Timeline of Return Policies - Iraq

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Post-2003

- This phase lacked an organized government policy for migrant return.
- Return primarily depended on individual initiatives.
- Returnees faced challenges like limited basic services, job opportunities, and security.

2006

- The Iraqi government launched a national plan to support migrant return and reintegration.
- The plan aimed to provide necessary support for returnees but faced funding and implementation difficulties.

2014

- The worsening humanitarian crisis in Iraq led to a surge in Iraqi migrants to Europe.
- European countries implemented measures to regulate migration and asylum, with some offering programs to support Iraqi migrant return.

2018

- The Iraqi government launched a new national strategy for migrant return.
- This strategy focused on providing job opportunities, education, and housing for returnees, while encouraging investment in areas where they resettle.

2022

- In 2022, the Iraqi Ministry of Migration and Displacement launched the National Referral Program to facilitate the voluntary return of Iraqis abroad.
- The program offers various services and support to Iraqi migrants