



Iraqi Children  
Foundation

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A woman wearing a white lab coat and a blue headscarf is seen from the side, interacting with a group of children. She is leaning forward, possibly examining or talking to a young boy in a yellow shirt. Other children are visible in the background, some looking towards the woman. The setting appears to be an indoor space, possibly a clinic or a community center, with pink walls and a window in the background.

## **OUR MISSION**

To intervene with love and hope in the lives of Iraqi children who are vulnerable to abuse, neglect, and exploitation by extremists, criminals, and human traffickers.

## **OUR VISION**

To ensure all children in Iraq have a voice, and are empowered to reach their full potential.



# OUR MISSION APPROACH



## OUR PHILOSOPHY

We focus on sustainability and empowerment through local capacity building.

## HOW WE IMPLEMENT

Our 'hand-up not hand-out' approach prioritizes partnering with local Iraqi organizations for service delivery. We respect local leadership, build lasting relationships, and invest in training and capacity building.

## WHAT THIS ACHIEVES

We work with our partners to mobilize resources for education, health, protection and trauma care, and to give children a voice.



# Highlights of 2018



## OUR IMPACT: THE HOPE BUSES

Our eye-catching "Hope Buses" are ordinary, used buses that are converted into colorful, child-friendly classrooms. Each bus has two teachers and a social worker, and serves approximately 50 orphans and street kids with tutoring, nutrition, health care, social services, practical life lessons, community, and fun.



PLAY



LEARNING

**Case study:** Laila\* (11) once worked on the street cleaning windshields. Laila got a chance to leave the streets to go the Hope Bus. She shared her joy by helping identify 10 more children who needed help from the Hope Bus.



HEALTH



FUN

## OUR 2018 ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 50 children graduated from Hope Bus 1, 48 more signed up to join.
- 14,200 meals provided to students on the bus.
- Hope Bus 2 launched in a second poor neighborhood with another 48 vulnerable children.
- In October, 50 children graduated at a ceremony attended by officials from the Ministries of Education, Health, Culture, and Labor & Social Affairs.



HOPE BUS 2 LAUNCHES



CREATIVITY

## OUR IMPACT: BAGHDAD STREET LAWYERS

Our lawyers provide legal protection for children who are targeted by criminals and traffickers, abused by employers, or are facing other risks.

**Case study:** Our lawyers helped reunite a widowed mother from Mosul with her four special needs children who had no documents. The children were lost in the chaos of that city's liberation from ISIS but the lawyers worked with the court to process DNA tests to reunite the family.

## OUR 2018 ACHIEVEMENTS:

- **Legal protection:** 277 boys and girls were aided by our lawyers, including young teenage girls who were the victims of sex trafficking.
- **Legal documents:** Street lawyers helped 398 children obtain legal documents required to enroll in school and access government benefits.



VISITING AN IDP CAMP



LAWYER TRAINING FOR CHILD PROTECTION



COMMUNITY LEADER TRAINING FOR CHILD PROTECTION



AWARENESS TRAINING FOR BOYS



MEETING WITH FAMILIES IN AN IDP CAMP



TRAINING FOR CHILDREN ON HOW TO DEAL WITH POLICE



## OUR IMPACT: SOCIAL SERVICES

Social workers on our Street Lawyers team help work to end child labor and get children off the streets. They also work to stop domestic abuse, provide medical care, and help get access to psychosocial services for children with mental health issues.

## OUR 2018 ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Social workers served 280 children with clothing, medical attention, family mediation, and abuse prevention.
- A “child safe space” opened at a Baiji clinic to address psychosocial needs of IDP kids.
- Hundreds of dolls and soccer balls have been distributed as holiday gifts.



## ICF Capacity and Performance

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Other highlights from 2018

For a second year, ICF achieved top **Platinum status** from GuideStar for transparency

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Donor support increased by nearly **50%** over 2017

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Barbara Marlowe and Teeba announced the publication of their book **“A Brave Face”**

ICF hosted its **6<sup>th</sup> annual “In Their Shoes” 5K** and an evening at the Iraqi consulate in DC

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ICF was honored with an **Arab League Award**

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ICF hired its first **professional staffer**, with a view to commence in **2019**





# Saluting ICF's Donors and Supporters

**IN THEIR SHOES 5K RUN**  
RUMAILA OPERATING ORGANISATION, BARA, IRAQ  
SATURDAY 5th MAY 2018  
IN SUPPORT OF THE IRAQI CHILDREN FOUNDATION

REGISTER @ 07 19242100



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RUMAILA OPERATING ORGANISATION, BARA, IRAQ  
IN THEIR SHOES 5K RUN  
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A collage of photographs showing children in various situations, including some who appear to be in need of support or care. The photos are arranged in a grid-like fashion on the right side of the banner.



AT THE STARTING LINE



TEAM EPIC



FAMILY FUN



HUMOODY & HIS DAD RACE



AMB. YASSEEN & YOUTH AMB'S

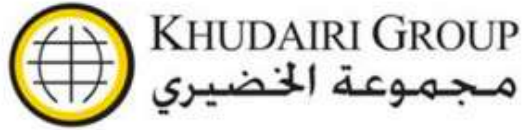
## THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS AND SUPPORTERS!

Our donors and supporters provide life-changing help for Iraqi Children. Our biggest annual event is an opportunity for friends of ICF to come together to raise awareness and dollars. In 2018, our race was covered by a professional film company for the first time, and a new “Anthem” for the children of Iraq was featured.



## OUR 2018 ICF CORPORATE MENTORS

ICF recognizes with gratitude the Corporate Mentors who stepped up in 2018 to support Iraq's most vulnerable children. Corporate Mentors provide significant resources to support ICF initiatives for children in Iraq. These organizations served as sponsors of ICF's annual "In Their Shoes" 5K in the Washington DC area. One hundred percent of Corporate Mentor gifts go directly to projects in Iraq, not US-based overhead. ICF gratefully recognizes the generosity on one unnamed company, along with the following businesses:

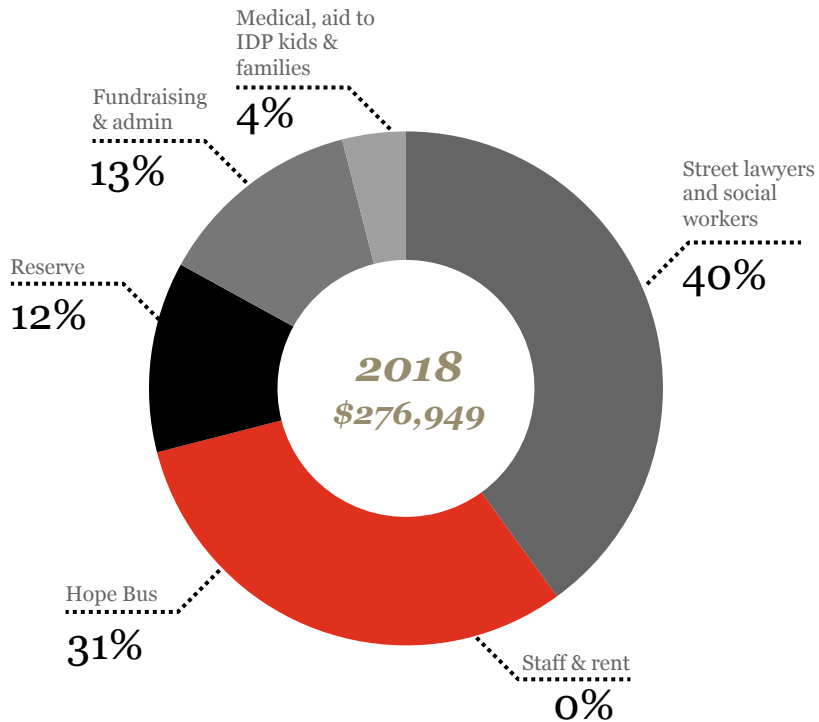




# Financials and Leadership



# FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY: WHERE DID DONOR DOLLARS GO?



- ✓ ICF has earned top Platinum rank from GuideStar for commitment to transparency, and is a “Top Ranked” partner on Global Giving
- ✓ ICF is a registered US-based tax exempt 501(c)(3) charity (EIN 26-1394773)
- ✓ Our audit and financial statements are available upon request

# ABOUT US: OUR 2018 LEADERSHIP – THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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Iraqi Children Foundation



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2006 - 2011



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The Iraqi Children Foundation gratefully recognizes the many donors and partners who have given generously of their resources and time to help Iraq's most vulnerable children – the orphans, street kids, and children displaced by violence. You are changing the lives of desperately poor and vulnerable children who have suffered so much. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts on behalf of these children.

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