

## ADVENTRELIEF IRAQ + CREATIFE ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

### FROM SURVIVAL TO SEED:

*a year of healing, growth, and rising hope*

#### Introduction (to camp's programs)

*the camp that began to breathe again*

At the edge of Mosul, where dust once carried only stories of loss, something had been quietly changing. At first, it was a line outside our small clinic – mothers holding children, elderly leaning on hope more than strength. There was no alternative. No second option. Just one place open, seven days a week. And so, the doors stayed open. Day after day. Patient after patient. Story after story. Over 8,000 times last year, someone walked in carrying pain and, somehow always, walked out carrying relief.

But healing did not stop with that medicine.



Not far from the clinic, a group of children gathered every week. Fifty of them. Boys and girls. Not just learning, but growing – learning how to lead, how to serve, how to belong again. When the time came to distribute school supplies across the camp, they didn't stand in line. They stood in responsibility. They took the lead on helping their friends and relatives, handing out supplies and, with them, a small but real encouragement for the year ahead.

Nearby, what began as once a week became twice a week – and if there was capacity, every day was never going to be enough – in a small room filled with laughter and hesitation, children spoke new words in a new language. English. Slowly. Boldly. Building confidence word by word.

A few months later, in another small room, ten young minds leaned over wires, motors, blocks and ideas – building robots in a place where the future once felt broken. They weren't just assembling machines. Now they are rebuilding imagination.

And at the same time, every day, sunny day, cloudy day, rainy day, in the soil – quiet, patient, faithful – something else was happening. Seeds planted in a small plot began to feed families. Hundreds of kilograms of fresh vegetables. Over one hundred families nourished again and again. Then the land grew – tenfold. What was once provision began to look like possibility. We look forward to seeing what 2026 will unfold in this program.

And among the women – widows who had lost more than most – hands that once held grief began to create again. Through our RISE UP program, more than the skills learned or the income earned, dignity was restored, and a sense of belonging is growing. For many, it was the first time in years they could say: "I can provide.", for all of them, maybe for the first time, it felt like belonging.

This is not just a report. This is the story of a camp that began to breathe again.

## Overview

### *presence that heals*

In contexts shaped by displacement, human need is never one-dimensional. Illness extends beyond the physical. Loss reaches far beyond what is visible. And meaningful healing cannot be delivered through isolated interventions.

In the camps outside Mosul, years of instability have created a reality where health, dignity, and hope are deeply interconnected. Physical conditions are often compounded by emotional strain, disrupted identity, and a prolonged absence of stability. Responding effectively requires more than services – it requires presence. Throughout 2025, our work has been anchored in a clear and consistent commitment: to be present – every day, in every space, and for the whole person.

What began as an urgent response to critical health needs has grown into a holistic model of care. By maintaining a daily presence through healthcare, education, community engagement, and livelihood initiatives, we have contributed to restoring not only physical wellbeing, but also emotional resilience, mental growth, and a renewed sense of dignity. This continuity has built trust. This trust has opened doors. And through those doors, healing – in its fullest sense – has begun.

This report reflects the work carried out throughout 2025 – capturing not only the scope of activities implemented, but the depth of their impact across the communities we serve. It brings together key data, outcomes and insights, offering a clear and transparent account of how consistent presence and integrated action have contributed to restoring health, dignity, and hope in the camp. More than a record of what was done, it is a reflection of what is being rebuilt – day by day, life by life, family by family.

## Key impact areas summary

area	impact
Population – beneficiaries	5.500+ individuals (across the three camps) + army
	12 surrounding villages with a population of over 14.000 persons
Primary health care	8,500+ patients
Pathfinders program	50 youth and children – 25 girls + 25 boys
English Classes	~20 participants
STEAM – robotics	10 participants
Agriculture program	700+ kg distributed – 100+ families directed supported monthly
RISE UP program	1 <sup>st</sup> 6-month training completed
Community Health Expo	9 hours / 3 days / 750+ persons / 350+ asking follow up / ~60 volunteers



## 1. PHYSICAL HEALTH

*restoring strength and stability*

Objective: provide accessible, continuous primary healthcare.

Key achievements:

- 8,500+ consultations delivered
- only healthcare provider for 3 camps (~5,500 people)
- open 7 days a week

Outcomes:

- reduced untreated illnesses
- increased trust in healthcare access
- strengthened community stability

Financial overview:

- primary costs: staff salaries, medicines, operational costs
- strategic importance: critical (only health care provider, non-replaceable, life-saving)

## 2. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

*education & future skills*



### 2.1 pathfinders program

Objective: build character, leadership, and community engagement.

Participation: 50 youth (balanced gender inclusion)

Key outcome:

- youth-led involvement in school supply distribution

Impact:

- shift from passive beneficiaries → active contributors
- strengthened identity, discipline, and teamwork

### Financial overview:

- cost level: low
- strategic importance: high (long-term transformation, family and community impact)

## **2.2 English Classes**

Objective: strengthen communication skills and expand future opportunities through language learning.

Participation: ~20 children enrolled in regular classes

### Outcome:

- Increased confidence in communication and self-expression
- Improved basic English skills supporting academic development
- Encouraged curiosity and engagement in learning environments

### Additional impact:

- Created a safe and supportive space for children to participate, interact, and grow in confidence
- Contributed to a broader sense of inclusion and future orientation beyond the camp context

### Financial overview:

- Cost level: low (mostly supplies)
- Strategic importance: high (education support, confidence building, future opportunities)

## **2.3 STEAM / Robotics Program**

Objective: Develop critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving skills through hands-on STEAM education.

Participation: 10 children attending regularly

### Outcome:

- Strengthened problem-solving and logical thinking abilities
- Increased exposure to technology and innovation
- Encouraged creativity, experimentation, and teamwork

### Additional impact:

- Introduced new ways of thinking beyond survival-focused environments
- Built confidence in the ability to create, design, and explore solutions
- Sparked interest in future learning pathways related to science and technology

### Financial overview:

- Cost level: low-moderate (materials, equipment, supplies, translator)
- Strategic importance: high (future readiness, innovation, and skills development)

## **2.4 'back to school' project**

school supplies distribution

### Objective:

Support access to education and encourage school attendance among children and youth in the camp.

### Reach:

- 150 children and youth received school supply kits
- Representing all currently enrolled students in the camp

### Context:

- Over 300 children and youth are of school age
- Only approximately 50% are currently attending school

### Outcome:

- Reduced financial barriers for families to send children to school
- Increased motivation and readiness among students at the start of the school year
- Reinforced the value of education within the community

### Additional impact:

- Strengthened youth ownership through active involvement of Pathfinders in the organization and distribution
- Created a visible moment of encouragement and recognition for students pursuing education

### Financial overview:

- Cost level: moderate (150 schools kits with enough supplies to go through 1 year school)
- Strategic importance: high (education access, retention, and long-term opportunity)



## **3. Agriculture**

*from aid to food security to sustainability*

### Achievements:

- 700+ kg vegetables harvested
- 100 families supported regularly
- land expanded by 10x in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter
- started a youth training program (mandatory to create and maintain a garden in their homes)

### Outcomes:

- improved nutrition
- reduced dependency on aid
- foundation for income-generating agriculture
- capacity building for new generation to support their families

#### Next phase:

- transition into market-based production

#### Financial overview:

- cost level: low to moderate (inputs, irrigation, labor, supplies)
- strategic importance: transformational (pathway to sustainability)

### **4. R.I.S.E. UP**

women's empowerment program

Objective: empower women – particularly widows – through skills development, creative expression, and income-generating opportunities.

Participants: 1st group successfully completed a 6-month training program

#### Program approach:

- Exploration of diverse artistic and craft techniques
- Development of multiple product designs and prototypes
- Hands-on learning through practice, experimentation, and refinement

#### Outcomes:

- Women generating independent income through acquired skills
- Creation of dozens of products based on selected and tested designs
- Increased self-worth, confidence, and active participation in community life



#### Emotional & social impact:

- Provided a safe and consistent space for emotional expression and healing
- Strengthened mental wellbeing through creativity and routine
- Built trust, collaboration, and mutual support among participants
- Restored a sense of identity, purpose, and capability

#### Additional impact:

- Transition from learning to production readiness
- Established a foundation for quality control and product consistency
- Strengthened pathways toward sustainable livelihood opportunities

#### Next phase:

- Launch of a camp-based product business
- Development of market access and sales channels
- Scaling production based on tested and refined designs

#### Financial overview:

- Cost level: moderate-high
- Strategic importance: transformational (economic empowerment, dignity restoration, long-term sustainability)

## 5. Community Health Expo

Objective: Promote health awareness, early prevention, and community engagement through accessible, large-scale health outreach.

Impact:

- 750+ attendees
- 350+ follow-up requests
- ~60 volunteers engaged (50+ local)

Program strength: volunteer engagement

- Strong and growing volunteer base, with several individuals participating for the third consecutive time
- Volunteers took active ownership, running the program largely independently with guidance, coordination, and support
- Demonstrated increased capacity, leadership, and commitment within the local community

Medical team involvement:

- Active participation of nurses and doctors serving in the camp, strengthening continuity between daily healthcare services and community outreach
- Reinforced trust and credibility through familiar and consistent healthcare presence

Institutional recognition:

- Implementation of the Health Expo was carried out at the request and support of the City Hall and the Department of Health of Erbil, following the success of previous editions
- Reflects growing recognition of the program's effectiveness, relevance, and impact

Outcomes:

- Strengthened trust between community members and healthcare providers
- Increased awareness of key health issues and preventive practices
- High level of follow-up engagement, indicating real demand for continued care and support
- Mobilized and empowered local volunteers as active contributors to community health

Financial Overview:

- Cost level: moderate (event-based)
- Strategic importance: high (community engagement, preventive health, and local capacity building)



## INTEGRATED IMPACT MODEL

Throughout 2025, our work evolved beyond immediate humanitarian response, reflecting a clear and intentional shift from relief to resilience. Rather than addressing needs in isolation, programs were designed and implemented as interconnected pathways – supporting individuals and the community across multiple stages of recovery and development.

This integrated approach recognizes that sustainable transformation requires progression: from meeting urgent needs to building stability, enabling growth, restoring dignity, and ultimately creating opportunities for long-term self-reliance.

stage	Focus areas & programs
survival	Primary healthcare services, basic needs support (including food distribution)
stability	Pathfinders program, foundational education initiatives
growth	Agriculture expansion, STEAM / robotics education
dignity	R.I.S.E. UP women's empowerment, youth leadership development
future	Development of social enterprise models (planned)
	Development of a mobile clinic network for the rural areas and outskirts of the city

Each stage builds upon the previous one, forming a continuum of care and opportunity. Together, they represent a holistic model that not only responds to immediate challenges, but also lays the foundation for a more resilient, self-sustaining community.

### financial summary

category	% of the total expenses	notes
Primary health care	77%	Core operational priority
Agriculture	12%	Scaling potential
RISE UP	8%	Income-generating pathway
Youth education programs	3%	Long-term investment
Events (health expo)	0%	High engagement impact

### SUMMARY IMPACT

#### **Physical health:**

Restoring strength and stability

Access to healthcare in the camps remains extremely limited. For over 5,500 residents across three camps, our primary healthcare unit has been the only available provider – moved from providing health care only during the night in the beginning of the year to open seven days a week, without interruption, in the mornings.

More than 8,500 consultations later, the impact is visible: children recovering instead of worsening; chronic conditions being managed instead of ignored; families no longer forced to choose between waiting and suffering. Health, in its most basic form, has been protected. And with it, the stability of the entire community.

#### **Emotional & mental wellbeing:**

Rebuilding what was broken

Beyond the visible illnesses, there are quieter wounds carried by nearly every individual in the camp – trauma, uncertainty, loss of identity, and prolonged stress. Through consistent engagement – whether in youth programs, classrooms, women's training groups, or even daily interactions at the clinic – spaces have been created where people are seen, heard, and valued again. Children are laughing, learning, and belonging. Youth are discovering purpose and responsibility. Women are regaining confidence and self-worth.

These are not small changes. They are the early signs of emotional restoration – of people beginning to believe again that their lives hold value and possibility.

### **Mental growth:**

From survival to imagination

In environments where survival often dominates every thought, the opportunity to learn, create, and imagine is transformative. Through education, language learning, and steam activities, children and youth are engaging their minds in new ways: solving problems; building ideas; exploring a future beyond the camp. This shift – from reacting to life, to thinking, creating, and planning – is a critical step toward long-term resilience.

### **Spiritual health:**

Restoring dignity, hope, and meaning

Perhaps the most profound impact has been less measurable, but deeply felt. Through daily presence, acts of service, community engagement, and moments of shared reflection, something essential is being restored: hope. A sense that they are not forgotten, their lives still carry dignity and there is meaning beyond their current circumstances. Whether through community gatherings, the health expo or simply the consistency of showing up with care and compassion, the spiritual atmosphere of the camp is shifting – from despair toward quiet resilience.

## **A HOLISTIC IMPACT**

Health is not only the absence of disease. It is the presence of strength in the body, peace in the mind, confidence in identity and hope in the future. This year, through integrated programs and daily commitment, we have seen how these dimensions are deeply connected. A treated illness allows a child to return to learning. A supportive environment allows a widow to begin again. A sense of purpose transforms a young person into a leader. More than programs, a living presence. What defines this work is not only what is delivered, but how consistently it is lived out. Day after day, in clinics, classrooms, fields and gathering spaces, a message has been reinforced – not through words alone, but through action: “You matter. You are seen. There is still hope.” And in a place where so much has been lost, that message is, in itself, a powerful form of healing.



## LOOKING AHEAD: 2026 VISION

Building on the foundations established in 2025, the coming year will focus on deepening impact, expanding reach, and strengthening sustainability across all program areas.

Key priorities for 2026 include, but not only:

- Expanding the agriculture program into a structured income-generating model, enabling both food security and market participation
- Launching the R.I.S.E. UP product-based business, supporting women in transitioning from training to stable livelihoods
- Scaling STEAM and education initiatives to reach a larger number of children and youth
- Strengthening local leadership and ownership, with increased responsibility carried by community members and volunteers
- Advancing integration with a broader social enterprise ecosystem, creating pathways for long-term sustainability

In addition, a major strategic development will be the design and implementation of a mobile clinic network, aimed at extending primary healthcare services to underserved communities in rural areas and on the outskirts of the city. This initiative will build on the experience gained in the camp, expanding access to essential healthcare for those who remain beyond the reach of existing services.

## **CLOSING REFLECTION**

Throughout this year, our work has gone beyond responding to immediate needs. It has contributed to a process of restoration – gradual, consistent, and deeply human. Across the camp, change is visible. Not only in improved conditions, but in renewed confidence, emerging leadership, and a growing sense of possibility. Where survival once defined daily life, there are now signs of growth. Where dependence was the only option, dignity is being restored. Where voices were quiet, they are now beginning to be heard.

This report reflects that journey. And while meaningful progress has been made, it also points forward – to the continued work of building resilient communities, expanding opportunity, and ensuring that hope is not temporary, but sustained. This is not the conclusion of a chapter, but the continuation of a long-term commitment.

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