

Migration Information and Awareness Raising on the Risks of Irregular Migration in Iraq (MIRAMI II)

Factsheet

Background



Access to accurate, reliable and timely migration information remains essential for enabling Iraqis to make informed decisions about migration and reintegration. Despite improvements in stability, many Iraqis continue to face socio-economic challenges such as unemployment and limited livelihood opportunities and uncertainty regarding migration pathways. These factors, combined with misinformation and unrealistic expectations regarding migration to Europe, continue to drive irregular migration aspirations.

Building on the achievements and lessons learned from the European Union-funded MIRAMI I project, MIRAMI II seeks to strengthen access to factual migration information, support informed decision-making, and contribute to the prevention of irregular migration through evidence-based awareness raising and counselling services.

The project will build upon the extensive network of Migrant Resource Centres (MRCs) established in Iraq and continue working with government institutions, civil society organisations, community leaders, media actors and returnees to provide credible information on migration, legal pathways, reintegration opportunities and the risks associated with irregular migration.

Donor	European Union (AMIF)
Co-donors and implementing partners	Ministry of Interior, Austria Ministry of Interior, Bulgaria Federal Office for Migration and Refugees, Germany Ministry of Migration and Asylum, Greece Ministry of Interior and Administration, Poland
Implementing partner	ICMPD
Duration	36 months (June 2026 – May 2029)
Location	Federal Governorates of Iraq and the Kurdistan Region of Iraq
Overall objective	To contribute to informed migration decision-making, increased access to credible migration information, and strengthened capacities of local actors to support potential migrants and returnees, ultimately contributing to reducing irregular migration from Iraq.

Objectives



MIRAMI II aims to empower potential migrants, returnees and their communities to make informed decisions regarding migration and reintegration by increasing access to reliable information and strengthening local support systems.



Improve access to reliable information on legal and regular migration pathways.



Support informed reintegration decision-making for returnees.



Strengthen the capacity of local migration stakeholders to deliver migration information and counselling services.

Activities



Building on evidence generated through MIRAMI I and previous migration information initiatives in Iraq, MIRAMI II combines research, counselling, outreach and capacity building interventions.



Research and Evidence Generation

- Migration perception and information needs assessments
- Knowledge, Attitudes and Intentions (KAI) surveys
- Research on migration trends and return experiences



Information and Awareness Raising

- Evidence-based information campaigns using mass media, social media and digital platforms
- Community outreach and awareness sessions
- University and youth engagement activities
- Dissemination of information on legal migration pathways, migration procedures and the risks of irregular migration



Counselling and Support Services

- Individual migration counselling through the Migrant Resource Centres (MRCs)
- Information and guidance for potential migrants and returnees
- Reintegration information and referral services
- Community-based outreach and counselling activities



Capacity Building

- Capacity building for government institutions
- Training and support for civil society organisations, volunteers and community actors
- Engagement of media professionals and journalists
- Strengthening local networks and partnerships for migration information and awareness raising

Expected Results



Increased Knowledge and Informed Decision-Making

- Potential migrants have greater awareness of migration processes, legal pathways and risks associated with irregular migration.
- Returnees have increased access to information on reintegration opportunities and available services.
- Communities have improved understanding of migration realities and available support mechanisms.



Stronger Local Capacities

- Government institutions, CSOs and media actors are better equipped to provide migration information and counselling services.
- Local stakeholders integrate migration information into their outreach and service delivery activities.
- Sustainable local networks for migration information dissemination are strengthened.

Building on MIRAMI I



MIRAMI II builds upon the achievements of MIRAMI I, which:



Reached over
1.8 million people
through information campaigns



Delivered migration orientation sessions to over
3,300 university students



Reached more than
5,500 community members
through outreach activities



Provided counselling services to nearly
2,000 individuals
through Migrant Resource Centres



Strengthened the capacities of government institutions,
civil society organisations and media stakeholders

Website and social media



Website



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