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## Basra youth enjoy improvements, new equipment at local stadium

Reports that the youth in Basra city are bored, under skilled and becoming disillusioned are prompting a youth development project at Al-Tannumah Stadium between Gulf Region South and Aegis Defense Services. The facility has four soccer teams, a weight lifting gym and martial arts dojo enjoyed by more than 1,000 members, most of whom are under 18.

The Aegis team in Basra and GRS recently completed a \$450,000 refurbishment of the facility. The local Aegis crew requested funds from Aegis Foundation to provide the stadium members with a generator, soccer kits, martial arts equipment and training shoes. All the equipment was purchased locally, which helps bolster the local economy.

The equipment was presented to the stadium manager by GRS and the Aegis Reconstruction Liaison Team and was very well received as it has already been put to use. The members of the gym can now take part in more activities and the lasting impact on this community is an investment in its youth and their future.

None of this would be possible without the support and donations received from GRD personnel in Iraq and their families at home, as well as the Aegis Foundation. We thank you all.



*Some of the equipment that is part of the donation.*



*The team shows GRS the equipment that is being donated before the handover.*