



Middle East Iraq



PROJECT

The construction of a community center and two church-based homes for former orphaned and abandoned children with playground facilities in partnership with the local Kurdish church.

PROJECT PROFILE

CHURCH PARTNER:

Kurdish Church

Northern Iraq



NETWORK PARTNER:



PROJECT OVERVIEW

Iraq has been torn apart by conflict and strife for decades. Sectarian violence and an international war have wreaked havoc on this land. Around two million Iraqis have been displaced just since the recent conflict and about 100,000 have died (Foreign Policy 2009).

In a place hostile to Christianity, the Church is small yet surprisingly strong. In Northern Iraq, referred to as Kurdistan by the locals, the church is reaching out to a hurting community comprised mainly of widows and their children who lost their fathers fighting Saddam Hussein. This area is known as "The Freedom Martyr's Village" and is where the government gave World Orphans one acre of land for the building of the first church-based homes for children in the country complete with playground facilities.

In addition, our church partner will be building a community center to be used as a vocational and counseling center. In order to provide a measure of sustainability to the project, they have decided to build a second floor that will house a celebration hall for weddings and other special events in the community. It will cost \$137,500 for two homes, \$275,000 for the community center, and \$16,500 for the playground facilities, for a project total of \$429,000.

Your part is vital to helping us raise this amount on behalf of the widows and orphans who have been the silent victims of this war-torn country for years.

FUNDING GOAL: \$429,000

FUNDING RAISED: \$35,000

FUNDING NEEDED: **\$394,000**

NUMBER OF RESCUED CHILDREN: N/A

REGION: Middle East

PRIMARY ISSUE: Orphans of Conflict

CARE POINT: Church-Based Residential Care

COUNTRY PROFILE

#OF SINGLE ORPHANS: N/A

#OF DOUBLE ORPHANS: N/A

POPULATION: 28,945,657 (2009 est.)

AVERAGE INCOME: \$540 per person (2% of USA)

*Children who have lost one parent

**Children who have lost both parents



Information from:
CIA Factbook: <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html>
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UNICEF's Childinfo, http://www.childinfo.org/hiv_aids_orphanestimates.php