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Quarterly Newsletter & Events

Caritas Germany in Iraq

A delegation from Caritas Germany, consisting of three members, visited Iraq for the period (6. Mar. 2022 till 16. Mar.2022).The visit included many important activities such as:

Visiting the supreme president of Caritas Iraq His Eminence Cardinal Louis Sako. Meeting the general administration and the staff of the programmes and projects and CRS. and meeting some beneficiaries of the programmes and visiting work sites like Mosul, Fallujah, Zakho, Duhok, Baghdad (Zafaraniya, Al-Sadr city).

These visits included fruitful meetings discussing for example The coming strategic plan of Caritas Iraq. The difficulties, challenges, and ways to overcome them. Work development and the future vision of Caritas Iraq.

The two parties also agreed on strengthening the bonds of partnership, confirming church affiliation and continue serving the poor and vulnerable.

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Hope, Aptly Named

Hope programme, targeted women in Alqosh and Qaraqosh through the activity of psychological support. (140) women (18-50) yrs. were targeted to develop psychological health and the quality of family life. This created the capacity and capability for women to set free from tensions and deep wounds caused by wars and displacement, to be able to assist herself to live life with a renewed spirit based on faith and self-confidence. Women who were able to overcome all of these hurdles were able to be a carrier of hope for other women and in turn to the rest of society, since women are the core of society.

The livelihood activity targeted (50) working women in Baghdad, developmentally and professionally to improve their living conditions and increase their income through training courses. These courses were on house budget and work plan which

would enhance them with a sense of housekeeping and how to set a household budget in line with their living reality and spread the culture of housekeeping, in addition to increasing the financial resource from the profession they practice after refining and developing it and providing them with adequate support by the staff of the programme and trainers.

We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to our donors and partners (Caritas Germany, Caritas Korea, Caritas Italy, Caritas Japan), wishing them success in their mission and supporting Caritas in the world.



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Towards a Bright Future in Nineveh Plain

The Shared Future programme targeted, through the activities of social cohesion, 125 young men and women and almost 60 of the community leaders to carry initiatives based on the community needs in their areas. This was to bring the viewpoints closer among the different communities especially among the different religious groups in order to create a society full of harmony, understanding and erasing a dark page from the history of the region through the youth and leaders to present initiatives that included supporting the educational and health sectors, kindergartens, empowering women who contributed to helping their communities and enhancing trust between the youth, leaders and society.

Almost 350 young men and women benefited from this project in its two parts (Livelihoods and social cohesion), in areas like Tel Kaif, Wana, Tel Uskuf,

Bashika, Bartilla and Nemrood. The Shared Future prog. aims at achieving its goals of serving the communities of Nineveh plain especially the youth groups (18-30) yrs., to enable them of building projects that would help them in their lives especially after returning to their areas which were liberated from the terrorist ISIS.

Special thanks to the USAID for its generous donation for the project in all its aspects to draw a smile, regaining confidence among the components of Nineveh plain. We also thank the organizations implementing the project (The CRS who wpartnerd with Caritas Iraq in carrying out the social cohesion, Iraqi Al-Amal Association, the International Youth Building Organization YB for implementing the Livelihoods activities) in order to provide psychological, moral and material support to these young people for the purpose of building their lives as well as helping their communities.



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Regaining Hope in Al-Anbar

The programme of Permanent reintegration of internally displaced persons, entered its fourth year through implementing its various activities in Al-Anbar governorate. (30) adolescents finished their psychological support activity – (singing to the Wolves courses), as women and children's courses continue to overcome past traumas and recovery. 20 women heading their families, were selected and trained on cattle breeding, accounting and marketing at the Livelihoods project to receive grants which would enable them start their own projects.

The engineers of Caritas Iraq supervised the training of 22 young men on Construction, water, sewage and electricity and employing them to work on building 22 new housing units Caritas is building for those whose houses were destroyed due to war and armed conflicts. Caritas also continues the renovation of 12 houses using cash payments by the local residents to have a safe housing and complete privacy according to the Shelter Cluster standards.

The beneficiaries appreciate and acknowledge Caritas Iraq for this programme which builds their capacities on income earning, reconstruction, continue rebuilding the social fabric and settling in Fallujah and Saqlawiyah. Caritas Iraq in turn thanks Caritas Germany and the German Government (BMZ) for their generous support and contribution in rebuilding the beneficiaries' housing units and stabilizing their lives for a new beginning after giving them hope and support for a better tomorrow.



Childhood Success Story

Warda (2011) lives with her family in Derabun, Zakho. They now have a quiet stable life after the forcible displacement from their original area in Sinjar due to the terrorist actions of ISIS in 2014.

Warda attended the activities of psychological support which was held at Derabun within the programme of supporting the most needy displaced and the local families in Zakho). But Warda didn't know that her cousin would be with her at the same course. They had a problem which made them avoid speaking to each other for a long time. Warda said that on the first they chose to sit as far as possible from each other to avoid looking at each other. The caregiver noticed that and wanted to reconcile between them through the story of (separated hearts) for if the hearts stay away from one another they will void of love and passion. During the course, the caregiver, gave each girl a big colored paper heart and asked the girls each to stand on a corner and to come close to

each other step by step just like their hearts to come closer together. The two girls reconciled, and Warda said that she was happy for attending the course because it helped her regain her cousin, her friend whom she needed a lot. She also learned from the courses of (the child's happy family) and the (road of joy) to be closer to others, not judging others only after listening to them carefully, understanding others' feelings and be close to her family to live happily.



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