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Early June witnessed an abrupt downturn in the humanitarian situation in northern Iraq, particularly in the autonomous region of Kurdistan, caused by the growing reach of the Islamic State (ISIS) terror group. Since the summer, large numbers of civilians have fled their homes to escape the fighting.

France reacted in August, via its foreign affairs ministry, setting up an air bridge that delivered close to 90 metric tons of humanitarian aid to help store and distribute drinking water (water tanks, distribution bars, etc.), including 12.5 metric tons provided by the Veolia Foundation.



On the ground the equipment was handed over to the French Red Cross, the Foundation's long-standing partner for humanitarian emergencies, which is present in Kurdistan to provide help to displaced people. Over the next couple of months, several volunteers from the Veolia Foundation made the journey to assist the Red Cross field teams, helping to assemble and install the donated equipment. In total, this equipment will provide drinking water supplies to 50,000 people. Grégory Gonzales, Veolia Water maintenance engineer and Veoliaforce volunteer, [shares his experiences of this support mission](#).



Read about Grégory Gonzales' experiences as a Veoliaforce volunteer.

One result of this effort was a [partnership agreement](#) between Veolia Foundation and France's foreign affairs ministry, signed on August 27. The agreement puts on a formal footing the relationship that has developed over a number of years with the emergencies team at the foreign affairs ministry.



Find out more on the [Foundation](#) and [foreign affairs ministry](#) websites.

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