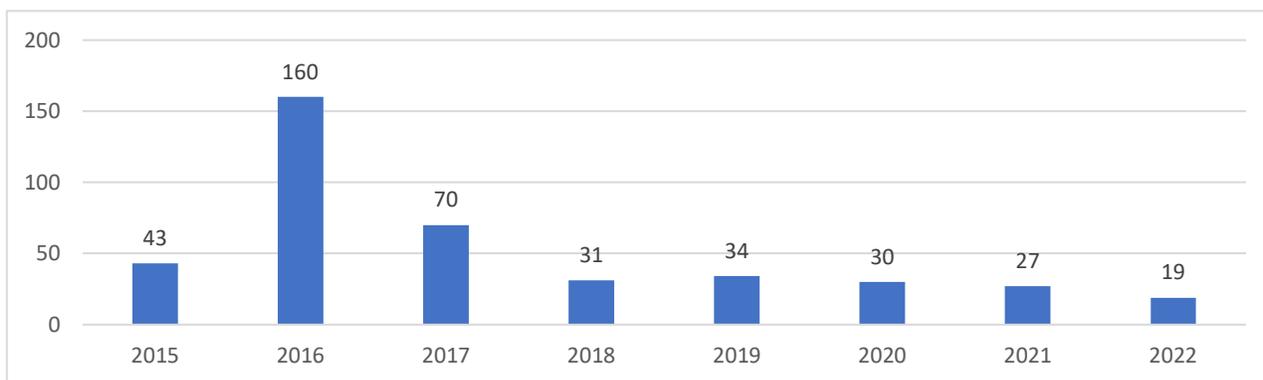


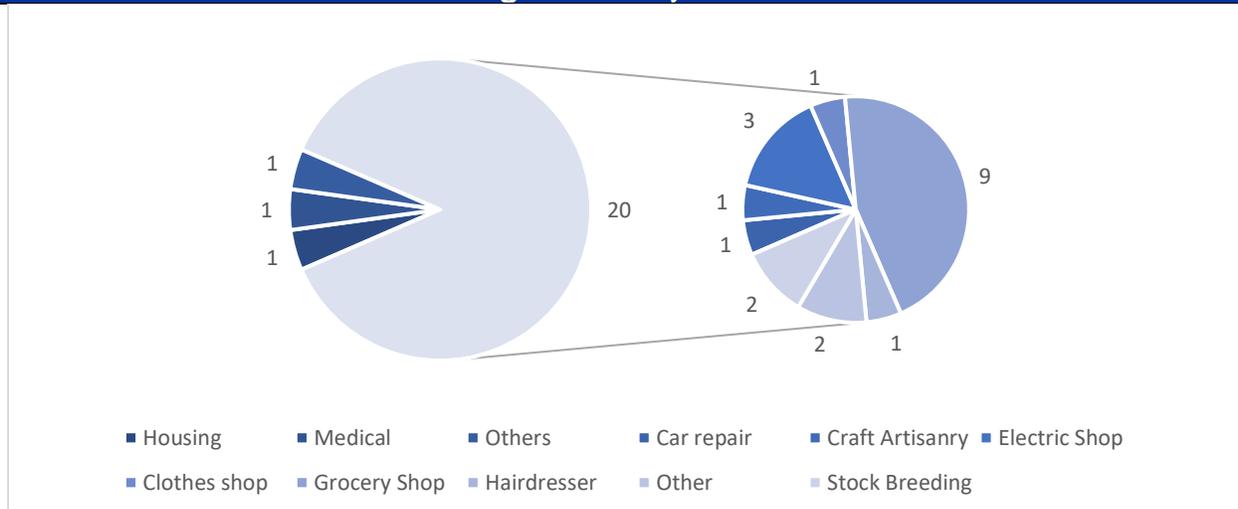
## Reintegration Assistance – Flat Funding 2022 –Iraq

- **Implementation support for 19 reintegration projects** in 2022 (for a total of USD 78'437)
- **Return operations for 30 cases** (18 men, 4 women, and 8 children)
- IOM Iraq was supported through a **Swiss flat funding** of USD 109'704 in 2022
- **Vocational training** for 8 returnees was conducted in the framework of the flat funding
- 42% of the beneficiaries returned to **Erbil Governorate**, while 21% returned to **Dohuk**, and another 21% to **Baghdad**, and 16% to **Sulaymaniyah**.
- **Grocery shop** is the most common business adopted by returnees from Switzerland.

### Reintegration Cases from 2015 to 2022



### Reintegration Projects in 2022



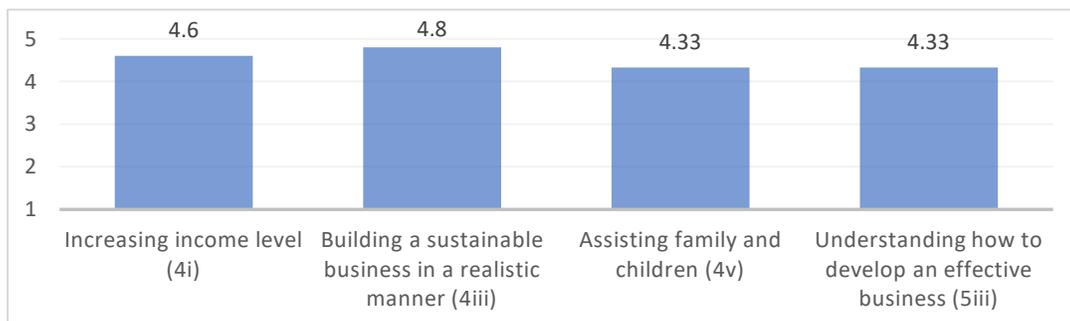


## Business Training Results

- A total of **8 individual vocational training sessions** took place in 2022 with a high overall satisfaction of the training by the participants. (4,85)
- In these sessions, among other things, one beneficiary learned about hairdressing; one person took accounting courses, another one was trained on Aluminum and PVC Fabrication and Installation, and 5 persons took language courses.
- Before and after the training returnees were asked to answer a short questionnaire. The graph below shows the knowledge and abilities as entrepreneur of a small business, as perceived by the beneficiaries. This is based on a rating scale of 0-5 (with 0 being the worst score and 5 being the best).



- Most beneficiaries have improved their knowledge through the business training, such as the understanding underlying structures as taxes/laws and reinvestment or their knowledge of business management including staff, and finances. Interestingly, also the perceived economic situation increased with the participation in the training, showing that it is adding confidence.
- Asking about concrete results through what was learned during the business training, results show that the business training had a good impact on beneficiaries' business, because it allowed them for instance to understand how to develop an effective business or assist their family.





## Monitoring visit

- A **monitoring trip** to Iraq was organized between 7 and 11 November 2022. The delegation of the AVRR case worker in charge of Iraq at IOM Bern (Sylvie Heuschmann) together with two return counselors (Thierry Charbonney, VD; Claudia Landolt, ZH) as well as a representative of the SEM travelled to Erbil
- 7 returnees were visited
- Improved understanding of the challenges of return and reintegration was reached to improve return counselling and programming:
  - decision to return is often motivated by personal reasons, such as the need to take care of family members. Some regret the decision to return because they see no prospects in the country.
  - returnees are often confronted with discrimination on the part of the family and society in general
  - most returnees join existing businesses run by relatives for reasons of stability.
  - Returnees to Iraq often face complex demands and high pressure, which requires adequate treatment. Increased efforts towards psychosocial support within this project will be planned for 2023

