



Individuals from Mosul, 201826 January 2020 – Five years of conflict in Iraq has taken a huge toll on more than 5 million Iraqis who, at one point in time, have had to leave their areas of origin to move to safer places in the country. As many as half a million civilians have incurred some level of injury while thousands have lost limbs.

In 2019, the World Health Organization (WHO), in collaboration with national health authorities, partners and donors, expanded the range of specialized health services for people with physical disabilities to ensure their easy access to physiotherapy and psychosocial support programmes, especially for those that had been internally displaced.

Greater emphasis is also being placed on inclusion and participation of this vulnerable group to accelerate progress towards the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

“WHO, national counterparts and other partners are working hand in hand to ensure that people with disability all over Iraq enjoy equitable and easy access to rehabilitation services, assistive technologies and vocational training to improve their independence and encourage greater participation in society,” said Dr Adham R. Ismail Abdel Moneim, WHO Representative in Iraq.

