

A village water supply project in IRAQ

This describes a water supply project in Palkana village in Karahasan province approx. 26 km southeast of the town of Kirkuk, that lies 260 km north of Baghdad.

The project's objective is to supply approx. 25 homes in the village with clean drinking water from a freshwater source that is approx. 1,700 m north of the village and at a level 8-10 m higher than the village.

The existing water head is sufficient to ensure that supply from the source to the village water distribution tank flows naturally "without mechanical assistance".

The project will be completed in four stages:

1. Purchasing the main supply pipeline, approx. 1,700 m
2. Preparing and constructing the water source and laying the main pipeline from the source to the water tank at the village
3. Constructing the water tank at the village
4. Establishing a distribution network in the village.



Kirkuk town and the surrounding villages

Kirkuk town and the surrounding villages have suffered acts of ethnic cleansing since 1963 and this was increased in 1988. During the "Anfal" attack, 781 villages and 6 small towns that in total included 39,178 houses, together with 381 schools and 69 hospitals and clinics, were razed to the ground. 472,770 sheep and goats were stolen, together with 15,000 cattle. The local population were jailed or deported to concentration camps.

Palkana Village

Palkana village was one of the 781 villages that were destroyed; most of the village's adult male citizens have been jailed and not seen since 1988, and may even be buried in some of the mass graves in the area. The local population were evicted by force and moved to the concentration camp "Shorsh" in the Chamchamal area. Since Iraq's liberation on April 9, 2003, some of the surviving village citizens have returned and have begun to work their land again.

One year has now passed since liberation and there has been no improvement in their lives, nor in Kirkuk town.

Why the water project is needed

Providing a basic freshwater supply generates hope for the village people; the women now have more time for their children and no longer must walk long distances to collect water. This generates activity and happiness among the village people, and promotes stability and development. The village people now sense that they are not forgotten.



The Kurdish Group in Roskilde, Denmark, during the spring months of 2004 collected money for the project. They have completed Stage 1 and are now working on Stage 2.

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