



WHERE and HOW to apply

The business plan is an important part of the application form as it is used by the ICRC to evaluate the feasibility of the project. The ICRC staff is available to help you prepare your business plan.

The application can be submitted to the ICRC contact person visiting your area or directly to the ICRC offices in Erbil or in Dohuk. The application must be submitted with a simple business-plan describing the necessary materials and equipment, expected incomes and expenditures, sustainability of the project and motivation.

Once a complete application is received by the ICRC, it takes up to six weeks until the first visit or contact by an ICRC staff. If your project is approved, inputs should be delivered within one month.

ICRC mission statement

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is an impartial, neutral and independent organization whose exclusively humanitarian mission is to protect the lives and dignity of victims of armed conflict and other situations of violence and to provide them with assistance.

The ICRC also endeavours to prevent suffering by promoting and strengthening humanitarian law and universal humanitarian principles.

Established in 1863, the ICRC is at the origin of the Geneva Conventions and the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. It directs and coordinates the international activities conducted by the Movement in armed conflicts and other situations of violence.

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WHAT

The Socio-economic Reintegration of Orthopaedic Patients is a programme implemented by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in northern Iraq, whose objective is to assist the most vulnerable heads of households, who have been directly affected by the consequences of the armed conflict and have lost their ability and means of production and whose livelihoods have been severely affected.

Each project helps the disabled patients of orthopaedic centres to start a small business in various fields (agriculture, craft or trade) so they can support their families.

WHO can apply

- The applicant is physically disabled due to the conflict (not earlier than 2003)
- The applicant is the head of the household and is the only breadwinner
- The applicant does not generate enough income

to meet the minimum monthly household expenditures of IQD 50'000 per each member of the household

- The applicant is motivated and has the relevant experience to implement the income generating activity
- The project will be implemented in the area where the applicant resides. The ICRC will monitor the implementation of the project until it becomes operational

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HOW

Eligible applicants are provided with in-kind (not in cash) inputs worth not more than IQD 1'000'000 as start up capital. This is based on the skills, experience of the person and a minimum of technical preconditions for a concrete micro-economic opportunity.

- In consultation with ICRC staff, the applicants define the possible income generating activity and the list of necessary inputs
- The selected projects are small scale and have short gestation period so that the activity starts generating income at the earliest
- Applicants can submit a joint project thus increasing the budget of the joint project
- Earnings from the selected projects are expected to increase the existing monthly income of the assisted household by 40%

WHICH activities

A typical income generating activity is small in scale and is easily managed by the implementer. It provides a stable and sustainable income for the households. For example:

- Grocery and coffee shops, food production projects (bread bakery, shawarma, popcorn, candy floss and others)
- Small scale farming (potato, tomato, watermelon, kitchen garden), animal husbandry, such as milking cows, sheep or goat raising, beekeeping
- Barbershops, car repairs, welding and painting, transportation of goods and others

