Highlights 1 January–31 March 2019

- More than 2.2 million children between 9 and 15 months of age were vaccinated in March 2019 in phase II of the mass measles and rubella campaign covering 9 governorates of Iraq. The campaigns were conducted by the Ministry of Health of Iraq, with the support of WHO and UNICEF.

- In response to the health needs of people affected by the flash floods in Basra, Wassit, Maysan and other surrounding villages, WHO conducted rapid assessments, and water quality monitoring and deployed emergency medical supplies to the Directorate of Health in Maysan. These included lifesaving medicines, medical kits, and other supplies enough to treat more than 100 000 people for one month. WHO also provided Inter agency emergency health kits to Wassit.

- In Hawiija General Hospital in Kirkuk, a health facility that was destroyed and looted, WHO supported the rehabilitation and inauguration of a 25-bed capacity paediatric and an outpatients department. The hospital is managed by Kirkuk Directorate of Health and will serve the medical and surgical emergency needs of 200 000 people residing in the district, including displaced persons and returnees from other areas of Kirkuk.

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