

INSARAG First Responder Training (FRT)

for

Civil Society

Sarsing/Dohuk, Kurdistan Region-Iraq

From 26th to 29th February, THW's partner in Kurdistan-Iraq the Joint Crisis Coordination Centre (JCCC) conducted a local INSARAG First Responder Training (FRT) for Civil Society in Sarsing district-Dohuk.

The FRT program is supported by THW, and aims to create and develop local capacities within civil society to respond to an incident in places where there are no organized USAR teams or the arrival of USAR teams might be delayed.

The first FRT in 2024 was conducted in Sarsing-Dohuk, as it is one of the most earthquake-prone areas in the region (e.g. a 4.6 magnitude in February 2024), for a target group consisting of a total of 26 civil society members (13 Female, and 13 Male) resident in Sarsing.

The training covered the full and standard theoretical and practical curriculum of INSARAG FRT, focusing on Disaster Assessment & Information Gathering, USAR team establishment & task distribution within the teams, Search, Rescue, Basic Medical support, and Reporting.

The training lasted for four days, three days of mixed theoretical and practical sessions, closed by a last-day practical earthquake scenario-based exercise.

The theoretical sessions were carried out benefiting from the FRT mobile classroom truck previously provided by THW to JCC, while the practical sessions were carried out in an abandoned building which simulates a building affected/collapsed by an earthquake.

The training was carried out mainly by JCC master trainers -supported by THW staff- who were previously trained by THW in 2023 in Wessel/Germany.

For the year 2024, JCC is planning to conduct at least 14 more FR trainings reaching out and training up to 300 more first responders across Kurdistan Region-Iraq.









