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NGO Profile





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Welcome Message



Dr, Khalid Asal

Chairman of the Board

Welcome to Al-Aghsan Foundation for Agricultural and Environmental Development – where leadership meets responsibility, and development work drives sustainable impact.

We are an independent, non-profit Iraqi organization dedicated to advancing sustainable development, achieving food security, and building the capacities of individuals and institutions, with a special focus on smart agriculture, green economy, and climate governance.

Through strategic local and international partnerships, we launch initiatives and projects that strengthen community resilience, support livelihoods, and plant the seeds of change in an environment striving for a better future.

We believe that collective action, innovation, and the empowerment of youth and women are key to driving real and inclusive transformation.

Thank you for your interest in Al-Aghsan Foundation. We invite you to explore our achievements and collaborate with us to build a greener, more sustainable, and prosperous Iraq.



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Alaghsan History

Since 2025

Al-aghsan Foundation for Agricultural and Environmental Development, established in 2017, is an Iraqi national non-governmental organization committed to green transformation and empowering vulnerable and youth groups through the adoption of green projects aimed at achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), reducing emissions, and addressing the impacts of climate change.

The Foundation integrates environmental and climate responsibility, climate governance, and environmental justice into its strategic approach. It actively contributes to policy reform, advocacy, capacity building of government institutions, and represents Iraqi civil society in international forums

The Foundation also promotes environmental and societal responsibility by investing in resources, recycling water and waste, and supporting smart agriculture and the green economy.





Vision

To position Al-Aghssan Foundation for Agricultural and Environmental Development as a national and regional leader in driving the transition towards sustainable development by:

- Promoting green transformation and circular economy through innovative and eco-friendly initiatives.
- Leading efforts in agri-entrepreneurship and green skills as sustainable pathways to empower youth, women, and vulnerable groups.
- Building climate-resilient communities capable of adapting to environmental and economic challenges.
- Contributing to environmental and agricultural policy reforms, and strengthening climate governance and environmental justice.
- Expanding access to environmental education and vocational training in smart agriculture and renewable energy.
- Enhancing the role of Iraqi civil society in advocacy and international representation for environmental issues and policy engagement.
- Empowering communities with fair and secure access to essential resources such as water, food, and energy.

Mission

01

- Promoting green and smart agricultural practices that contribute to climate resilience and food security.
- Strengthening collaborative partnerships with public institutions, academic entities, the private sector, and international organizations to amplify environmental impact.

02

Empowering youth, women, and marginalized groups through tailored capacity-building programs and inclusive green job opportunities.

03

- Supporting climate action and emission reduction through nature-based solutions, afforestation, and environmental protection projects.

04

- Facilitating access to knowledge, resources, and innovation that drive the green economy and support eco-entrepreneurship.
- Enhancing institutional and community capacities in environmental governance, disaster risk reduction, and sustainable resource management.





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Strategic Objectives

- Promote green entrepreneurship and smart agriculture.
- Support food security and sustainable livelihoods.
- Enhance water management and renewable energy use.
- Empower youth and vulnerable groups through capacity building and advocacy.
- Strengthen climate governance and environmental resilience.
- Promote educational and awareness programs.
- Facilitate access to financial and non-financial services.



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Thematic Sectors

The thematic sectors represent the foundational pillars of Al-Aghsan Foundation's interventions. They are designed to address Iraq's most pressing development priorities and escalating environmental challenges through an integrated, community-centered approach. Each sector aligns with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), national development frameworks, and the Foundation's commitment to green transformation, social justice, and climate governance. These sectors include:

01

• Agriculture, Environment, and Climate Change

02

• Education and Training
• Peacebuilding and Social Cohesion

03

• Livelihoods and Green Economy

04

• Water and Waste Management and Recycling





Achievements (2019–2025)



Key Projects by Year

2019

- Livelihoods and Peacebuilding Project in Anbar, Nineveh, and Salah al-Din with LWR, focused on protected agriculture and youth entrepreneurship.

2020

- MPCA Project with LWR supporting returnee families during the COVID-19 pandemic.

2022

- Education project with UNICEF in Baghdad, Najaf, Anbar, and Salah al-Din; teacher capacity building, e-learning support, classroom rehabilitation, provision of stationery and digital tools.
- Livelihoods and women empowerment with HIA: rehabilitation of irrigation canals, livestock support, water harvesting, food value chains, and cold storage facilities.

2023

- Environmental Monitoring and Youth Engagement Project in Mosul with : UPP trained youth and government on environmental grievance mechanisms; planted 7,000+ trees.
- Environmental and Agricultural Roadmap Project with FAO to strengthen CSO capacities and conduct field assessments.

2024

- Agri-Entrepreneurship and Green Skills Project with five Iraqi universities (Baghdad, Mosul, Tikrit, Wasit, Muthanna), private sector, and Ministry of Agriculture.
- Smart Agriculture Pilot Project in South Baghdad with ITC: potato farming using smart techniques, farmer extension training.

2025

- Expansion of Agri-Entrepreneurship and Green Skills Program with support from the private sector, Riyadh Initiative, Ministry of Higher Education, Planning, and Industrial Development.
- Organizational Modeling Project: trained 100 NGOs in partnership with the NGO Directorate and UPP (Italy).





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Memberships

01

UNCCD – United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

02

UNEP – United Nations Environment Programme

03

HIC – Habitat International Coalition

04

IUCN – International Union for Conservation of Nature

05

La Via Campesina – La Vía Campesina – The International Peasant's Movement

06

RAED – Arab Network for Environment and Development



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- Tree planting campaigns in climate-affected governorates (Dhi Qar, Maysan, Muthanna, Diwaniya).
- National tree planting campaign in 7 governorates with the Central Bank of Iraq and Ministry of Agriculture.
- Institutional development training for government ministries (Education, Planning, Agriculture, Baghdad Municipality).
- International Water Conference in cooperation with Upper Euphrates Center (two years).
- International Conferences on Desertification (3 years) with the Ministry of Agriculture.
- Conferences on Agriculture and Food Security with Tikrit University.



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UN Partners

UNIC
EF

UNICUnited Nations
International Children's
Emergency FundEF

WFP

World Food Programme

ITC

International Trade
Centre

FAO

Food and Agriculture
Organization of the United
Nations



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International Partners

STC

Save the Children

COS

Catholic Relief Services

UPP

Un Ponte Per

ACF

Action Contre la Faim – France



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Government Partners

"The partnership between Al-Aghsan Foundation for Agricultural and Environmental Development and the Government of Iraq constitutes a solid framework for fruitful collaboration in supporting sustainable development. The Foundation works in coordination with various governmental bodies to enhance the implementation of programs and initiatives aimed at improving livelihoods, developing agricultural and green skills, and environmental protection, all aligned with national strategies and Iraq's future vision."

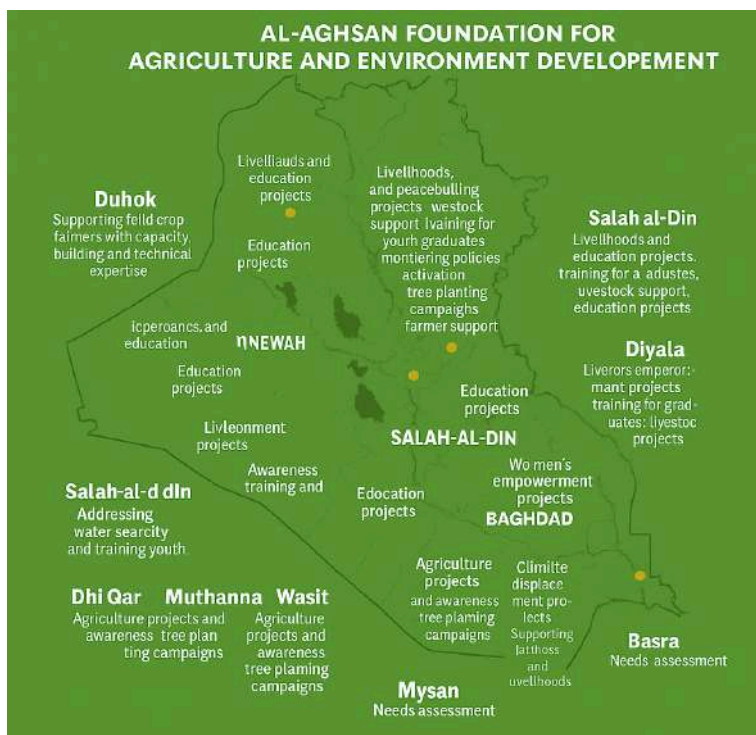
"The project is implemented in coordination and collaboration with several relevant ministries and government institutions, including the General Secretariat of the Council of Ministers, and the Ministries of Education, Planning, Labor and Social Affairs, Agriculture, Environment, Higher Education and Scientific Research, Youth and Sports, and Migration and Displacement. It also involves cooperation with Baghdad Municipality, the Federation of Iraqi Chambers of Commerce, and local governments in the governorates, to ensure synergy of efforts and facilitate the implementation of activities in alignment with national policies and sustainable development plans."





Geographical Coverage

This map illustrates the geographical scope of Al-Aghssan's interventions, highlighting the types of projects implemented in partnership with various donors across different governorates.





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2025

Number of beneficiaries

Donor	Governorates Covered	No. of Projects	Direct Beneficiaries	Indirect Beneficiaries
LWR	Ninewa	3	750	4500
UNICEF	Baghdad, Najaf, Anbar, Salah al-Din	3	15000	90000
GIZ	Ninewa, Anbar, Salah al-Din	2	150	900
HIA	Ninewa, Anbar, Salah al-Din	7	570	3420
Save the Children	Maysan	1	240	1440
UPF	Ninewa	1	500	3000
ITC	Baghdad	1	35	210
WFP	Anbar, Salah al-Din	7	1508	9000
Ministry of Agriculture	Baghdad, Anbar, Ninewa, Salah al-Din, Diyala, Kirkuk	1	800	4800
Al-Aghsan Foundation	Maysan, Dhi Qar, Muthanna, Qadisiyah	1	100	600



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