

# Elements of a good gender and conflict analysis

- Acknowledging that women, men, girls and boys experience conflict-related crises differently.
- Understanding how gender roles, power relations between women and men, and the positioning of women and girls determine women and men's experiences of conflict, their coping methods, and needs.
- Ensuring that all people affected by a crisis are acknowledged and that all their needs and vulnerabilities are taken into account;

# Iraq conflict from a gendered perspective

- The protracted crisis in Iraq has distorted the notions of stability and security for more than 3.3 million individuals, with a differentiated impact on women, girls, men, and boys.
- Fear and threat of sexual violence for women and girls :The Yazidi population in Ninewa was specifically attacked by ISIS in August 2014, when thousands of men were killed and young women and girls were taken as sex slaves and were subjected to torture and sexual abuse.
- Increased threat for men and boys: being male means being exposed to life-threatening risks because men and boys are often direct targets in the armed fighting. In addition to this, male IDPs also perceive the threat of sexual violence against women and girls, which leads them to strengthen their role of protectors, regardless of the additional threats they themselves may face. “Men are at great risk of being taken. Two of my brothers and three of my cousins were kidnaped by ISIS and we still do not have any news, we just hope to see them again”
- Restrictions on movement for women and girls: “protect females from threats of sexual violence.” Restriction of movement also occurs because of cultural norms, as noted by IDPs in south Iraq, and can
- Specific challenges for female-headed households: women who do not have a husband or male figure struggle to cover their basic needs, particularly financially, which reportedly exposes them to higher risks of exploitative situations.

# Actions ..Way forward

- Enhanced understanding of the gender-specific concerns through pre-implementation assessments would be an added value to humanitarian actors working.
- Meet the needs and priorities of the population in a more targeted manner, based on how women, girls, boys and men have been affected by the crisis;