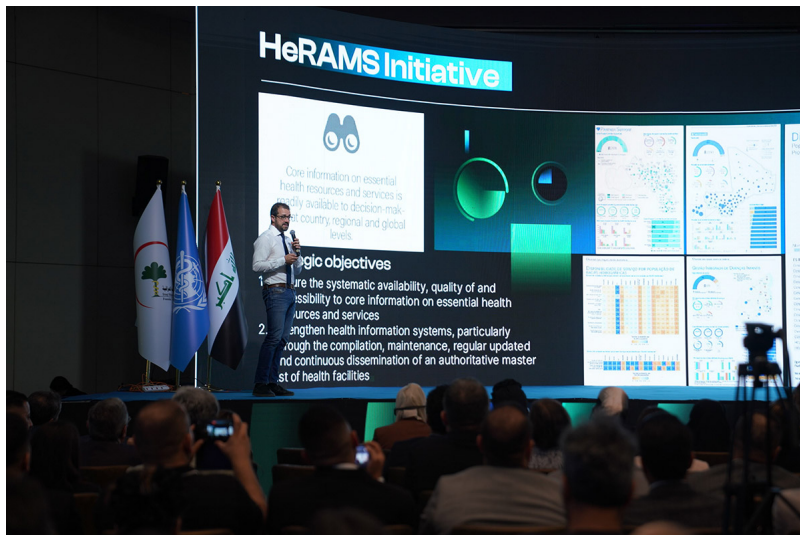


HeRAMS transforms health care

management in Iraq

07 April 2024



7 April 2024, Baghdad, Iraq – The Health Resources and Services Availability Monitoring System (HeRAMS) initiative has digitized health care management in Iraq and made vital information accessible for planning and decision-making purposes. The project was launched in January 2022 to ensure availability of information about essential health resources and services for decision-makers at all levels. Completion of -building and data collection by mid-June 2024 will provide a comprehensive dataset on essential health resources and services provision. This can facilitate evidence-based decision-making to achieve health equity and ensure equal access to...

Yes! We can end TB!

24 March 2024



[WHO and Ministry of Health digitize information vital for a healthier Iraq](#)

07 March 2024



7 March 2024, Baghdad, Iraq – WHO, in partnership with Iraq’s federal and Kurdistan regional health ministries, today concluded the launch of Phase II of the Health Resources and Services Availability Monitoring System (HeRAMS) project revision workshops. This launch, devised as a series of 3 workshops spanning a couple of days each, engaged over 150 data collectors from across nearly all of Iraq’s directorates of health. The main aim was to provide them with a chance to review and update the HeRAMS paper and electronic formats, address Phase I issues, and...

[Strengthening event-based surveillance systems: a success story from Iraq](#)

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[Emergency health care boosted across Iraq in 2023](#)

22 January 2024



22 January 2024, Baghdad, Iraq – WHO Iraq ended 2023 having boosted the crucial life-saving skills of medical and health staff in emergency units through the rollout of the Basic Emergency Care (BEC) course. This year-long initiative has strengthened the provision of emergency health care across Iraq. In January 2023, WHO Iraq, working with the Ministry of Health – at the central and Kurdistan regional levels – organized a series of 17 BEC training workshops. These strategically planned trainings were held across Iraq throughout 2023, reaching 277 front-line medical and health...

[Medical oxygen scale-up boosts Iraq’s health care capacities](#)

21 December 2023



[WHO tackles low immunization challenges in Iraq](#)

19 December 2023



19 December 2023, Erbil, Iraq – Iraq has seen routine immunization coverage fluctuate in 2023, and there has also been a very low uptake of COVID-19 vaccination. To assess the immunization landscape in Iraq, the WHO Country Office in Iraq ran a 4-day Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) bottleneck analysis workshop. The workshop sought to explore how well immunization targets had been achieved at various administrative levels, from service points to central level. The event was organized in partnership with the federal Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Health in the Kurdistan...

[Environmental surveillance network training: WHO Iraq and federal ministries collaborate to ensure a polio-free Iraq](#)

27 November 2023



[WHO Iraq's Supply Chain team shines in warehouse management system implementation](#)

19 November 2023



20 November 2023, Baghdad, Iraq – WHO Iraq has achieved a remarkable feat by being the first WHO country office globally to go live with WHO's new warehouse management system. This Supply Chain team success story serves as a model of excellence and a source of pride. "This accomplishment highlights the exceptional supply chain infrastructure and the dedication of the qualified staff who made it possible," said Dr Wael Hatahit, Acting WHO Representative in Iraq, hailing the team's efforts and sharing their victory joy. Dr Rick Brennan, Regional Emergency Director for the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern...

[WHO and Ministry of Health join forces to combat neglected tropical diseases in Iraq](#)

19 November 2023



19 November 2023, Baghdad, Iraq – In the remote district of Qaem, in western Iraq near the Syrian border, a family faced the challenge of leprosy – a neglected tropical disease that often goes unnoticed. Malik (aged 42 years), his wife Huda (aged 39 years) and their 12-year-old daughter Sana* began to experience flat, red skin sores on their arms and legs. Over the course of a few months, the sores made their skin stiff and dry, leading to loss of sensation in the affected areas, which put the family at...

[WHO and UNHCR train refugee volunteers to tackle infectious diseases in Iraq](#)

08 October 2023



8 October 2023, Erbil, Iraq – In an effort to combat the spread of communicable diseases across Iraq, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) conducted a training session for 40 refugee volunteers who play a pivotal role in

sharing critical information within communities of refugees and internally displaced people in Erbil. The training, done in collaboration with the Kurdistan Regional Government and its Ministry of Health, equipped the refugees with in-depth knowledge about common infectious diseases such as cholera and haemorrhagic fever. The volunteers can...

[WHO medical supplies arrive at Mosul to aid national health response to Al-Hamdaniya tragedy](#)

28 September 2023



28 September 2023, Baghdad, Iraq – WHO in Iraq expresses profound sorrow over the loss of numerous innocent lives in Al-Hamdaniya District, Nineveh governorate, Iraq. The devastating incident unfolded on the evening of Tuesday 26 September 2023 at a local banquet hall, resulting in 93 deaths and more than 100 people injured. In response to this tragic crisis, WHO has taken immediate action to support efforts by Iraq’s Ministry of Health to provide critical medical assistance to the injured. Urgent medical supplies, including comprehensive hospital supply kits, have been allocated to...

[Scars of resilience: the fight against leishmaniasis in Iraq](#)

17 September 2023



17 September 2023, Baghdad, Iraq – Cutaneous leishmaniasis, known locally as the “Baghdad boil”, has overwhelmed many parts of Iraq for decades, posing a persistent threat to its people.

This disease, transmitted via sandfly bites, leaves those affected with lasting scars – a visible reminder of their suffering left on their bodies for life. By 2022, an alarming 8000 individuals in Iraq, primarily from remote rural areas, had been affected by this disease. In 2023, in an unexpected turn of events, the first case emerged in the traditionally sandfly-free governorate of...

[Iraq enhances emergency care system through basic training](#)

09 September 2023



Erbil, 7 September 2023 – The World Health Organization (WHO), in collaboration with the Ministry of Health of the Kurdistan region, today concluded basic emergency care training organized to equip frontline health care providers with the essential skills required to manage acute illnesses and injuries in resource-limited settings. The training focused on improving the outcomes of emergency conditions by providing over 30 participants with the knowledge and skills needed to implement a systematic approach to initial assessments and managing time-sensitive conditions, ultimately saving lives. “As WHO and national health authorities in Iraq continue...

[WHO partners with USAID/BHA and EU to strengthen essential primary, referral and preventive health services in Iraq](#)

10 August 2023



[WHO and Ministry of Health launch Health Resources and Services Availability Monitoring System \(HeRAMS\) results in Iraq](#)

07 June 2023



Baghdad, 7 June 2023— The World Health Organization (WHO) and the Ministry of Health, launched today the results of the Health Resources and Services Availability Monitoring System (HeRAMS) in Iraq, marking a significant milestone in the health digitalization of the country's health system. HeRAMS offers comprehensive data that will revolutionize the decision-making process, drive effective and sustainable actions to improve health outcomes and foster a data-driven culture that prioritizes the use of health metrics and indicators. The results of the system revealed that the WHO and the Ministry of Health teams managed...

"Hello, world. I cannot talk yet, but I want to tell my story"

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