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The project has so far supported over 20,000 young job seekers to enter the labour market. Additionally, key governmental partners were supported to promote the governmental economic reform agenda on topics ranging from digitalisation to strengthening the participation of women in the economy. Our main governmental and implementing partners are:



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Project Overview

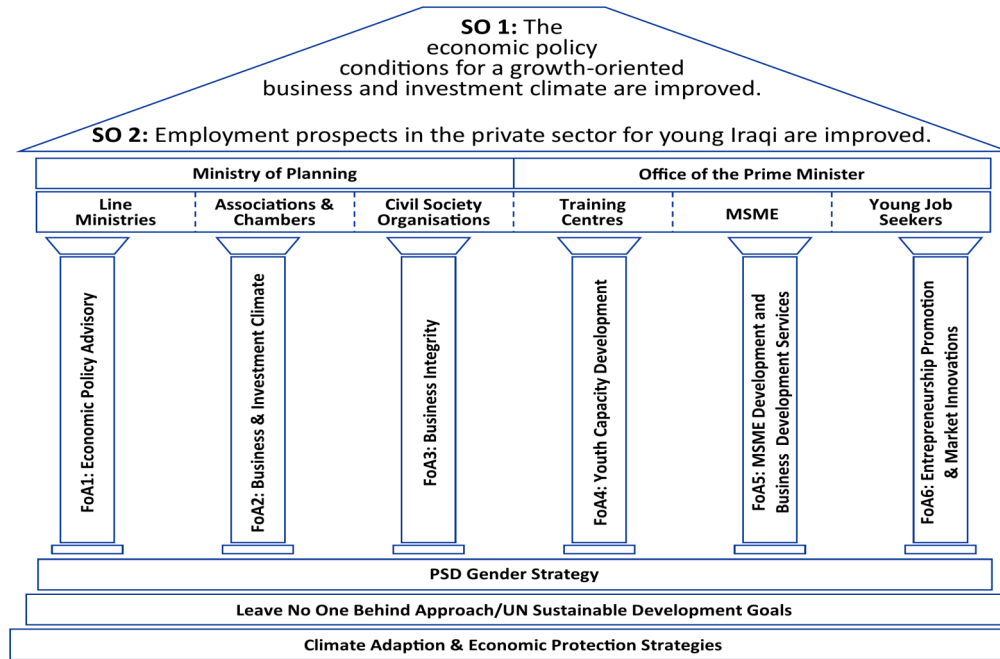
Specific Objectives (SO)

Government Partners

Implementing Partners & Target Group

Fields of Action (FoA)

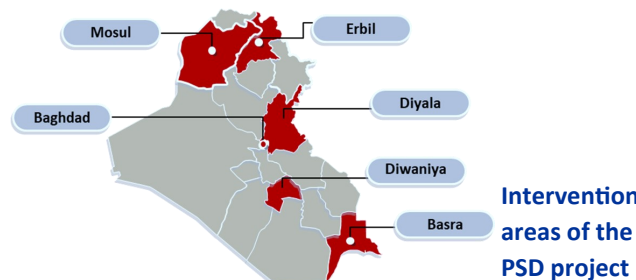
Cross Cutting Topics



Selected Activities & Implementation Methods

To achieve its strategic objectives, PSD supports line ministries (MoLSA, MoYS in Federal Iraq and DPMO in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq), partner chambers and business associations to develop and implement projects under the national development strategies. It, furthermore, works directly with several governmental and non-governmental partners like Career Development and Vocational Training Center to reach micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, entrepreneurs and young Iraqi job seekers. The project places a specific focus on the most vulnerable, like internally displaced persons, returnees and women.

To increase the target group's prospects in the labour market, PSD offers technical, vocational training and supports the development of tailor-made curricula in Sectors with high potential for economic growth.



Achievements (as of January 2023)



One analyses of governmental fees and revenues that contributing to an policy making process for non-oil revenues has been presented to the Kurdistan Regional Governments.



Seven Twinning Events of Iraqi businesses with suitable counterparts from Germany took place to transfer knowledge and experiences.



31 reform proposals from the private sector were recorded in dialogue events targeting the implementation of economic policy reforms



More than 19,000 young people have received labour-market oriented trainings and toolkits (technical and soft skill development).



2,300 young people (more than 1,000 women) are (self)employed in the private sector after receiving support .



More than 950 MSMEs and 800 young entrepreneurs (366women) received business development services. **148 MSME** confirm improved employment opportunities for young people.



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