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Questioning the public infrastructure built in Iraq for displaced people.

I: Introduction

Since 2003, Iraq has been torn by civil war, violence and terrorism. The rise of displaced people across central Iraq and the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (Kr-I) has increased considerably. On January 31 2012, the number of people concerned were 8 Syrian Refugees and today it has expanded to 245,022 people. The total amount of men is of 56.3% and 43.7% of female.

The U.S. Department of State has taken steps to try to rebuild Iraq. The money necessary in 2003 was \$2.5 billion for food, water, medicine and shelter through the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction fund (IRRF). Today, there are 2 million people remaining displaced according to the UNHCR. Their living conditions are still very poor and dismal. Families are suffering from irregular amount of water and electricity supply and young children between 6 months and 5 years old are being badly fed.

II: Definition of Key Terms

Displaced people: a person who is forced to leave their home country of war or persecution, a refugee.

Kurdistan Region of Iraq: Iraqi Kurdistan, officially known as the Kurdistan Region, is located in the north of Iraq and constitutes the country's only autonomous region.

U.S. Department of State: A department of the federal executive branch primarily responsible for making and conducting foreign policy. It is commonly called the State Department and is headed by the secretary of state.

UNHCR: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

III: History

Refugees have been a humanitarian issue for Iraq since its war with Iran in the 1980s, but the U.S. invasion in 2003 resulted in a huge increase in their number. The Iraq-Iran War was a war between Iran and Iraq lasting from September 1980 to August 1988. The Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein claimed as a reason for the invasion a territorial dispute over the Shatt al-Arab, the waterway which forms the boundary between the two countries. The U.S. invasion was President Bush announcing that U.S. forces have begun a military operation into Iraq. These two events have gradually changed the amount of people fleeing the country because of violence, civil war and terrorism. The immense quantity of refugees in Europe is of 1,006,000. arriving by foot or boats. In 2016 only, 54,518 migrants have arrived to Europe, most of them going to Greece and some to Italy.

IV: Key issues

- . The lack of money needed to build shelter and buy essentials such as water and food
 - . Too many refugees, the increasing demand for shelters, and hosting countries.
- Ongoing war which is forcing these people to flee out of their home countries.
- Transportation between one country to the other. Too many refugees have drowned at sea, when trying to reach european countries.

V: Major parties involved

The major parties involved on this topic is ISIS and the Ba'ath Party, before ISIS. ISIS is making the number of refugees increase by “scaring” them with weapons, etc... and making them leave their one country. The Ba’ath Party has contributed also to the refugees leaving because they were a big part in the Iran-Iraq War. They fought against the U.S. Invasion.

VIII: Possible Solutions

All countries have a certain number of refugees they must take in (depending on the economic state of the country and the availability)

Building more refugee camps, with actual homes and water/food access.

More Job openings and opportunities, jobs that don’t require a certain skill or a certain degree.

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