Ali Al Sudani

Chief Programs Officer

Ali Al Sudani is the Chief Programs Officer at IM Houston, where he draws on his firsthand experience as a former Iraqi refugee to direct the agency's humanitarian programs. He oversees Texas's largest Meals on Wheels operation, which delivers 1.6 million meals a year to more than 6,000 homebound seniors, along with comprehensive refugee services that provide resettlement and integration support to individuals fleeing persecution around the world.

Born and raised in Maysan, Iraq, Al Sudani earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Basrah University. In 2003, he began working with British forces as Chief Translator in his home city.

Before joining IM, Al Sudani served as Senior Program Coordinator with People In Need, a Czech-based nongovernmental organization. He became a Certified Trainer in Capacity Building with the Czech Fundraising Center and administered several medical and capacity-building projects in Iraq funded by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), and the United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF).

In April 2009, Al Sudani was resettled in Houston by IM Houston. He joined the agency that June as a Reception and Placement Case Worker and was promoted to Director of Refugee Services in May 2010, a role he held for seven years before advancing to Chief Programs Officer. His work has earned him regional recognition as an expert in refugee resettlement, cultural integration, and federal compliance.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Refugee resettlement
- Senior nutrition and Meals on Wheels operations
- Federal compliance
- Nonprofit leadership and strategy
- Public advocacy and community relations
- Capacity building and training
- International project administration

EDUCATION

- B.S., Mechanical Engineering, Basrah University, Iraq
- Certified Trainer in Capacity Building, Czech Fundraising Center

AFFILIATIONS

- People In Need (Czech NGO), former Senior Program Coordinator
- British forces, former Chief Translator
- Project work for IOM, Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, NED and UNDEF