In Iraq, 10% of the population live with one or more disabilities. Among these, close to 2 million are women of reproductive age.

**Challenges for Persons with Disabilities**

- Lack of knowledge and understanding of disability inclusion and the rights of persons with disabilities
- Exclusion from livelihood opportunities
- Difficulties in accessing education, public places, transport and healthcare
- Challenges accessing assistive devices and accessible communication.

In the last quarter of 2020, UNFPA launched its initiative to support women with disabilities by improving their access to integrated gender-based violence and reproductive health services. To scale up this initiative health facilities need to be equipped with disability-friendly equipment and trained staff on the inclusion of persons with disabilities.

**Reproductive health interventions**

Eight disability-friendly reproductive health clinics in Nineveh, Erbil, Duhok, Sulaymaniyah, Kalar and Raparin.

- Gynecological consultation
- Antenatal & postnatal care
- Family planning consultations
- Psychological support & physiotherapy

In 2020, a total of 1,139 women with disabilities received reproductive health services.

Women with disabilities targeted in 2021: 1,700

Required funds for Q1 & Q2 2021: US$ 154,162

**Gender-based violence interventions**

In 2020, a total of 395 women with disabilities received dignity kits and 2,448 attended the UNFPA-supported centres.

Women with disabilities targeted in 2021: 2,000

Required funds for Q1 & Q2 2021: US$ 50,000

A total of 851 women with disabilities reported being subjected to gender-based violence.

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