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The National Housing Strategy in Iraq

Diagnosing challenges and proposing solutions

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The Iraqi citizen suffers for many years from a sustainable housing crisis in Iraq for more than 60 years, In addition poor housing environment that does not provide high-quality and comprehensive infrastructure services, as well as the spread of slums and their overlap in cities, likewise absence of urban planning, and this accumulation of crises led to transformation of the housing crisis into a sustainable crisis with an impact Humanities and social factors, The solutions that were offered and presented able to achieve the goals due to many administrative, financial , technical obstacles, planning integration and comprehensive support for all state institutions, noting that the governmental program for all Iraqi governments makes providing adequate housing its most important priority. Thus, The current strategy study consists of Three parts:

The first part: strategic diagnosis of housing sector

The second part: strategic challenges in housing sector

The third part: strategic solutions for housing sector

The current study presents a suggested model for national housing strategy based on diagnosing most important challenges facing this crisis, which has exacerbated over the years as a result of lack of awareness and lack of practical and practical plans that were not implemented in the past years on a sectoral basis, so the crisis would not have spread and expanded, so this proposed strategy Through studying the experiences of countries in dealing with their housing crises, and based on experience and expertise in dealing with these crises, it seeks to present a set of basic steps that must be taken as soon as possible to control and limit

their aggravation, which is reflected in many negative phenomena in society, and among the most important of these steps provided by the strategy

First Step: changing and updating the current investment methodology in residential projects.

Second Step: the establishment of an authority affiliated to the Council of the Ministry linked to the Ministry of Housing and Construction, whose mission is to own all government plots of land in Iraq.

Third Step: that this crisis be addressed through strategic integration and cooperation between a number of ministries, the most important of which are planning, municipalities, housing, reconstruction, finance and the Investment Authority.

Fourth Step: starting the implementation of modern residential cities as soon as possible.

Fifth Step: the allocation of a sovereign fund to which sums of money are allocated and whose main function is to provide financial resources for the establishment of new cities.

Sixth Step: Re-planning urban planning in the current governorates, expelling the buildings of ministries and private universities from them, and stopping granting investment licenses for real estate projects within the governorates.

Seventh Step: Concluding cooperative agreements with a group of giant companies that have experiences in multiple countries to construct high-quality housing units while providing them with infrastructure

The Iraqi government can adopt any of the advanced alternatives, especially since most of them do not necessitate placing high financial burdens on the treasury. Rather, some of them may be a source of additional income for the state's financial portfolio, and not adopting them is a reason for depriving the treasury of the expected revenues from it. This is while ignoring basic right of every individual and family obtain shelter, that Iraqi government bears responsibility to strive to provide all capabilities and open all means in order to achieve this goal, as an affirmation of the principle of care that must be preserved, and not to be satisfied with task of monitoring only, an obligation Including international principles, Agreements and recommendations in this regard, foremost of which is International Covenant. The solution is according to the strategic points below, which briefly illustrates the basic steps for implementing strategy according to following

1- The diagnostic methodology consists of:

- a. Government red tape
- B. Crisis accumulation
- C. Financial allocations

2- Studying challenges:

- a. Overpopulation
- B. Determination of plots of land and transfer of ownership
- C. Corruption in the distribution of plots of land

3- The solution approach as follows:

- a. Reorganization of organizational structure
- B. Give opportunity and time to work
- C. Apply philosophy of financial rescue

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