

FLOWERS IN THE DESERT

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Different women who share a single story: losing their house because of war and finding a new home at the Harshm Camp in Erbil. The following work shows women who fled Mosul and other parts of Iraq when the ISIS took it over and who live now in a camp for internally displaced. At the camp, I met families who lost everything, women who lost their husbands, children who lost their parents. I heard stories of cities destroyed completely by war. From the outside, the Harshm Camp is a site in the middle of the city filled with standard container units. But inside those containers, there is much more. They all had the same answer when I asked them what they wished for: a better future for their children and to be somewhere safe. Can we all find a home somewhere else, or are we just decorating over a pain that does not go away?

It also seems ironic how I found so many flowers in the desert.