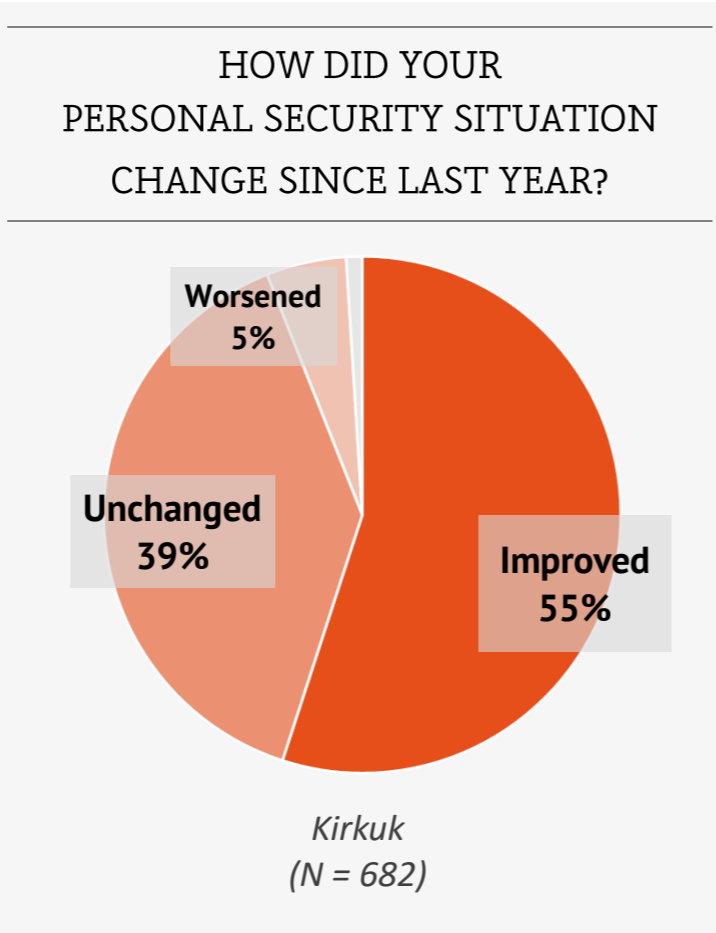
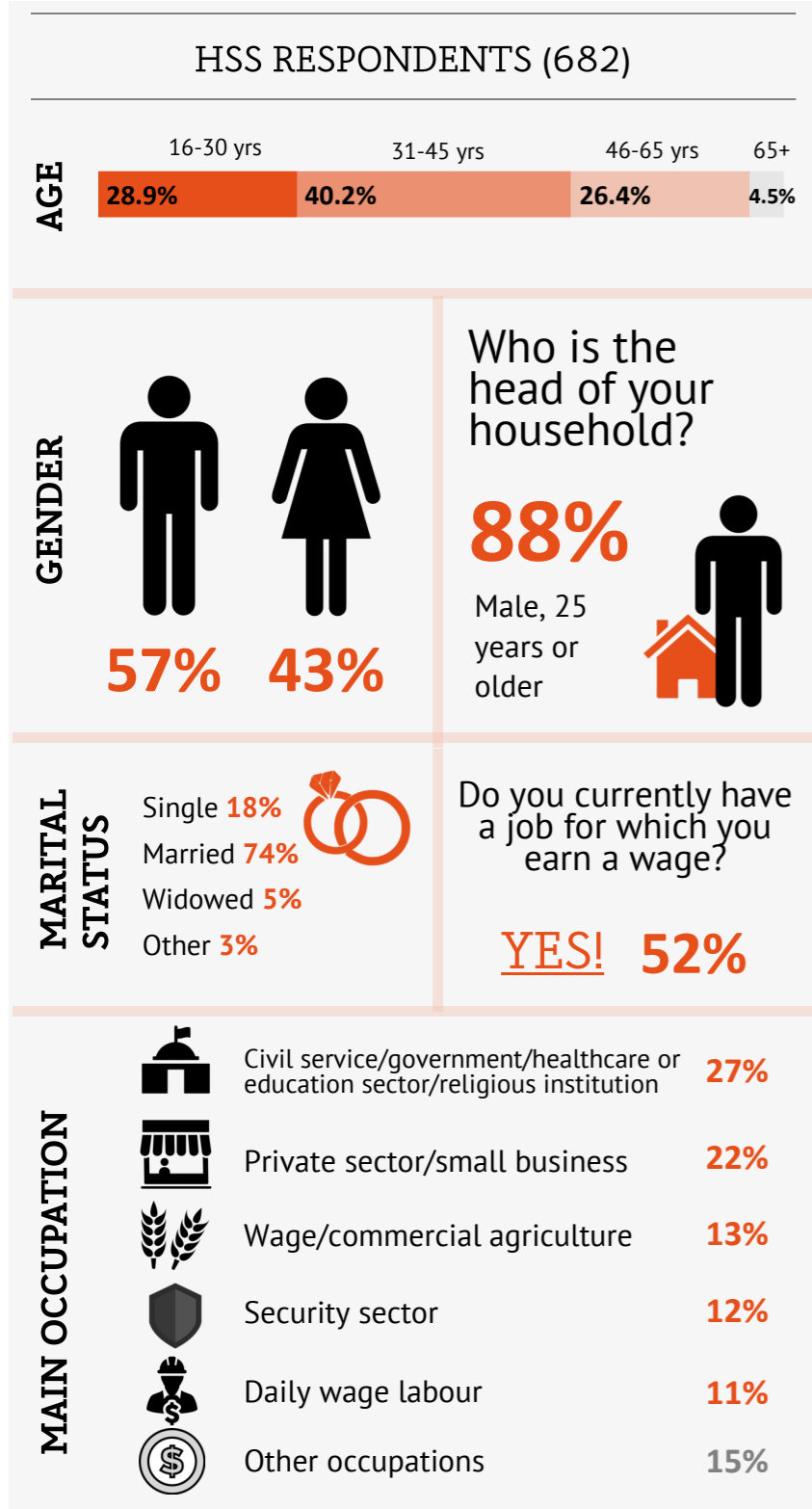


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Only 7%

of respondents were victims of **robbery** or **seizure of property** this year






60% of respondents indicated that they **did not hear** about cases of **underage marriage** (under 18) in their community




75% of respondents indicated that they **did not hear** about cases of **forced marriage** happening to adult women (over 18) in their community



Only 6.3%

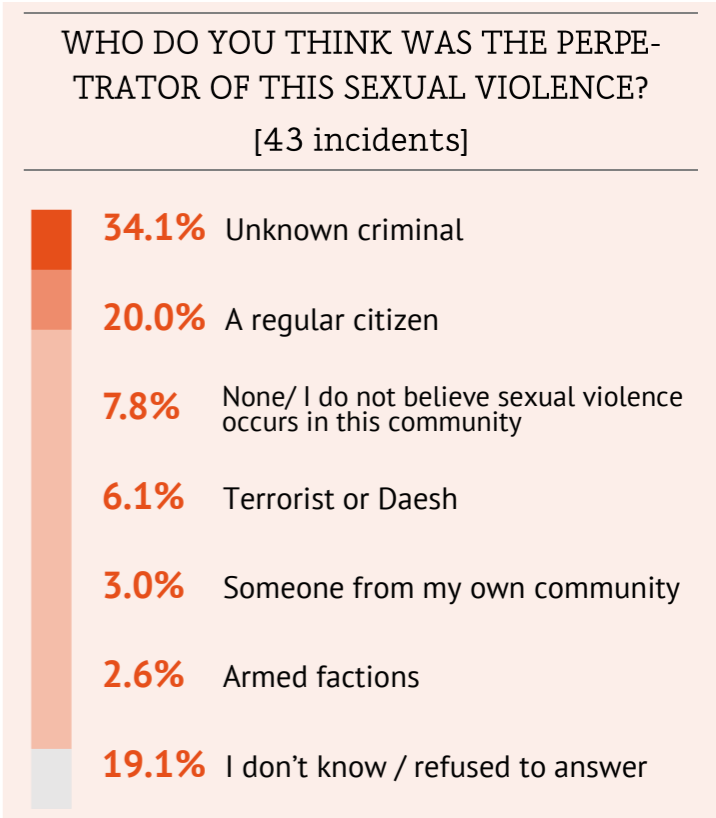
of respondents indicated that they **did hear** about cases of **sexual violence** against women or girls happening in their community



84%

of respondents indicated that they **did not see** women or girls in their community being **verbally or physically harassed**







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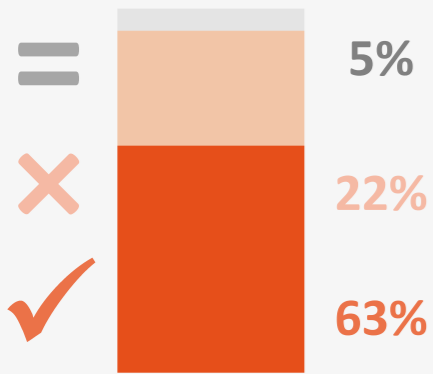
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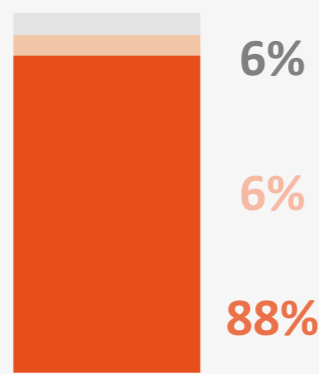
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How do you rate the performance of
this actor in providing security?

Community Police



Police



Effective Ineffective I don't know

IN GENERAL, WHAT DO YOU THINK ARE THE MAIN REASONS THAT WOMEN AND GIRLS/ MEN AND BOYS ARE EXPOSED TO VIOLENCE?

They cannot physically protect themselves

22%
21%

They do not have anyone to protect them

13%
9%

They are likely to be seen as a threat

3%
16%

They are often found outside their homes

16%
1%

They are likely to be abused by people
within their household

4%
7%

They are likely to be drafted or recruited
into armed groups

1%
6%

They are targeted as a matter of revenge or
to restore honour

3%
0%

Their rights are often ignored

4%
2%

Because of their clothes, morals, or
inappropriate behaviour

7%
14%

Because of their exposure to mobile
phones, the internet, or social media

9%
12%

As a result of bad upbringing, not listening
to their families, or lack of religiousness

8%
9%

Because they are unemployed and have
no job to occupy their time

7%
2%

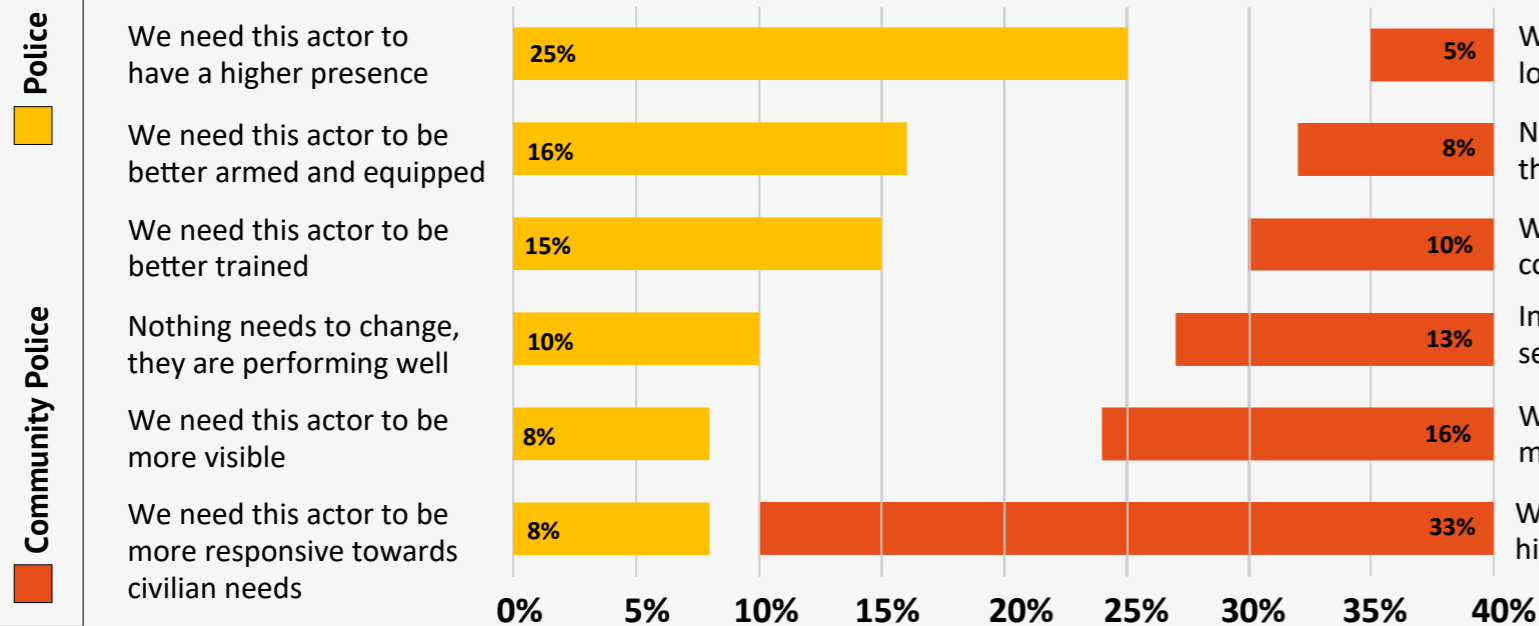
I don't know / Refused to answer

3%
1%

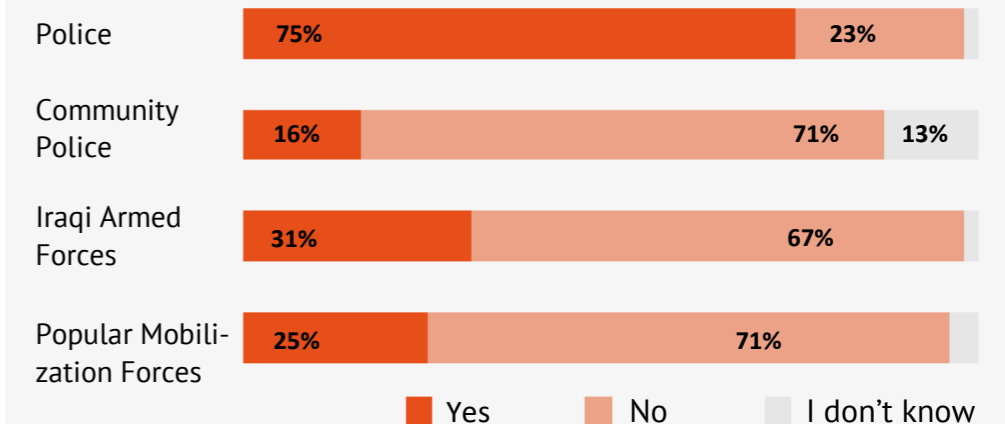
0% 2% 4% 6% 8% 10% 12% 14% 16% 18% 20%

Men and boys
Women and girls

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS NEEDED TO IMPROVE THE PERFORMANCE OF THIS ACTOR [TOP CHOICES]



DOES THIS ACTOR HAVE A CONSISTENT PRESENCE
IN YOUR COMMUNITY?



92%

of respondents believe that police
forces are **protecting** civilians
rather than **harming** them



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25.8%

of respondents indicated that municipality vehicles **do not** collect **waste** in their area



56.0%

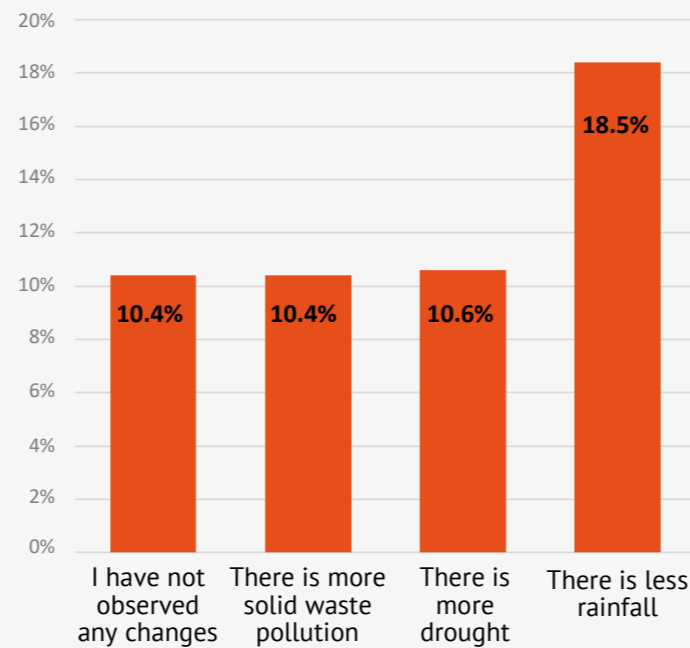
of respondents were **not** aware that **environmental laws** exist in Iraq



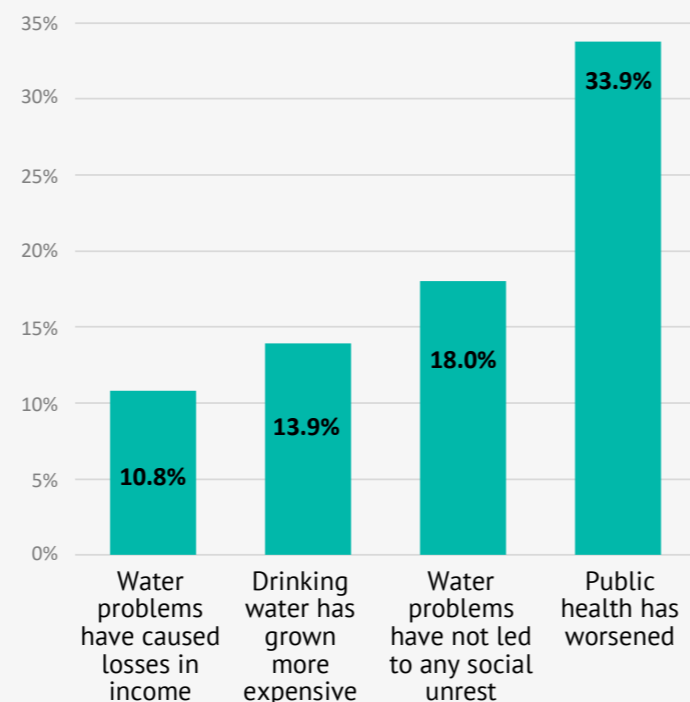
86.2%

of respondents indicated that having **environmental laws** drafted and enforced in Iraq would be **useful**

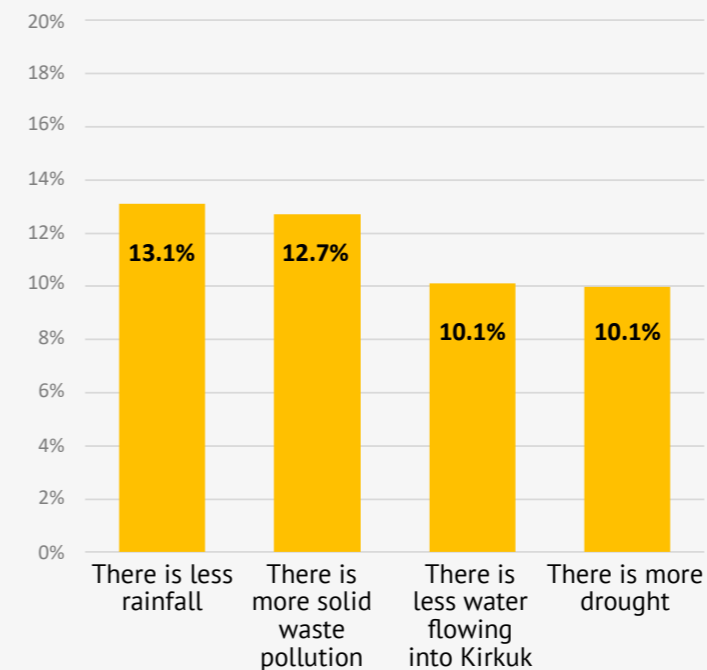
HAVE YOU OBSERVED ANY ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES IN YOUR AREA IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS?



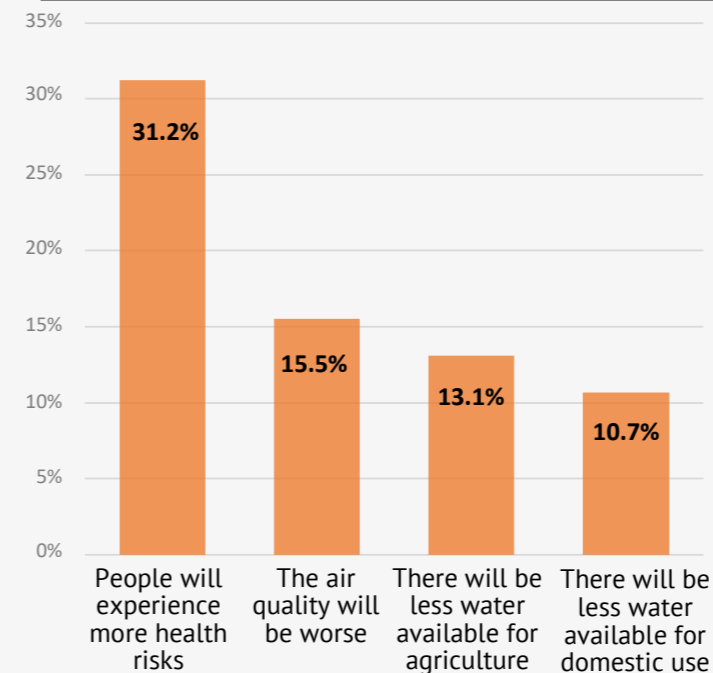
HOW HAVE WATER-RELATED PROBLEMS CAUSED UNREST IN YOUR AREA IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS?



WHAT ARE THE MOST PRESSING ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE COMING 12 MONTHS?



HOW WILL POLLUTION AFFECT YOUR AREA IN THE COMING 12 MONTHS?



WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE CAUSE BEHIND THE ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES WE DISCUSSED TODAY?

38.7%
Climate change

20.0%
Corruption

16.0%
Lack of regulation

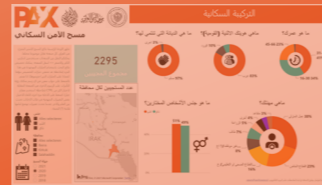
8.1%
Lack of government capacity at the national level/ Baghdad

7.9%
Terrorism

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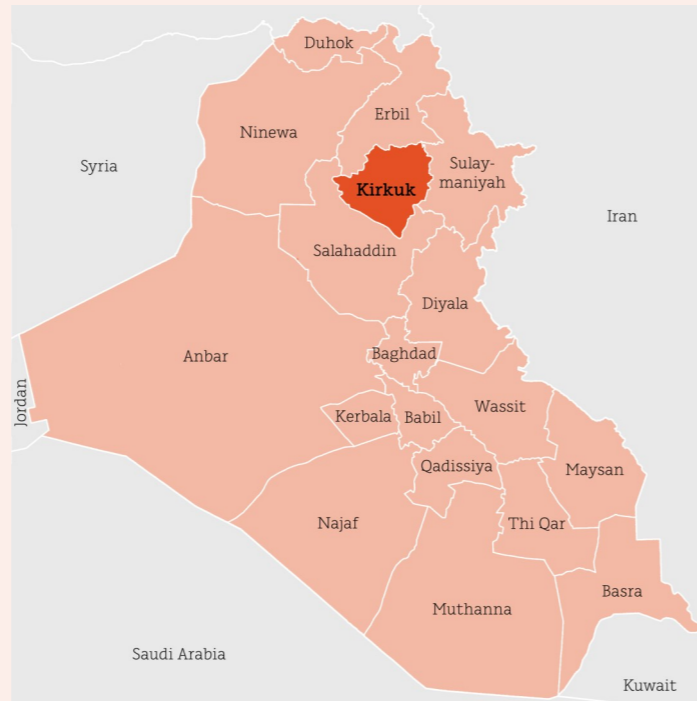
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HUMAN SECURITY SURVEY METHODOLOGY

Over a period of 3 weeks in March 2023, **15** enumerators conducted **682** face-to-face interviews across all 4 districts of Kirkuk Governorate using a standardized survey script. For more details on how HSS data is collected and analysed, view our [methodological note](#).

Taking into account the most recent population estimates, respondent targets were set with the aim of a representative distribution across gender, district, subdistrict, and urban/rural areas. Communities, households, and individual respondents were selected to participate through a systematic and approximately **random procedure to increase the likelihood of generalizability**.

The Iraqi Al-Amal Association (IAA), trusted long-time partner of PAX will continue its work in Kirkuk through **community engagement activities** with civilians, authorities, and a multitude of security actors to improve the local security situation using the results of the Human Security Survey.



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85%

Of respondents believe that political and security actors need more information about the priorities of civilians in order to improve the local security situation.



Agree **Disagree** **I don't know**

I am not at risk of **violence or crime** from within my own household:

87.8% **11.1%** **1.0%**

This area is **safe from Daesh**:

89.7% **8.9%** **1.3%**

Men and women are likely to **receive equal treatment** when reporting an incident to the police:

52.9% **37.0%** **10.1%**

There should be **more women serving in the police force** to help with community security issues:

61.9% **34.0%** **4.1%**

In our community it is common for **men to discipline women and girls through physical or verbal violence**:

29.9% **63.0%** **7.1%**

It is very easy for **civilians to acquire firearms** in this community:

32.8% **58.7%** **8.5%**

WHAT DO YOU EXPECT WILL HAPPEN WITH SECURITY IN YOUR COMMUNITY IN THE NEXT YEAR?

