



KEY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON PROPERTY COMPENSATION

1. What is the Iraqi Compensation Scheme?

The Iraqi Compensation Scheme is based on Law 20 of 2009, Law 57 of 2015 (first amendment) and Law 2 of 2020 (second amendment), “Compensating the Victims of Military Operations, Military Mistakes, and Terrorist Actions”. Above mentioned laws stipulate that all eligible persons who were affected by military operations and terrorist actions, including compensation for damaged and/or destroyed property may claim compensation.

housing shortages in the country. The Government of Iraq has estimated that the reconstruction of areas damaged in the fight against ISIL will exceed US\$100 billion.

2. What can beneficiaries be compensated for?

There are five categories eligible for compensation. The categories described by above-mentioned laws on compensation are:

1. Martyrdom, missing, kidnapping, citation, loss or injured person;
2. Persons with disabilities as a result of war;
3. Injuries that require medical treatment;
4. Damaged and/or destroyed property;
5. Disadvantages relevant to job or education.

3. What type of property can beneficiaries file the claim for?

Based on the above-mentioned laws, the types of properties that are eligible for compensation claims include houses, land, farming land, shops, companies or vehicles.

4. Do IDPs or returnees have the right to claim compensation?

Regardless of their status, the law stipulates (Article 1 of Law 57) that every Iraqi citizen, who has been affected by war is eligible for compensation. As such, all war affected individuals are entitled to claim financial compensation for any type of the above property.

5. Who are eligible to be compensated for their damaged property?

The owners of any of the above-mentioned property categories are entitled to claim compensation for all or any type of property damages, notwithstanding the level of damage.

6. What if the owner is deceased?

His or her heirs, for example, their spouse, siblings, parents, or any other person who has legally inherited the property - is eligible to claim for compensation. If the owner is missing or not present in the country, any person with a Power of Attorney is eligible to claim compensation.

7. Where can beneficiaries submit the compensation claim for their property?

Compensation claims can be submitted at a Compensation Sub-committee office. There are many offices established across different governorates where you can submit your compensation claim. In total there are more than 50 compensation offices established in different districts where you can submit your compensation claim. Compensation Offices are mainly located to Court or governorate premises. For example, in Mosul, the Compensation Sub-committee is located at Hay Mansour, Right Bank, near Al Mosul Hospital. Additionally, there are 9 sub-offices located in Al-Hamdaniyah, Zumar, Rabiah, Tal Afar, Ba'shiqa, Bartela, Al-Qayara, Al-Ba'aj, and Telkaif, established across Ninewa Governorate to receive compensation claims.

8. Can the beneficiary seek legal aid to submit the claim for compensation?

Yes, there are NGOs who employ lawyers specialized in housing, land and property rights who can provide to beneficiaries legal assistance to submit the compensation claim.

9. How much would legal aid cost?

Humanitarian partners/NGOs will provide legal services to beneficiaries for free, so beneficiaries will not be charged for any legal services provided to beneficiaries through HLP partners/NGOs.

10. When and how can beneficiaries initiate the procedures?

Beneficiaries can start the procedures immediately.

Iraqi Information Center/humanitarian partners can put beneficiaries in contact with HLP partners who will guide them throughout the process and advise beneficiaries on how to initiate their case.

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