

IRAQ

Iraq faces vast challenges: the ongoing conflict with Daesh, weak and divided state institutions, and a UN Level 3 humanitarian emergency, which has displaced some 4.5 million people. Level 3 is the highest level on this UN scale.

Canada has a three-year strategy from 2016-2019 for comprehensive security, stabilization, humanitarian and development assistance in response to the crises in Iraq and Syria, and their impact on Jordan and Lebanon. As part of this, Canada is working with Iraqi authorities to support a stable and more prosperous country.

In pursuing this goal, Canada's main development programming priorities are in the areas of:

- inclusive and accountable governance;
- a stabilized and equitable economy through support for technical and vocational education and training; and
- social services, particularly for women and girls.

Iraq's decentralization efforts make Canada's experience with federal-provincial relations particularly relevant. Canada is one of the few donors with a longer-term development assistance program for Iraq.

