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The Permanent Mission of **Republic of Iraq** to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a Component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context, and with reference to the latter's letter dated 13 April 2017, has the honour to present the answers of the Iraqi government concerning the questionnaire requested by your side.

The Permanent Mission of Republic of Iraq avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Special Rapporteur the assurance of its highest consideration.



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Republic of Iraq

The right to housing of person with disabilities

- 1- The Iraqi Constitution dealt with the issues of housing in Article (30) of it within the second section of chapter I of Part Two on rights and freedoms. The first paragraph of the said article stipulates that: “The State shall guarantee the individual and the family – especially children and women – social and health security, the basic elements of living in a free and dignified life, and provide them with the appropriate income and adequate housing. In the event of aging, sickness, disability, homelessness, orphanage or unemployment, and works to protect them from ignorance, fear and poverty, and provide them with housing and special curricula for their rehabilitation and care, and regulated by law.” It is clear from the text of the said article that the Iraqi Constitution has guaranteed the individual and the family the right to adequate housing.
- 2- The Commission of Persons with Disabilities and Special Needs in the Iraqi Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs is the main government part responsible to take care of them and was established according to Law (38) in 2013 with cooperation and coordination with other Ministries.
- 3- The Ministry of Construction, Housing and Public Municipalities, through the housing directorate, is currently updating housing standards which will include a full chapter of persons with disabilities.
- 4- Below is the information available on the topic of questionnaire that included in the national report of the Republic of Iraq submitted to HABITAT III.

Addressing the needs of vulnerable groups

Progress

With fertility rates on the decline and life expectancy rates on the rise, Iraq’s population is headed towards senescence. The number of elderly citizens above 65 years of age exceeded 1.016 million in 2010 and is expected to rise to 3.736 million in 2040, with an increase rate of 6.6% that rises to 8.9% in 2050.

- The number of elderly care homes in Iraq was 10 in 2012, eight of which were traditional elderly care homes and two were homes for the completely disabled. These are divided between Baghdad and seven Governorates.
- The number of beneficiaries of elderly care homes was 391 in 2012 while the number of those benefiting from care homes for the severely disabled elderly was 241, table 1.

Table (1): Development Indicators for Vulnerable Groups 2009-2012

	Current Situation					
	Indicator		2009	2010	2011	2012
1	Orphans	Number of State Orphanages	19	19	23	23
2		Orphan/social worker	6.8	5.9	6.2	10.3
3		Orphans/ Teacher	7	5.1	5.5	4.9
4	Elderly and Severely Handicapped	Number of elderly care Homes for the Elderly and Severely Handicapped	8	9	10	10
5		Elderly /social worker	26.8	29.3	31.8	22.8
6		Elderly Beneficiaries and Severely Disabled/ Service Officer	4.18	4.5	4.7	4.8
7	People with special needs	Institutes for People with special needs	51	51	51	51
8		People with special needs / Social worker	21.7	22.9	23.2	23.2
9		People with special needs People/ teacher	5.2	6.6	5.6	6.6
10	Protected workshops	Paid Beneficiaries/ Protected Workshop and Cooperative Association	35	34.9	28.1	29.7
11	Kindergartens	Number of Kindergartens	42	43	41	42
12		Child/ Kindergarten	52.7	58.2	58.8	58.3
13		Child/ nursemaid	15.2	16.7	12.5	12.7
14	Juveniles	Number of Schools and Observation Centers for Juvenile Convicts, Arrested and Homeless Juveniles	9	9	9	8
16		Social worker for juveniles	56	56	55	52
17	Number of Beneficiaries from the 84 billion Iraqi Dinar allocation Under the poverty reduction strategy if the financial allocation was received/ Ministry of Planning		There is no funding for lending			10000
18	Parliamentary Allocation for the Ministry of Labor, Beneficiaries from the 150 billion Iraqi Dinar of the Lending Fund According to Law Number 10 dated 2012 if the amount was Received total amount 32000 Iraqi Dinar		73501 Unemployed Benefited from Lending Funded by the Ministry of Finance	Suspended		Fund under organization

19	Social Protection Network	Number of People Covered by the Social Protection Network	734572	317468	395126	The Cause of Exclusion of Network Encroachments 363.316
20		Social worker, Network	66	61	58	54

Future Vision

The elderly to live a safe life through reintegration in society and the provision of health care according to their needs

Goals and Means of Achievement:

1. Massive Increase in the percentage covered by social protection systems.
2. Expansion of institutions involved in the delivery of health and social services for the elderly and raising the efficiency of its functioning ,and expanding support for families caring for their elderly.
3. Adoption of laws, legislation and procedures to support participation of the elderly in economic, social and cultural activities and activate communication between the generations.

Wide attention to the rights of persons with disabilities and special needs, and support equal opportunities in health communication, mobility, housing, education, work and leisure, and to promote their participation in the economic, social and political life through:

1. Providing a database on people with disabilities and special needs as regards size, characteristics and needs.
2. Expanding services provided to people with disabilities and special needs