



Iraqi Children  
Foundation

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A woman wearing a brown hijab and a light-colored long-sleeved shirt is seen from the back, interacting with a group of children in a classroom. The children are seated at blue desks, and the room has blue curtains in the background. The text is overlaid on the image.

## **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 2019

## 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.

**Case study:** Zainab\* lives near Hope Bus 1. She is paralyzed and cannot walk. Zainab sent one of the Hope Bus kids to tell the staff about her situation. Our team visited her and found that Zainab never leaves the house because she has no wheelchair. Our team immediately purchased a wheelchair for Zainab and she was registered at the Hope Bus the next day. Now, the other Hope Bus children help Zainab come to the Hope Bus and go home.

## OUR 2019 ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 106 children are regularly attending Hope Bus 1 & 2 (82 more children are currently unable to attend due to capacity limits).
- 27,560 nutritious meals provided to students on the bus.
- 100% of children on the bus now have their legal documents (supported by our Street Lawyers team).
- 90% of children regularly attending the Hope Bus programs are no longer working.



PLAY



LEARNING



HEALTH



FUN



BELONGING



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. They also help children obtain critical legal documents so that they can access benefits and attend school.



**Case study:** Yasir\* (17) was arrested with his uncle on organ trafficking charges, after being deceived into going to Erbil; his uncle told him the trip was for a job, but actually an arrangement had been made with traffickers to take Yasir's kidney and sell it. Our lawyers worked with the courts to charge the uncle and drop charges against Yasir, and to reunite the boy with his family.



## OUR 2019 ACHIEVEMENTS:

- **Legal protection:** 447 legal representation cases have been completed (and an additional 45 are ongoing), for cases including stealing, vagrancy, prostitution, protesting, drugs etc.
- **Legal documents:** Street Lawyers helped 335 children obtain legal documents required to enroll in school and access government benefits.
- **Total completed legal cases:** 782
- 50% expansion of Street Lawyers team





## OUR IMPACT: SOCIAL SERVICES

Social workers on our Street Lawyers team strive 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.

**Case study:** Amina\* (6) was found sleeping in a dump in very bad condition, and was found by medical staff to have been raped repeatedly by 3 adults. Our team referred Amina to a shelter for victims of human trafficking, where she receives ongoing psychological support from our social workers.



## OUR 2019 ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Social workers served 259 children with clothing, medical attention, family mediation, and abuse prevention.
- Social workers also assisted young people with finding employment after incarceration, or to support family.



## OUR IMPACT: NEW PROJECTS IN 2019

This year, ICF conducted several one-time projects to deliver high impact support to needy children in Iraq, including:

- Distribution of soccer balls and Fulla dolls (donated by Khudairi Group)
- Provision of electric wheelchairs to needy children, in partnership with Iraqi nonprofit “We Do Help”
- Ramadan food baskets to families in need



## ICF CAPACITY AND PERFORMANCE

Other highlights from 2019

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

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Corporate donor support increased **65%** over 2018

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ICF added three new **board members**, and two new **advisors**

ICF hosted its **7<sup>th</sup> annual** “In Their Shoes” 5K and an evening at the Iraqi consulate in DC

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ICF hired and retained its first **professional staffer**

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ICF developed a relationship with a new partner “**We Do Help**”



# Saluting ICF's Donors and Supporters

## THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS AND SUPPORTERS!

Our donors and supporters provide life-changing help for Iraqi children. Our biggest annual event, the "In Their Shoes 5K", is an opportunity for friends of ICF to come together to raise awareness and dollars.



Our “In Their Shoes”  
5K was held in June  
in Alexandria,  
Virginia. **100% of  
race donations went  
directly to the  
children in Iraq.**

We raised **USD 175,000**  
this year (100% to kids in  
Iraq), up from USD  
\$59,000 last year

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Last year we had 12  
teams, **this year we had  
22 teams**

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This year we had more  
**post-race activities** for  
kids, as well as Iraqi food  
and music

We had more corporate  
support than ever before,  
and a **65% increase** in  
corporate contributions

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We also had our biggest  
year in terms of **media  
coverage**

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This year we had a **16%  
increase** in the total  
number of runners over  
last year



TEAM EPIC



ICF YOUTH AMBASSADORS



AFTER PARTY



SPIDERMAN AWARDS FINISHER MEDALS

# IN THEIR SHOES 5K HIGHLIGHTS



GOLD STAR FAMILIES



"A BRAVE FACE" BOOK LAUNCH AT IRAQI AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE (NIGHT BEFORE)



MEDIA PRESENCE



THE STARTING LINE

# OUR 2019 ICF CORPORATE MENTORS

ICF recognizes with gratitude the Corporate Mentors who stepped up in 2019 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. ICF gratefully recognizes the generosity of one unnamed company, along with the following businesses:

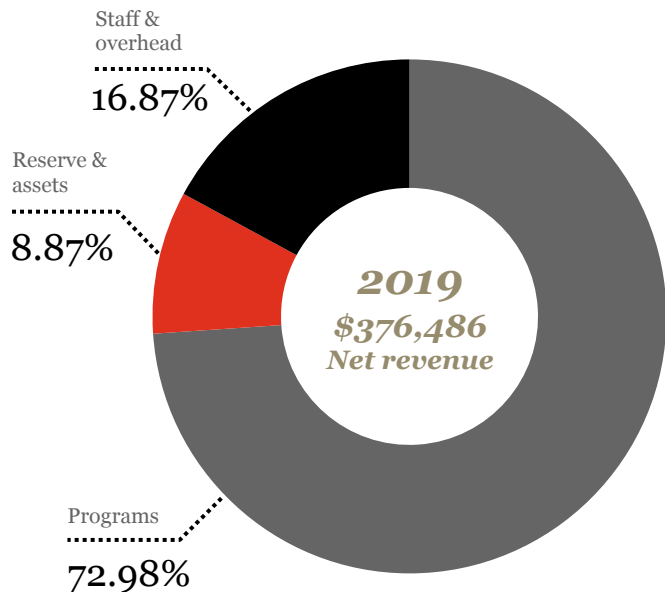






# Financials and Leadership

# 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 LEADERSHIP – THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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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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