

UN award for Iraqi charity

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A Bradford-based charity which sent aid to Iraq has been honoured by the United Nations.

The Human Relief Foundation has been granted 'special consultative status' by the UN in recognition of its valuable work.

The decision, taken by the UN's Economic and Social Council, follows the HRF's 12-year history of delivering aid to some of the world's poorest people. It means representatives from the HRF will be required to attend meetings at UN headquarters in New York to discuss strategies for supplying aid to troublespots.

A UN representative told HRF: "The regular presence of your organisation will allow the fruitful implementation of this consultative relationship."

Managing director of HRF Nabeel Al-Ramadhani said: "I have just returned from Iraq with the HRF Medical Delegation and it is extremely important that what I have learned is used in the development of UN aid delivery strategy."

During a six-week post-war visit to Iraq, Dr Al-Ramadhani worked hard to ensure that infrastructure being sustained through HRF funding was improved. This now involves eight schools and two hospitals, including a 600-bed maternity hospital in Mosul and 1,000-bed al-Yammok Centre in Baghdad.

Donations can be sent to the charity at: HRF, FREEPOST BD 3125, PO Box 194, Bradford BD7 1YW, or call (01274) 392727.