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AN UPDATE ON IRAQ

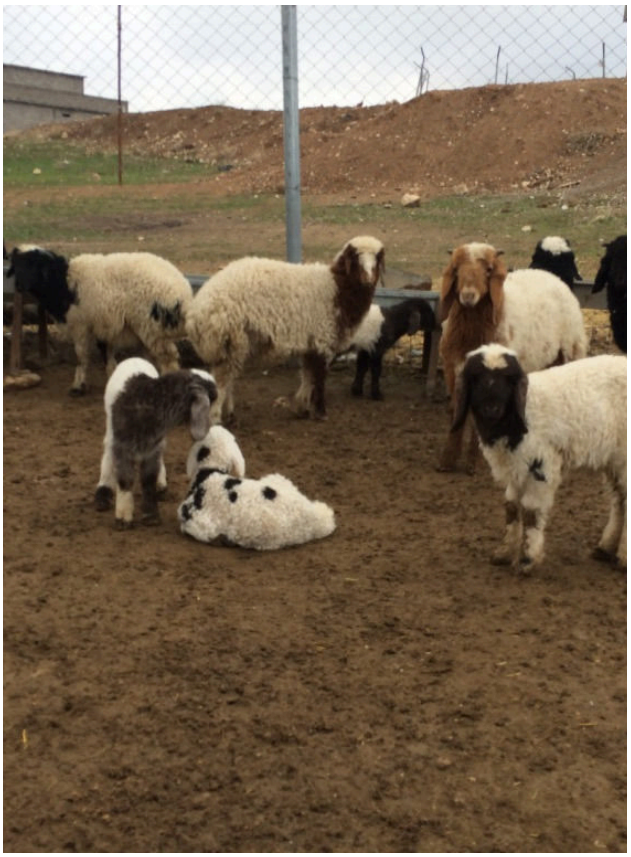
The fight against the Islamic State (IS) ended in Iraq in April of last year and they were driven out of the territory they held. Hundreds of thousands of displaced families are still trying to return to their homes and communities. Despite their strong desire to return, families face significant challenges including: destroyed homes, lack of income and employment, and public services destroyed, leaving communities with no running water, electricity or security.

These years of war have also greatly affected Iraq's agriculture, leaving it in a vulnerable and unstable stage. Agriculture is an essential part of Iraq's economy because it creates employment and provides a source of reliable nutrition. JDA knows that in order to improve the conditions of the Iraqi people, we must be involved in agriculture development.

THERE IS HOPE

Earlier this year, JDA submitted a proposal for a 2-year development program with two main objectives. The first is to assist Chaldean Christian families return to their homes in Batnaya so that they can begin rebuilding their communities. Among the planned activities is to provide a number of families with "cash for work" to clear rubble and rehabilitate their homes and public facilities. JDA also seeks to support small business rehabilitation for small enterprises in food and construction. Rehabilitating these communities will keep the people from migrating out of Iraq.

SIMPLE NEW TOOLS FOR SILAGE MAKING OR PELLETING WOULD MAKE FARMER'S ANNUAL CROP MORE VALUABLE AND SHEEP MORE PROFITABLE.



ONLY RUINS WERE LEFT AFTER ISIS DESTRUCTION IN BATNAYA. REHABILITATING COMMUNITIES IS ESSENTIAL FOR MOVING FORWARD WITH DEVELOPMENT.



Our second objective is to provide families with opportunities in the agriculture sector through: "cash for work" activities to carry out agricultural development, agricultural training, and grants to obtain animals. All families that had animals, lost all to ISIS.

JDA has confidence that the proposed activities will become the initial steps towards recovery of the families and communities. The proposal is in the last stages of review before being approved by the granting agency.