaf Province, including Kufa University academics and students, Imam Al-Khoei Foundation academics and students, Iraqi al-Amal Association project team, Eastern Mennonite University-Center for Justice and Peace-building as trained peace-builders. (Responsible Partner: Iraqi Al Amal Association)	716,504	A total of 3500 people (44% women) from IDP and host communities participated in social cohesion events. In March, after successful completion of a training on conflict analysis, community reconciliation and facilitation skills, youth from Najaf, Baghdad and Ninewah organized a series of events to promote inter-ethnic coexistence and tolerance among displaced people, host community and non-Muslim minorities in Najaf. The Peace weekend included dialogue sessions among different ethnic and religious groups at Kufa University, social cohesion activities for displaced children and a peace conference for hundreds of people in Najaf. Success stories are available in the following web article and social media posts. A video is also available on youtube .

Support for Newly Liberated Areas

Governorate	Project Description	Total Allocated Amount (US\$)	Progress in Q1 2017
Ninewah	Development of a conflict analysis/assessment study for Ninewah Governorate and promotion of facilitation and mediation mechanism involving 10 local NGOs. (Responsible Partner: Al-Tahreer Association for Development)	247,000	A total of 48 youth activists and local NGOs leaders from Ninewah were trained in Erbil on collecting data through focus groups and interviews. They will use the skills acquired to develop a conflict analysis study for Ninewah Governorate that will help analyse the sources of conflict and design peace and conflict prevention interventions.



In Dohuk, a “peace through art” initiative is bringing together youth from host community, Syrian refugees and IDPs to promote coexistence and heal trauma.



"I AM AGAINST ALL FORMS OF EXTREMISM. WE ARE ALL HUMAN BEINGS AND WE SHOULD ALL BE TREATED EQUALLY."

Mahdi, participant in the conflict analysis training. Along with other youth, he will use the skills acquired to develop a conflict analysis study for Ninewah Governorate that will help analyse the sources of conflict and design peace and conflict prevention interventions.

Agreement BMZ No. 2016-18644

Output 1 – Basic Services: Socio economic infrastructures constructed for sustainable and cost-effective provision of public services.

Indicators:
- # of infrastructures rehabilitated/constructed
Targets:
- Three infrastructures rehabilitated/constructed
Progress from January-March 2017:
- A total of 20 infrastructures are being rehabilitated/constructed in Diyala and Salah al Din aiming to improve provision of basic services (electricity, water, roads, education, health) for thousands of IDPs, refugees and host communities. These projects were identified in close consultation with Government officials and community leaders.

Support for Newly Liberated Areas

Governorate	Project Description	Total Allocated Amount (US\$)	Progress in Q1 2017
Salah al Din	Construction of an irrigation canal in Yathrib. The canal construction was identified as one of the priority infrastructure projects among different tribes. The construction of the canal is expected to mitigate inter-ethnic conflicts as lack of irrigation water used to cause tensions between different tribes.	355,000	Construction work commenced at the end of March.
Diyala	Implementation of 6 infrastructure projects in Al Muqdadiya aiming to improve basic service delivery, including education, water and health. Projects were identified as priority infrastructure initiatives in consultation with Government officials and community leaders.	1,732,586	Rehabilitation work for 3 schools is 70% completed. The contract for the rehabilitation of 3 water complexes and the Health clinic are being processed by UNDP's Procurement Unit.
Diyala	Implementation of 5 infrastructure projects in Al Udham aiming to improve basic service delivery, including education, electricity, and water. Projects were identified as priority infrastructure initiatives in consultation with Government officials and community leaders.	1,220,716	Contract for rehabilitation of electrical networks was signed and work will commence in early April 2017. The contracts for the rehabilitation of three schools and one water project are being processed by UNDP's Procurement Unit.
Diyala	Implementation of 8 infrastructure projects in Al Khalis aiming to improve basic service delivery, including education, electricity, water and health. Projects were identified as priority infrastructure initiatives in consultation with Government officials and community leaders.	2,005,363	Six projects are being processed by UNDP's Procurement Unit. Procurement process for rehabilitation schools, electrical network and water Plant is ongoing while the bill of quantities for another water project will be submitted by the Government.

Output 2 – Social cohesion: Community-based dialogue platforms established for ensuring social cohesion and peaceful co-existence

Indicators:
<i># of communities benefitting from consultation and dialogue sessions</i>
<i># of communities benefitting from advocacy and community solidarity activities and/or events</i>
Targets:
<i>- Consultation and dialogue sessions conducted in three communities</i>
<i>- Advocacy and community solidarity activities and/or events organized in three communities</i>
Progress from January-March 2017:
<i>- Preparatory work is ongoing to establish a Community Centre in Arbat community (Sulaymaniyah Governorate) which will provide psychosocial support and community-based services to enhance social cohesion amongst IDPs and host community.</i>

Refugees/IDP Concentrated Areas

Governorate	Project Description	Total Allocated Amount (US\$)	Progress in Q1 2017
Sulaymaniyah	Establishment of a Community Centre in Arbat providing psychosocial support and community-based services to enhance social cohesion amongst IDPs and host community. (Responsible Partner: Un Ponte Per - UPP)	652,593	Preparatory work is ongoing (staff recruitment; first assessment on the level of tension in Arbat town being conducted).

Agreement BMZ No. 2016-18818

Output 1 - Basic Services: Public service infrastructures for camps/shelter facilities for Mosul IDPs

Indicators:

- # of infrastructures rehabilitated/constructed for newly displaced people

Targets:

- Three infrastructures rehabilitated/constructed for newly displaced people

Progress from January-March 2017:

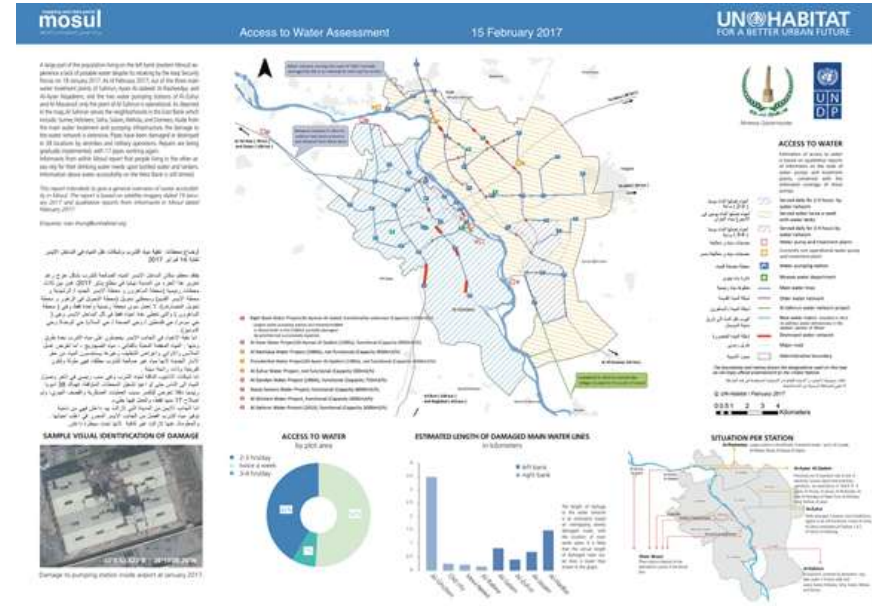
- A total of five infrastructure projects are being rehabilitated/constructed benefitting thousands of IDPs and host communities in the KRI (Erbil), as well as newly liberated areas (Sala al Din and Ninewah). Two projects are completed (electrical network in Debaga and construction of emergency IDP camp in Salah al Din) while three are ongoing in Ninewah.

Governorate	Project Description	Total Allocated Amount (US\$)	Progress in Q1 2017
Erbil	Rehabilitation of electrical network and provision of a mobile substation in Debaga benefiting thousands of IDPs. (Responsible Partner: Erbil Governorate)	1,600,000	The project is completed. On 1 March 2017, a mobile sub-station in Debaga sub-district was handed over to the Erbil Governorate. Over 35,000 people will have access to improved electricity services, delivered to local population and displaced people, many of whom are from Mosul living in Debaga sub-district and surrounded villages. The ceremony was attended by the German Consul for Political and Humanitarian Affairs in Erbil and a delegation of the German Government. More information about the event are available on social media (facebook and twitter).
Salah al Din	Grand leveling of Shaqat-Basateen emergency camp benefiting thousands of IDPs.	998,270	The grand leveling of the emergency camps is completed and the site was handed over to the Mayor of Shaqat.
Ninewah	Support the creation of a recovery plan for the city of Mosul using a web-based mapping platform, providing up-to-date GIS data and thematic information, in partnership with UN Habitat. (Responsible Partner: UN Habitat)	321,000	A total of 8 maps and assessments of the urban condition of Mosul were produced by UN Habitat. This includes key supporting functions (education, health, electricity, water) as well as damage assessments based on satellite imagery. Assessments are regularly shared with development and humanitarian community to inform future programming. In February - March 2017, a functional mock-up of the online data platform was created. This portal will offer live maps and act as dissemination platform for the thematic briefs.
Ninewah	Rehabilitation of the water treatment plant in Qaraj benefiting hundreds of displaced people and host community.	175,000	Rehabilitation work commenced on 8 February 2017 and is almost completed (90%).

Ninewah	Provision of trauma care medical supplies benefiting thousands of civilian casualties in Mosul. (Responsible Partner: Academy for Emergency Medicine)	325,000	The first batch of trauma care medical supplies is being shipped and expected to reach Erbil at the beginning of April 2017.
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Damage assessments on Mosul produced by UNDP and UN Habitat enable evidence-based humanitarian and development programming.

Output 2 – Livelihoods: Immediate income opportunity and emergency employment

Indicators:

- # of beneficiaries participated in cash for work for newly displaced people and host community
- # of MSMEs created for newly displaced people, host community and returnees.

Targets:

- 600 beneficiaries participated in cash for work
- 200 MSMEs created

Progress from January-March 2017:

- In total, 2343 conflict affected people (21% women) participated in cash for work activities in Ninewah and Salah al Din, both in camps and outside camps, increasing their income. Cash for work activities in Salah al Din targeted the rehabilitation of community infrastructures and schools.
- A total of 817 conflict-affected people (20% women) received small grants either to restart/start up their business activities or as assets replacement.

Governorate	Project Description	Total Allocated Amount (US\$)	Progress in Q1 2017
Ninewah	Restoration of small business in Qayyarah district benefitting 150 conflict-affected households (900 individuals). (Responsible Partner: Danish Refugee Council)	445,000	A total of 217 people (22% women) received small grants to restore or start business activities. Success stories are available in the following social media posts (facebook and twitter).
Ninewah	Provision of assets replacement grants to 150 households (900 individuals) from host community and displaced population in Qayyarah district; provision of housing improvement kits to 50 households (300 individuals) from host community and displaced population in Qayyarah district. (Responsible Partner: Danish Refugee Council)	323,000	A total of 190 individuals (10% women) received asset replacement grants while 58 households (52 men, 6 women) received housing improvement kits.
Ninewah	Cash for work activities for 1,000 individuals and provision of micro-grants for assets recovery to 400 households from displaced and host community in Hassansham Camp, in Shaikhan and Hamdaneya districts. (Responsible Partner: Oxfam)	800,000	The project increased livelihood opportunities for vulnerable, conflict affected households, both through the provision of emergency employment (cash for work) for 1000 people (15% women), and grants for asset recovery for 410 people (26% women). In total, the project reached 1,410 people. The key project achievements, as per the assessment conducted by the implementing partner, are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the cash for work beneficiaries, 99% of beneficiaries reported that the income generated allowed them / will allow them to purchase assets, essential goods and services that they would

			<p>otherwise be unable to purchase. Most commonly, this included purchasing more food, buying clothes / household items, paying back debts and paying medical expense.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In terms of income generation, initial Post Distribution Monitoring (PDM) results found that 67% of asset recovery grant beneficiaries reported an increase of income as a direct result of receiving the grants.
Ninewah	Cash for work activities for 500 people displaced from Mosul and awareness raising on WASH issues. (Responsible Partner: French Red Cross -FRC)	234,182	A total of 543 IDPs (35% women) hosted in Hasanshan camp participated in cash for work activities.
Sala Al Din	Cash for work activities for 800 displaced people and host community in Shirqat district and rehabilitation of 40 community facilities. (Responsible Partner: Al Mortaqa)	499,992	A total of 800 people (35% women) participated in cash for work activities. Rehabilitation of 40 community infrastructures is ongoing (it is completed for 20 schools and partially completed (70%) for the remaining infrastructures).



Hundreds of displaced people hosted in Qayyarah Airstrip Camp in Ninewah are restarting their lives thanks to ICRRP. Providing small grants to displaced people to start or restore business activities -such as bakery or sewing - is key to increasing their livelihoods and revitalizing local economy.