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## **POVERTY RATES IN IRAQ, IRAN RISE AMID COVID-19**

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Iraq and Iran have recently been seeing a rising trend in poverty rates due to the destructive effects of the coronavirus pandemic, according to a report by an Ankara-based think-tank.

Poverty in Iraq, which had amounted to 20% in 2018, or nearly 10 million people, has risen to 31.7% following the COVID-19 outbreak, Serife Akinci, an expert on Middle East and African Economies Studies, said in the report published by the Center for Middle Eastern Studies (ORSAM).

Iraqs coronavirus count now stands at 12,086 deaths and 542,187 infections as well as 472,054 recoveries.

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