

Five One Labs — Iraq's Incubator for Local and Displaced Entrepreneurs

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Quality score: 62/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Since 2017, Sulaymaniyah-based Five One Labs has run 11 incubator cohorts graduating 130 startups and over 1,000 entrepreneurs across Iraqi Kurdistan, awarding \$830,000+ in seed funding — 61% to women founders — while remaining donor-funded rather than self-sustaining.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	1/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	3/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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