



Baghdad, 26 April 2022 – The World Health Organization (WHO) marks the 5-year milestone of its strategic partnership with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to support the provision of life-saving and essential health care services to vulnerable populations in Iraq.

Over the past 5 years, USAID has provided WHO Iraq with support totalling US\$ 122 million.

“USAID has been the biggest funding partner of WHO in Iraq over the past 5 years. We’re proud of this genuine and growing partnership, which helped us expand access to much needed health care services for millions of people in different governorates,” said Dr Ahmed Zouiten, WHO Representative in Iraq.

“We greatly value and appreciate this impactful partnership, and we’re exploring new opportunities to deepen this collaborative partnership further.”

Impact of USAID’s contribution

Thanks to the generous contribution from USAID, over 6 million primary health care consultations, including mental and physical rehabilitation services, were provided to Iraqi citizens, while over 1500 individuals benefited from various capacity-building training.

USAID support also provided 56 new ambulances to the Iraqi health system, helping to ensure uninterrupted access to referral services. Funds also went to delivering essential medicines, medical supplies and diagnostic equipment to various conflict-affected governorates to provide comprehensive primary health care services to millions of people, including around 300 000 Syrian refugees and host communities in Erbil, Dahuk and Sulaymaniyah governorates.

