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HIGHLIGHTS

- Participatory assessment was conducted throughout Duhok to highlight the main protection risks of the communities.
- The community is being sensitized regarding the Bardarash Gawilan relocation.
- Fire prevention awareness sessions and key message distributions were held across Refugee and IDP camps susceptible to fire incidents.



Activities Conducted

Community Empowerment | Social Cohesion Training Sessions

- An information session on communication skills helped enhance the capabilities of 13 refugees from **Domiz 1 Camp** (7 males & 6 females). Conducted by COVs in Domiz 1 Camp's Vajeen Community Center, the session enabled the participants to effectively communicate and deliver targeted messages within the community. This session provided valuable insights and techniques for improving communication and empowering participants to be more effective in their interactions with one another. By focusing on communication skills, this activity contributes to better community engagement and collaboration overall.
- Language courses continue within the community, with Summel's English alphabet for kids. The activity titled "Fun with English Alphabets for Kids" was an interactive activity crafted to introduce young Syrian and non-Syrian refugee children to the English alphabet, aiding them in recognizing letters, learning their pronunciation, and grasping basic vocabulary linked to each letter. The series of activities reached a sum of 188 refugees (52 males & 136 females) with generally positive feedback as children were interested in learning with the method presented.
- A similar English language course was also in **Domiz 2 Camp** by COVs, which taught the basic alphabet and vocabulary using interactive methods. This month-long course consisted of one-hour sessions twice a week. Language learning enhances cognitive development and critical thinking, laying the groundwork for further language acquisition. This initiative supported 21 children under 18 in the camp (7 males & 14 females), empowering them for educational and personal growth. Access to language learning aims to positively impact their lives, helping them overcome barriers and build a career.



- Vajeen and Ronak Community Centers in Domiz 1 Camp also continued their English language course for the second month in succession. Following the high demand, the COVs focused on teaching the 23 participants (3 males & 20 females) the basics of the English language, starting from individual words and then progressing to sentences. Which proceeded to gain positive reviews from the attendees.
- The "Kurdish Badini" course was another language course initiated by COVs in Domiz 1 Camp in response to the challenges faced by students due to changes in the school curriculum. The curriculum shifted from Arabic to Kurdish Badini language for grades 1 to 4, posing difficulties for the students. This course was designed to help 8 refugee children (2 males & 6 females) learn the basics of Kurdish Badini, enabling them to adapt to the new curriculum. The students became more familiar with Kurdish Badini alphabets, learned to form words and sentences, and gained the ability to read in Kurdish, thus easing their transition to the new language of instruction.



Other literacy courses include training sessions in **Duhok's** 7ewa and Gawilan Camp Community Center s. The literacy course organized by the Zewa Community Center in Duhok was initiated in response to the demand of a few women in the community. This month-long course aimed to provide 16 women, 4 of whom were IDPs and the remaining from the host community with essential reading. writing. communication skills in the Kurdish language. As for the case of

Gawilan Camp, the subject of literacy was chosen due to its fundamental importance in empowering refugees and enabling their integration into the host community. Conducted by skilled COVs, the courses were tailored to the 5 refugee women's interests and needs.

- A course for empowering school students of 7th and 8th grade was conducted by COVs of Bardarash Camp to give the 40 Syrian refugees (21 males & 19 females) some extra lectures on varying subjects at the Bardarash Community Center. The activity was initiated at the request of the students as they were required to take extra lessons to empower their capabilities during the summer for the upcoming academic year and also to keep children in touch with the current education process.
- Reinforcement lessons for 22 refugee students (8 males & 14 females) were held in Summel, providing crucial support to students in their educational journey. These reinforcement lessons are instrumental in providing equal opportunities for success, addressing barriers, and promoting student engagement in learning and teaching, particularly during critical periods such as exam seasons. Positive feedback highlighted the effectiveness of these activities in supporting students' educational endeavors.
- The computer course initiated in **Domiz 2 Camp** combined practical and theoretical exercises, tailored to the participants' backgrounds. The training session for 8 participants (2 males & 6 females) was initiated based on community and RWC requests, recognizing the importance of computer skills in today's digital world. As technology becomes more essential, these skills proved valuable for education and employment in the community. Given the camp's unique challenges and limited access to formal education, the course was well-received. It was



recommended to continue and expand similar initiatives in the camp, potentially offering intermediate and advanced computer training to align with residents' evolving needs.

- A basic salon course was held in **Summel** for 11 female Refugees and 9 female IDPs which provided a valuable short-term training program that empowered the community by equipping participants with essential knowledge and skills in salon services. These courses offered practical training, enabling individuals to pursue careers in this industry or even start their businesses, fostering self-sufficiency and reducing dependency on external aids. The positive feedback on the organization and delivery of these courses reflected their importance and the value they bring to the community.
- The COVs of **Domiz 2 Camp** conducted a drawing course for children which plays a pivotal role in children's overall development, fostering emotional, cognitive, and social growth. The 8 refugee children (1 male & 7 females) were excited to show up at the Community Center to improve their skills and share their talents for the month.
- Handicraft workshops were organized at the Akre Camp Community Center, offering participants a chance to express their creativity and learn skills to create shapes and objects. The activity was well received by the 2 refugee girls who enjoyed reusing material to create a new product.
- Knitting and sewing activities resume, with Bardarash Community Center conducting a knitting course for 8 women and Qasrok arranging a sewing course for 5 refugees and 5 IDP women. These activities were held to improve and motivate women to be self-sufficient and acquire skills to possibly kickstart a career, and provide a new hobby for

the participants. The women were overall engaged in the activity and were interested in participating further in similar sessions tailored to their interests.

Other artistic training in August included a music course in **Domiz 1 Camp's** Ronak Community Center which taught the basic uses of instruments academically. This course was conducted by one of the COVs from Ronak for female (8) and male (7) refugees alike. The activity was held on the merit of helping people express their feelings through music and providing the participants with a fun skill to learn. this can also help them make a living by getting paid to play the instruments during events. The participants expressed their passion for these kinds of training due to their interest in learning to play varying music and instruments.



Sports Activities

- Several foosball activities were held in Hussiniye and Deraluk Community Centers. Hussiniye invited a total of 37 Syrian and non-Syrian refugees (24 males & 13 females) to compete with one another in the Community Center. In the Deraluk Community Center, a foosball tournament was held for 15 refugee girls. The activity aimed at strengthening social cohesion and women's empowerment. The participants reacted positively and asked for more sports activities tailored to girls/women.
- COVs of Domiz 2 Camp's Roj Community Center provided chess activities for 7 refugees (3 males & 4 females), that began with an introduction to the rules and basics of chess. Participants were provided with chess boards, pieces, and instructional materials to follow. The session included a demonstration of various chess moves and strategies, followed by hands-on practice with a few matches. The community recommended to continue organizing similar educational and recreational activities to enhance the well-being and growth of individuals in the camp.
- The Community Center at Akre Camp arranged hopscotch games for the refugee children. Seven children in total, comprising 2 boys and 5 girls, actively took part in these sports events led by COV. The children expressed their enthusiasm and satisfaction with the experience, expressing a desire to return to the Community Center for more games.
- The COVs from the Akre Camp Community Center also organized morning sports sessions for refugee girls (4) and boys (3). The activity was initiated to promote physical activity, instill healthy habits, and enhance their overall physical well-being.
- Roj Community Center had COVs open the "Table Tennis and Foosball" set of activities for the POCs residing in Domiz 2 Camp, specifically, the youth who are interested in sports games, express themselves through it and create a sense of co-exitance and unity among the community members. These activities are constantly in high demand within the community due to their love for sports. The activities reached 25 refugees covering both males (11) and females (14).

Recreational Activities

- Akre Camp's Community Center sets up several recreational activities for the refugee children residing in the camp. The activities included games like bowling, throwing darts, and musical chairs, along with other recreational activities like drawing and storytelling. All activities were held separately on separate dates ensuring that as many children as possible had the chance to participate within the Community Center. The children were very engaged in the activities which covered 31 refugees, 14 of which were boys and 17 were girls.
- The entertainment activities conducted for children in Bardarash Camp, including drawing, shaping colored paper into origami, and gathering games, were designed to provide an enjoyable and educational experience. These activities involved both boys (7) and girls (23), aiming to enhance social cohesion among them and create a positive atmosphere. Also, through drawing children had the opportunity to learn about important topics such as fire prevention creatively and engagingly. As a result, participants not only had fun but also benefited from the activities by developing their minds and forming relationships with their peers.

COVs at the **Batifa** Community Center also hosted recreational activities for the children of the surrounding community. Ranging from sports-themed activities like badminton to artistic skills like folding papers into origami shapes relieving children of stress and providing the 8 refugees (3 males & 5 females), 7 IDPs (2 males & 5 females), and 46 members of the host community with a sense of normalcy while providing new activities and hobbies for them to enjoy.



- COVs conducted a recreational activity where children would play brain games through which the participants tested their mind capacities and skills by responding to puzzles and other mathematic equations. The activity held in **Domiz 1 Camp's** Vajeen Community Center was chosen to enhance the children's learning capabilities and encourage them to think outside the box while still pertaining an entertaining environment for the 11 refugees (3 males & 8 females).
- The COVs at Roj Community Center in **Domiz 2 Camp** had children visit the Community Center to partake in recreational activities which included games and storytelling for children, which the 50 refugees consisting of mostly girls enjoyed (4 males & 46 females).
- The entertainment activities for the children of Gawilan Camp involved drawing and coloring for a group of both boys (5) and girls (10). The children greatly appreciated this opportunity to have fun in the Community Center while enhancing their cognitive and artistic skills. They expressed a desire to continue practicing such activities not only in Community Centers but also within their schools during recess. This kind of group engagement helps develop the mind and build relationships with their peers, contributing to their overall growth and well-being.
- Husseniye Community Center gathered children where the COVs provided them with entertaining activities they
 could enjoy such as throwing darts and drawing exercises to bolster their sense of belonging and allow them to
 socialize with their peers. The group of activities reached out to 36 non-Syrian refugees (30 males & 6 females).



- The Community Centers in **Qasrok** and Summel hosted a myriad of activities to ensure the utmost outreach to the children of the community. Activities held with the support of the COVs included a mix of sports activities such as football matches, foosball, ping-pong, morning exercises along with other recreational activities such as checkers, drawing, handicrafts, storytelling, and puzzle games for the children to The Community Center provided entertainment for children of all statuses, including 325 refugees (93 males & 232 females), 38 IDPs (27 males & 11 females), and 9 members of the host community (7 males & 2 females).
- Responding to children's demands during the summer holiday, the Zewa Community Center in **Duhok** conducted an entertainment and sports activity for 9 children from IDP (6 girls) and host communities (1 boy & 2 girls) in the Duhok area. The activity included various games and sports including foosball and table tennis, and educational activities that encouraged the participants to stimulate their minds and gain new knowledge, as well as make memories with their fellow community members. The participants reacted positively to the activity and asked for more similar activities.

International Days

The COVs of **Bardarash** and **Gawilan Camp** celebrated International Youth Day by organizing a drawing activity for a group of young participants, providing a platform for self-expression, and communication, and promoting psychological well-being through art. Additionally, these activities played a role in preserving and expressing the unique cultural identities of 19 young refugees (9 males & 10 females).



This celebration within the refugee camp served to raise awareness about the rights and challenges faced by young refugees worldwide, celebrating their resilience and contributions to society despite their circumstances. Similarly, at Zewa Community Center, COVs conducted a football activity for a group of 12 refugee boys to revive Youth Day, strengthen social cohesion, and meet the community's desires, leading to excited participation and interest in similar future activities.

 Duhok's Zewa and Deraluk Community Centers also revived the International Youth Day by hosting football tournaments for refugees and members of the host community.



The activity not only aimed to celebrate the day and highlight its importance but also to strengthen the social cohesion in the community by having the youth express themselves with sports. Enjoyed by the participants, the activity, which hosted 12 refugee boys, 1 IDP man, and 12 men from the host community, concluded with the winning teams being awarded.

For the occasion of World Humanitarian Day, **Batifa** Community Center raised awareness for children and their parents on the importance of this day. The event also included a competition and award-giving in the form of school stationery supplies followed by other entertaining activities. The 13 participants, including refugees (3 males & 2 females), IDPs (2 males & 2 females), and members of the host community (2 males & 2 females) were happy to be involved in reviving this important day.

Communication with Communities (CwC) | Mass Information Awareness Sessions

Deraluk and Summel Community Centers conducted awareness sessions on anti-fraud for the refugees and IDPs residing within the community. The sessions in Deraluk were set for children in Sheladize and delivered by the COVs, and both locations provided the participants with the necessary knowledge about relevant fraudulent activities and how to stay away from them. The session also encouraged the participants to spread the knowledge they gained to their families, friends, and other community members. The sessions gathered 24 refugees (3 boys, 3 girls, 5 men, & 13 women).



• With the support of **Deraluk, Zakho, Batifa, Summel, Bardarash, Gawilan**, and **Domiz 2 Camp's** Community Centers a total of 16 sessions were conducted on community-based complaint mechanisms (CBCM) for 165 refugees (7 boys, 6 girls, 59 men, & 93 women) and 37 IDPs (9 boys, 7 girls, 11 men, & 10 women). Delivered by the COVs, the session provided the participants with the necessary knowledge on methods of delivering complaints to UNHCR and to voice their concerns on any cases of abuse, fraud, or any bad actors when receiving the services arranged for them. CBCM key

messages were also shared via online channels on **Qasrok** Community Center's social media account, reaching an estimated 20 refugees (10 men & 10 women) and 50 IDPs (26 men & 24 women).

- The COVs at Zakho, Domiz 1 & 2 Camp's Community Centers, including Ronak, Vajeen, Yak Dast, and Roj have taken important steps to emphasize the value of education through a series of awareness sessions focused on the "Backto-School" theme. These sessions play a crucial role in addressing disparities in educational opportunities that many individuals face due to various factors. The impact of these sessions is evident in the positive feedback from parents who now feel better equipped to support their children's education which included 198 refugees (33 boys, 117 girls, 20 men, & 28 women).
- Awareness session on pregnancy in **Batifa** Community Center helped sensitize the vulnerable community on self-care and medical care during pregnancy. This activity was conducted through the observation and recommendations of COVs that found that many women and girls lack knowledge of self-care during pregnancy. The 3 refugee and 3 IDP women and girls were happy to be involved in such topics as it is rarely discussed.
- Another vital health topic includes personal hygiene and general hygiene which was conducted in Domiz 1 & 2 Bardarash camps. Camp. Gawilan Camp, Shariya Camp, Zakho, Qasrok, and Summel Community Centers with the support of relevant community structures such as COVs and SGCCs. Emphasizing its crucial role in health and well-being within the community, these sessions, conducted mainly for children and teenagers, served as a valuable platform for community sensitization. enabling community members



to adopt and share good hygiene practices. This ripple effect not only benefits individuals but also strengthens the entire community's resilience by reducing the risk of illness and promoting the community's overall well-being. The sessions covered a large audience of refugees (48 boys, 137 girls, & 15 women) and IDPs (10 boys, 7 girls, 6 men, & 3 women). Key messages about personal hygiene were also shared on social media outlets on the **Qasrok** Community Center's social media account, sharing the information to an estimated 4 refugees and 10 IDPs.

have been conducted by COVs and SGCCs across different Community Centers in Zakho, Domiz 1 & 2 Camps, Bardarash Camp, Gawilan Camp, and Rawanga. These sessions aimed to educate participants regardless of their status about fire safety

emergencies. This initiative was chosen to mitigate risk due to the rise of cases,

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particularly in temporary and crowded settings like refugee camps. The sessions included 124 refugees (7 boys, 23 girls, 34 men, & 60 women) and 433 IDPs (33 boys, 40 girls, 160 men, & 200 women).

- As cases of varying sickness and diseases spread within the community, COVs sought to educate the people on several diseases and health conditions separately ranging from hemorrhagic fever, diabetes, diarrhea, and other common widespread diseases separately. The locations included all of **Domiz 1 Camp's** Community Centers, along with Akre Camp and Husseniye Community Centers. The sessions focused on not only symptoms and methods of spread in case of diseases but also the disease's prevention and its dangers. This series of awareness sessions was hosted primarily by females with 56 refugees (3 boys, 30 girls, & 23 women) in total.
- Zakho Community Center hosted sessions on how to handle and deal with children suffering from autism. The COVs gathered 16 refugees (5 men & 11 women) to inform them about proper ways of dealing with children with autism and the special care they need. The PoCs were interested in the topic as they felt they were more equipped on how to deal with such sensitive cases properly.
- Awareness sessions titled "How to identify your talents and achieve your goals" were launched to empower participants by highlighting the significance of identifying and harnessing their talents and pursuing their aspirations. By fostering interactive discussions and encouraging self-reflection, these sessions assisted participants in discovering their inherent strengths and formulating a clear path toward personal and professional achievements. The 42 refugee girls from **Summel** described their satisfaction with the sessions held in the Community Center.
- The COVs in **Domiz 1 Camp's** Vajeen Community Center also conducted a similar information session on "Goal Setting by Adolescents." These sessions are instrumental in equipping adolescents with the knowledge and skills needed to set and work towards their goals effectively. Empowering the 6 participants (2 boys & 4 girls) with the ability to plan and achieve their aspirations not only fosters personal development but also positions them to seize opportunities and excel in various aspects of life.
- An awareness session was provided on family ties to spread awareness among the beneficiaries about family ties and explain the important benefits of the bond between a person and their family. This activity conducted in **Zakho** aimed to deliver to the participants the importance of familial bonds in their society. The activity was intriguing to the 15 participants from the 4 IDP men to the 11 refugees (2 men & 9 women).
- The awareness sessions conducted by **Zakho** and **Deraluk** Community Centers on inclusion and diversity in various locations have been instrumental in educating refugees (10 boys, 8 girls, 15 men, & 16 women) and IDPs (4 boys, 2 girls, 5 men, & 5 women) about the value of coexisting with people from diverse cultures, backgrounds, and beliefs without discrimination. These sessions not only provided essential knowledge but also motivated participants to share this understanding with their families and communities, fostering a more inclusive environment. Diversity and inclusion key messages were also shared via online channels on the **Qasrok** Community Center's social media account, reaching an estimated 10 refugees (5 men & 5 women) and 23 IDPs (12 men & 11 women).
- The legal awareness sessions conducted by Harikar legal staff and in coordination with NRC NGO have played a crucial role in educating the PoCs about the importance of legal documentation and the various processes involved, such as marriage, divorce, residency, and referrals. Many individuals may not be aware of these processes or how to navigate them, making these sessions in **Bardarash Camp**, **Gawilan Camp**, and **Zakho** highly valuable. The feedback and impact from the 27 refugee participants (7 men & 20 women) and 6 IDP men have been positive and useful, with attendees expressing gratitude for the opportunity to learn about these legal services and processes, highlighting the need for continued community awareness and education regarding these important matters.

- The Prejudice Awareness Session held in **Domiz 2 Camp** was an initiative addressing a significant issue within the community. Prejudice can perpetuate divisions, undermine mental well-being, and hinder community cohesion, making it crucial to raise awareness about its impacts and ways to combat it. Given the diverse backgrounds of the camp's residents, this session was particularly relevant in promoting empathy, understanding, and inclusivity. By encouraging open discussions and self-reflection, it provided the 27 refugees consisting of girls primarily (25 girls, 2 boys) with a platform to recognize their own biases and work towards a more harmonious and respectful living environment.
- The awareness session conducted regarding the Bardarash-Gawilan relocation operation served as a valuable platform to address important questions and concerns frequently raised by the Bardarash community. By coordinating with Harikar's staff and the COVs team leader, the session aimed to provide clarity and ensure up to 18 community members (6 men & 12 women) could adequately prepare for the relocation. Attendees expressed their appreciation for receiving answers to these frequently asked questions, recognizing the importance of being well-informed and prepared for such significant transitions. This session contributed to easing uncertainties and facilitating a smoother relocation process for the community.
- The awareness session on child labor held in the Ronak Community Center of **Domiz 1 Camp** aimed to address the pressing issue of child labor in the refugee community, which has been exacerbated by challenging financial circumstances. The session was organized to raise awareness about the negative impact of child labor, which often leads to children dropping out of school. The participants welcomed this awareness initiative with enthusiasm and were eager to receive suggestions and advice on how to combat child labor, providing hope for a brighter future for the families of the 15 participants (7 men & 8 women).
- Similarly, in the Ronak Community Center, COVs conducted an awareness session on child marriage and out-of-court marriages, highlighting the disadvantages of girls' marriage at a young age and the negative effects of marriage before 18 years old. The participants were also sensitized about the practice of getting married outside of the legal court system, often done through traditional means like Mulas, Sheikhs, or Mukhtars, which can have implications for legal documentation. This session was prompted by the increasing cases of child and out-of-court marriages within the community. It successfully sensitized the 13 refugee girls in **Domiz 1 Camp** about the detrimental consequences of these practices on individuals and their children.
- Other related sessions on children in **Domiz 1 Camp** include a session on "Methods of Child Upbringing", sensitizing the participants on the more developed and recent methods of child upbringing that reflect the current modern lifestyle. this would help parents to better control their children positively according to their needs. This session, conducted in Yak Dast Community Center, was chosen to provide modern and more developed methods of child upbringing for parents. The 6 participants (2 men & 4 women) acknowledged the means they can utilize to identify their children's needs and how to raise them despite the change of the time and society.

PSEA awareness sessions resume to continue awareness on this critical subject. With COVs and SGCCs across **Domiz 1 & 2 camps**, **Bardarash Camp**, **Gawilan Camp**, **Batifa**, **Qasrok**, **Zakho**, **Summel**, and **Rawanga** educating individuals about the risks of sexual exploitation and abuse within their communities. These awareness sessions

and leaflet distributions shed light on the unacceptable practices of humanitarian actors. By arming participants with knowledge on how to recognize, report, and prevent such incidents through community mechanisms, these initiatives serve as a protective measure against exploitation. These sessions were hosted for both men and women reaching 816 refugees (8 boys, 27 girls, 277 men, & 504 women) and 172 IDPs (9 boys, 7 girls, 71 men, & 85 women). PSEA leaflets were also distributed in Batifa reaching 91 refugees (38 men & 53 women) and 121 IDPs (58 men & 63 women); and the key messages were also shared via online channels on Roj, Qasrok, and Rawanga Community Center's social media accounts, reaching an estimate of 406 refugees (175 men & 231 women) and 131 IDPs (66 men & 65 women).



Awareness sessions on mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) were conducted for beneficiaries in Zakho to emphasize the importance of maintaining their mental and emotional well-being. MHPSS awareness was provided to illustrate its significance as a set of procedures and methods that individuals can follow to ensure their mental well-being, find solutions to their problems, and enhance their psychological resilience in facing crises.

These sessions were organized based on the community's identified need, and they had a positive impact on the 10 refugees (5 men & 5 women) and 5 IDP men.

- The Refugees Welfare Committee (RWC) started to conduct awareness sessions on the Onward Movement in **Domiz 2 Camp**. The sessions aimed to educate the community on fraud prevention, a crucial topic to the community's overall survival and well-being, by setting an interactive session for the 18 refugees involved (10 men & 8 women). The session covered topics such as fraud prevention and avoidance. Based on camp management and RWC members' assessment several cases of onward movement and fraud have been noticed in the camp and have decided to conduct this awareness to combat this problem and help the people of the area to identify cases and also how to reduce this phenomenon. Key messages were also distributed in the form of leaflets reaching 113 refugees (50 men & 63 women).
- In **Gawilan Camp**, awareness sessions on peaceful coexistence were provided in the Community Center. Aiming for social cohesion, especially in the upcoming integration period for both Bardarash and Gawilan camps, the activity had participants across the camp join in to learn about the importance of coexistence and understanding. The sessions were hosted for 43 refugees (4 boys, 4 girls, 11 men, & 24 women).
- COVs Gawilan Camp also conducted a session to inform the community about the process of UNHCR registration. The aim was to provide up-todate information regarding the registration center inside Gawilan camp for refugees and asylum seekers. Below are 2 of the most common questions provided by the 34 PoCs (12 men & 22 women):
 - 1- Does the link also allow uploading documents?
 - 2- Is the link a request for an appointment, or can the PoC provide updated data and have UNHCR process the documents automatically?

The key messages were also shared online for an estimated 2378 individuals through Zewa Community Center's social media account.



Key Messages

- The COVs Akre Camp and Domiz 1 & 2 Camps shared key messages through online channels and leaflet distribution on the upcoming discontinuation of emergency medical referral services for refugee camps, which raises concerns about the health and well-being of vulnerable populations. It is imperative to create awareness about this change to ensure that refugees are informed and can take appropriate actions to mitigate the potential negative impact. The community expressed concern that without referral support, refugees might face difficulties in reaching public hospitals for urgent medical care, which could lead to delays in treatment and potentially result in deteriorating health conditions. The key messages both online and through leaflet distribution reached an estimated 2351 refugees (15 boys, 20 girls, 1037 men, & 1279 women).
- Another activity on sharing key messages aims to inform IDPs in the camp about upcoming changes in shelter upgrades and the discontinuation of cash assistance. These activities, conducted in **Khanki**, **Shariya**, **Essiyan**, and **Kabartu 1 & 2 Camps** helped IDPs understand the reasons behind these changes and the available support options. Additionally, the Governor of Duhok has allowed IDPs to upgrade their shelters for safety, especially due to the risk of fires, which was a positive piece of information for the community to receive. These activities reached out to 1261 IDPs (226 boys, 188 girls, 447 men, & 400 women).
- COVs helped Disseminate key messages on the continuity of education of students in the Bardarash transit facility to ensure the families in Gawilan Camp are aware of the continuation of education. Since many families will be relocated from Bardarash to Gawilan camp before the new school year, and many families will start relocating after the fact, disseminating these key messages ensured the community was aware of the continuation of education for every child in Bardarash camp. The feedback was overall positive since there were many families not aware of the process. The activity ensured to reach 164 refugees (9 boys & 8 girls, 86 men, & 61 women).
- Other general information regarding the relocation of families from the Bardarash transit facility to Gawilan Camp was decimated to increase the awareness and knowledge of the newly relocated families and to introduce to them some main locations within the camps such as Camp Management, Help Desk, and some other locations, also to share information regarding the time the electricity will be available and other general information. The information reached 190 refugees (9 boys & 8 girls, 97 men, & 76 women).

- The community in **Duhok** was sensitized regarding the relocation of Dilzhiyan to Zewa through online key messages shared on social media outlets. The posts and messages were received and viewed by an estimated 2378 refugees, IDPs, and members of the host community.
- An activity on proper waste management practices was set to raise awareness in the camp community of **Mamrashan Camp**. The SGCCs performed house-to-house visits to disseminate key messages on waste management, which were requested by camp management. The rationale behind this initiative is the camp's overcrowded and resource-limited environment, where proper waste management is crucial. The activities shared the information across 148 IDPs (15 boys, 14 girls, 44 men, & 75 women).
- Information on WFP's ration distribution was sent to individuals in Gawilan Camp through WhatsApp trees with the aid of the COVs. These messages were shared and viewed by an estimated 600 individuals (153 boys, 37 girls, 197 men, & 213 women).

Accountability to Affected Persons (AAP)

Participatory Assessment was conducted across Duhok with the aid of Harikar, UNHCR, and NRC which involved holding separate discussions with women, girls, boys, and men of concern, including adolescents, to gather accurate information on the specific protection risks they face and the underlying causes, to understand their capacities, and to hear their proposed solutions. There was a total of 48 assessments covering 236 refugees (23 boys, 18 girls, 102 men, & 93 women), 200 IDPs (106 men & 94 women), and 16 members of the host community (4 men & 12 women).

Other Activities

Capacity Building

The Trauma Pedagogy Training for Volunteers was a comprehensive program designed to provide volunteers with the knowledge and skills necessary to support individuals who have experienced trauma.



The training aimed to deepen their understanding of trauma and its effects, while also equipping them with effective strategies to create safe and empowering environments for survivors. The training was conducted at the **Qasrok** Community Center and involved a total of 20 volunteers.

Harikar organization in coordination with Jiyan Foundation organized a series of capacity-building sessions for COVs on self-care as a part of Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) training. This training in **Domiz 1 Camps** was aimed at increasing COVs' skills about means of self-care, particularly while receiving various PoC complaints, suggestions, concerns about services, or protection concerns besides the pressure they have while receiving beneficiaries. These training sessions would teach them how to take care of themselves in all situations without being negatively affected for the betterment of their overall well-being.



CwC & Outreach team have reached a total of 8741 refugees (3756 males & 4985 females), 4250 IDPs (2138 males & 2112 females), and 2001 members of the host community (999 males & 1002 females). The below chart shows further relevant data regarding the activities of CwC & Outreach for August.

