

# Harikar Outreach Monthly Report

May/2023



## HIGHLIGHTS

- *PSEA Campaign continues across Duhok sensitizing the community on sensitive topics via awareness sessions, key message decimations, leaflet distribution, and door-to-door visits.*
- *Language courses were conducted across Duhok to support students and children to communicate, socialize, and improve their overall education.*
- *Varying recreational and sports activities for children are being conducted across Duhok to provide children with a sense of safety and normalcy, ranging from drawing and singing to jump rope and hopscotch.*

## Activities Conducted

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### Community Empowerment | Social Cohesion

#### Training Sessions

- In response to community requests, **Zakho** and **Hussiniye** COVs organized and launched courses for barbering for POC men for a total of 17 participants, Zakho with 2 Refugees, 4 IDPs, and 4 members of the Host Community; and Hussiniye with 7 Refugees. Recognizing the importance of barbering as an essential skill for young people, the course aimed to train participants to potentially earn an income while contributing to society. The initiative was chosen based on the local community's desire for such skills, and the participants expressed their joy and appreciation for the organization of such training, especially at a time when many of them are facing job challenges and lacking the necessary skills.
- COVs organized a training session on the basics of first aid for women at the community centers of **Domiz 1 Camp, Zakho, and Akre Camp**. Domiz 1 Camp's Ronak Center, in response to the community's needs, successfully set up and completed their training for 11 Refugee women. The instruction was given by trained volunteers to provide participants with foundational knowledge and skill set. Zakho also conducted their training for 6 Refugee women. The purpose of the training was to make people more aware of the risks associated with using first aid supplies to assist in situations. Effective strategies for handling wounds, asphyxia, or fainting were taught. While the nursing training course in Akre provided valuable knowledge for emergencies, catering to the needs of the 10 Refugee women who may require such information in critical moments. This course also received high demand from the community, as people recognize the importance of having access to nursing information during emergencies.
- For Syrian refugees, **Duhok's** Zewa Community Center conducted a session on CV preparation and job applications to improve the odds of the POCs of acquiring a job. The COV-led session's goal was to increase the 5 Refugee participants' job market preparation by enhancing their resumes and interviewing techniques, including 2 Men, 1 Boy, and 2 Women. Positive feedback and a desire for more such programs came from the participants.
- The purpose of this training course in **Domiz 2 Camp** was to teach the 9 participating refugee women the fundamentals of packaging and decorating, including how to make different kinds and shapes of packaging. To improve their design abilities and perspective on effective packaging and business as a whole, which also featured assessments and quizzes to promote participation. To enable participants to explore career options in this sector and respond to the community's request for stress treatment, the course was created. Along with encouraging personal development, empowerment, and integration both inside and outside of the camp, it also aims to advance social cohesiveness and cultural variety.
- Young children who have not attended school yet were allowed to participate in an educational program in **Gawilan** Community Center which focused on teaching them the Arabic and English alphabets as well as sentence structure. The main goals of this exercise are to improve their linguistic abilities and cultivate a good attitude toward learning for 19 Refugees, 9 of whom were Girls and the rest were Boys. The discussion focused on the value of education for the future of the participants. They expressed



appreciation for the educational experience and eagerness to participate in the next sessions at the center.

- Other language-focused training sessions were conducted in various locations including **Hussiniye, Qasrok, Domiz 1 & 2 Camp, and Sumel**. To support cultural diversity and give participants more authority, a Kurdish alphabet course was set up in response to community requests in Summel for 12 Refugee girls, and a similar general Kurdish language course in Hussiniye, for 8 Women, 7 of whom were non-Syrian Refugees and the latter a woman from the host community. The participants of the course, which covered vocabulary, grammar, and speaking techniques, expressed gratitude for the favorable effects it had on their personal development. Other activities included 69 children participating in "Reinforcement Lessons" for the English language, 2 Refugee boys, 58 Refugee girls, 2 IDP Boys, 5 IDP girls, and 1 Boy and 1 Girl from the host community. The goal was to offer tools and assistance for their academic program, ensuring that all students had an equal chance to succeed and encouraging active learning. The way it was organized was praised by the participants and the families involved. And finally, to enhance communication abilities, an "English Language Course" was arranged for 7 Refugee women and 1 Woman from the Host Community. The training placed a strong emphasis on communication in daily life verbally and in writing. The participants expressed their delight and acknowledged the value of education for their personal development and possibilities for the future.



- COVs of **Duhok's** Zewa Community Center arranged a sketching and a handicraft session for kids. The COVs that oversaw the activity, gave the 23 participants (2 Refugee Boys & Girls each, IDPs including 2 Boys and 14 Girls, and 3 Boys from the Host Community) the chance to develop new abilities and engage in creative expression. The participants' enthusiastic response and request for further events of a similar nature demonstrate their interest in the project and its beneficial effects on social cohesion. Another handicraft training in **Zakho** and **Batifa** ULC community centers respectively emphasized making a variety of products out of materials like multi-colored wool, wooden craft stands, and other things. The workshops, which catered to 22 women between the ages of 22 and 40, 9 of which were Refugees, 8 were IDPs, and the other 5 from the Host Community were chosen in response to requests from the community for life skills exercises that foster social cohesiveness. The ladies showed a good response, expressing gratitude for the course and the new skills they had learned, which were highly regarded by all women.
- Sewing courses were conducted in **Duhok's** Zewa, **Gawilan**, along with a knitting course in **Akre Camp**. The courses emphasized on improving the 42 Women's sewing and knitting abilities (29 Refugee Women, 3 IDP Women, and 10 Women from the Host Community). The activity aimed to prepare the participants for professions in sewing and entrepreneurship. There were 8 sessions totaling 1.5 hours each in Zewa. A desire for additional comparable activities has been prompted by favorable responses and community engagement. By giving refugees a creative outlet, community-building opportunities, and knowledge on how to make money, the knitting class in Akre, empowered the women, exchanged ethnic customs, picked up skills, and made lovely Handmade works. By popular demand, this course offers useful techniques for generating revenue. In Bardarash, sewing machines, clothing measurements, and ironing were all addressed in the sewing class for refugee women. It met the community's demand for independence



and skill development. Following the end of the training, participants indicated an interest in getting sewing machines.

- Multiple training sessions were conducted regarding sweet making across Duhok, female refugees of **Domiz 1 Camp's** Yak Dast Community Center successfully finished the training session conducted by COVs for 8 refugee women. The lesson addressed many kinds of sweets, their components, and how they were made. The community's requests, notably from women who wished to learn how to produce sweets at home and maybe launch their own business, were taken into consideration when activities were set up.

**Hussiniye's** sweet-making course also gave 15 Women, 13 of whom were Refugees and the others being members of the host community the chance to study and hone their artistic abilities, which empowers them. It encourages innovation, entrepreneurship, and involvement in the community. Women learned various sweet recipes and techniques during the course, and they also developed the courage to produce and market their desserts. The training was well received and appreciated by the participants, who saw its potential as a talent they could use and perhaps even convert into a source of income.

As mentioned, participants can get a variety of advantages by taking baking and confectionery classes, including skill development, understanding of the business, hands-on experience, job options, entrepreneurial skills, personal development, and creative outlets. These sessions in **Summel** and **Qasrok**, designed for people who like preparing homemade treats, were set up to also include life-skills instruction which was led by COVs. By using these abilities, the 55 women and girl participants (26 Refugees, 24 IDPs, and 5 from the Host Community) may enhance their quality of life and spend their leisure time doing enjoyable activities. The planning and execution of these programs drew general praise from participants.

- A musical course was conducted at **Bardarash** refugee camp, aimed at promoting coexistence and social cohesion among 20 Refugee youth with 9 Boys and 11 Girls. This activity was chosen based on community feedback and the requests provided. Boys and girls were taught how to play the SAZ musical instrument, with the goal of participating in World Refugee Day 2023 in the Duhok governorate. The participants expressed happiness and excitement about learning to play the SAZ instrument. At **Domiz 1 camp**, Ronak Center successfully concluded a music course that focused on instrument usage and academic learning of music. The course was facilitated by a dedicated COV from the community center. Its purpose was to help the 14 individuals, 4 Boys, and 10 Girls, to express their emotions through music and develop fun skills for their leisure time. Moreover, this training offered the potential for making a living by getting paid to play instruments at dedicated events. The participants greatly enjoyed this type of training as it provided a fun activity and allowed them to enjoy learning music.

### Sports Activities

- Zewa Community Center in **Duhok** arranged a football match for ten boys from the host community at the Zewa football court. The event was overseen by COVs, and refreshments were provided to the participants. The community showed a strong interest in this activity, and the participants responded positively, expressing their desire for more similar activities in the future.



- Twelve girls (5 Refugees, 4 IDPs, and 3 from the Host Community) participated in a basketball game at the youth facility organized by the **Deraluk** Community facility. COVs oversaw the activities. The activity aimed to inspire the participating girl to contribute and volunteer in their community. The guests gave the event positive feedback and expressed a wish for more similar events in the future.



- The COVs at **Domiz 2 Camp's** Roj Community Center organized a chess game, providing participants with an introduction to the rules and basics of chess. Chess boards, pieces, and instructional materials were provided. The session included demonstrations and hands-on practice. The community recommends continuing similar educational and recreational activities for the well-being and growth of individuals in the camp, with this activity targeting 18 Boys. The activity also fostered social interaction, friendship building, teamwork, and sportsmanship among the participants.



- For International Sports Day, **Zakho** Community Center organized the final match between two winning teams from the ongoing tournament. The event aimed to promote social cohesion through sports activities. The revival of International Sports Day through a volleyball tournament in the Zakho area has received positive

feedback from the community and volleyball teams which has reached a total of 79 Men (12 Refugees, 51 IDPs, and 16 members of the Host Community). They appreciate the support provided by UNHCR, Harikar, and the community center in organizing activities that serve their interests and skills.

- COVs in **Akre Camp** and **Hussiniye** prepared foosball sessions for a total of 28 Children, 24 of whom were Boys, where they attend the community center to enjoy the sport and to compete with one another. As foosball rises in popularity in the community more people show up at the community center to enjoy the game, communicate with one another, and become sensitized to vital topics.
- A four-day football tournament called "Social Cohesion through Sports" was organized at the Al-Shekh football stadium near **Bardarash camp**. The tournament involved eight locations, including refugee camps, IDP camps, and urban areas. The event aimed to foster coexistence and strengthen relationships among participants from different communities, including refugees, IDPs, and the host community. The participants showed great enthusiasm and excitement for the tournament.
- **Akre Camp's** Community Center also organized hopscotch games for children where they attended the community center for this entertaining sport. A total of 15 children, 6 of whom were Boys and 9 of whom were Girls participated in this COV-led sports activity. Children showed positive overall feedback to the activity.



- Table tennis was introduced as a sports activity in **Gawilan, Hussiniye, and Domiz 2 Camp's** Roj community centers. In Gawilan, table tennis activities for children and youth were conducted where teams challenged and trained on this sport to enhance social cohesion and increase their overall skills. Based on the community's request and interest, this activity was organized and played at

the community center for 58 Youths. Feedback was positive, with participants asking for even more sports equipment in the community centers.

The "Table Tennis for Refugees" program aims to introduce and promote table tennis among refugees in Hussiniye. This activity offers physical exercise, skill development, and community-building opportunities. Regular practice and friendly competitions allow refugees to enjoy the benefits of sports, build resilience, and foster camaraderie with 7 refugee men participating. The program also serves as a source of entertainment for the local youth, who had an enjoyable time participating in the activity.

In Domiz 2's Roj community center, a Table Tennis game for youth was organized as a way to promote coexistence and unity among community members. The activity aimed to meet the high demand and interest in sports expressed by the community, bringing the 10 refugee boys together in an inclusive setting. During the activity, participants received important messages about protection issues such as



PSEA, health, and fraud, which are relevant concerns for the community.

### *Recreational Activities*

- **Bardarash** Community Center conducted recreational activities, one of which was with the aid of CYFS (Children & Youth Friendly Space), and provided entertainment activities to 41 Male and 48 Female children and youth, including mental games, drawing, and coloring, conducted by COVs. The purpose was to engage children in enjoyable and beneficial activities, foster social cohesion, and teach them skills for filling free time with group games and building relationships with peers. The children expressed happiness and desired similar activities in schools during resting time to continue their engagement.
- Children and youth at **Batifa** Community Center participated in entertainment activities set up by the COVs where they played ping pong, jump rope, and basketball. The activities were organized based on the community's needs and aimed to bring joy and happiness to the 107 participants while fostering their social and interpersonal skills, the participants are segregated as (16 Boys & 8 Girl Refugees, 2 Boys & 11 Girl IDPs, 36 Boys & 34 Girl Host Community). The children and teenagers greatly enjoyed the recreational games and benefited from the opportunity to interact and develop their skills in a fun environment.
- A drawing activity was organized in **Chamishko** SGCC center specifically for girls to teach them the fundamentals of drawing and share simple drawing techniques. The activity was chosen based on the preference of the 30 Female participants and was well received, leading to an overwhelming number of requests from other individuals of concern (POCs) who expressed interest in joining future sessions. The girls were delighted with the activity, and the positive feedback received further highlighted the success and impact of the activity.
- **Deraluk** Community Center organized a five-day drawing and entertainment program for children in the Deraluk area. The activities involved educational drawing exercises, entertainment, and refreshments for a sum of 9 Boys, 5 Refugees, and 4 from the Host Community. The COVs successfully coordinated the program and received positive feedback from the participants, who expressed their desire for more similar activities in the future.
- In **Gawilan**, the recreational activities for children at the community center aimed to provide entertaining games to motivate and engage children. These activities are organized once a week to keep children entertained and away from negative influences. Parents specifically request these activities to ensure their children are in a safe environment. Participants, totaling 43 children (32 Boys & 11 girls) expressed their enjoyment and eagerly anticipate the next activity.



- The recreational activities conducted in **Summel** and **Qasrok** for refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) were essential to improving their physical and mental health, helping them cope with trauma, reducing everyday stress, and promoting a sense of community and belonging. These COV-led activities were conducted to provide the 488 refugees (99 Boys & 181 Girls), displaced persons (78 Boys & 58 Girls), and members of the host community (46 Boys & 26 Girls) with a sense of normalcy, escape from the challenges of their daily lives, and an opportunity to connect with others to build a supportive community.
- The COVs of **Domiz 2 Camp's** Roj community center lead the recreational activity and engaged the children. They promoted participation and made sure that each youngster gets the chance to enjoy themselves. The children enjoyed the set-up singing games which united children and fostered a feeling of community. To create a joyful environment for the children. The activity hosted refugees, targeting 12 Boys and 37 Girls.
- Zewa Community Center in **Duhok** organized diverse activities for refugees (6 Boys & 9 Girls), IDPs (14 Boys & 19 Girls), and members of the host communities in Duhok (37 Boys & 28 Girls). Including drawing, entertainment, storytelling, and more. These activities aimed to provide an enjoyable and enriching experience, promote education, and foster social cohesion. Managed by dedicated COVs, the activities



received positive feedback and requests for more. Participants expressed satisfaction, emphasizing the significance of the knowledge gained.

## Communication with Communities (CwC) | Mass Information

### Awareness Sessions

- **Deraluk** Community Centers organized an anti-fraud awareness session for boys of varying statuses including 5 refugees, 2 IDPs, and 3 members of the Host Community. The session provided valuable knowledge on preventing fraudulent activities and encouraged participants to share the information with their families and community. The positive response from participants has sparked interest in organizing similar activities in the future. Similarly, **Batifa** would gather two families at a time to raise awareness about fraud, educating the 23 participants (16 Refugees & 7 IDPs) on different types of fraud and protection methods.

- Other general awareness sessions on PSEA were conducted at **Bardarash, Deraluk, Batifa, Gawilan, and Zakho** community centers. Participants totaled 345 with 328 Refugees, 16 IDPs, and a member of the Host Community who gained valuable knowledge on identifying and reporting cases of abuse and were encouraged to share this information with others. The sessions were addressing the community's need for PSEA awareness. Participants appreciated the sessions and requested similar ones in schools to reach a wider audience, particularly vulnerable underage individuals. The sessions successfully empowered the community to protect themselves and combat sexual exploitation and abuse.
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- Awareness sessions on the Community-based Complaint Mechanism (CBCM) emphasized the importance of using complaint boxes for suggestions and feedback to communicate with services provided by NGOs for community development. The sessions were held for 32 Refugees and 16 IDPs (21 Males & 27 Females) in **Batifa** Community Center and **Domiz 1 Camp's** Yak Dast Community Center, who expressed gratitude for learning how to use the reporting and complaints mechanism.
  - An awareness session on addressing harassment through social media was conducted for a group of POCs in **Zakho** Community Sessions. The session focused on equipping the 56 participants with knowledge of reporting procedures and self-defense techniques to combat violations and harassment occurring on social media platforms. It is crucial for individuals, which included 45 Refugees and 11 IDPs (26 Male & 30 Female) to understand how to safeguard themselves from such online harassment, as it poses a risk to community safety in general. The participants expressed satisfaction and appreciation for the opportunity to enhance their understanding of this topic, particularly regarding learning about reporting channels.
  - Awareness sessions on personal hygiene were conducted across various community centers. In the **Chammishko** community center, a session focused on self-hygiene and cleanliness, addressing the unclean environment in the camp, and providing hygiene kits to the 20 IDP women participating. **Bardarash's** RWC Center, a personal hygiene awareness session focusing primarily on lice infestation covered 7 Refugee women and 7 IDP women. In **Domiz 1 Camp** 94 participants (24 Males & 70 Females) were informed about the importance of personal hygiene to prevent disease and maintain good health. At the **Akre Camp** Community Center, 53 children (15 Boys & 38 Girls) were educated about the importance of personal hygiene and oral hygiene for overall health and disease prevention. The COVs of **Domiz 2 camp** organized a session to promote awareness and instill long-term hygiene habits also for 33 children (12 Boys & 21 Girls). Finally, the awareness session at the **Summel** Community Center emphasized the preventive measures and self-confidence boost associated with good hygiene practices, including 8 Boys (3 Refugees & 5 IDPs). Overall, these sessions aimed to improve community health and well-being, receiving positive feedback from the participants.
  - COVs of Roj community center in collaboration with the Primary Health Care (PHC) of **Domiz 2 camp**, organized an awareness session on measles vaccination. The session aimed to educate community members about measles, including its symptoms, prevention methods, and the significance of vaccination. This activity was conducted to fulfill the PHC's requirement of spreading awareness and encouraging parents to vaccinate their children against measles, reaching 34 refugees (19 Males & 15 Females).



- The inclusion, diversity, and peacebuilding activities in **Summel** and **Domiz 1 Camp** aimed to develop understanding, empathy, and inclusivity. In Sumel 8 Refugees and 2 IDPs joined where misconceptions and stereotypes were debunked, this activity creates a foundation for social cohesion and compassion, receiving positive feedback on its organization and operation. In Domiz 1 Camp COVs held the peacebuilding session which aimed to promote coexistence and unity among diverse communities of the 24 participating Women, emphasizing the importance of living in peace and supporting one another. Participants were empowered to gain more information about social cohesion and peacebuilding within the community.
- The following activities are awareness sessions that were conducted to promote women's health:

An awareness session on early marriage was conducted for women at the **Zakho** and **Gawilan** community centers, aiming to change mindsets regarding the harm caused by early marriage. The 66 Female Refugee participants appreciated the knowledge gained. The session also raised awareness and provide legal and health perspectives, which participants showed interest in.

The **Zakho** community center hosted breast cancer awareness sessions specifically for women's groups. This COV-led activity aimed to provide valuable information about breast cancer including its symptoms, prevention, and general health awareness for 36 Female participants (24 Refugees & 10 IDPs), which expressed satisfaction with the knowledge gained during this session.



An awareness session focusing on the importance of breastfeeding was conducted at the **Batifa** community center for 8 women including 1 Refugee, 3 IDPs, and 4 members of the Host Community. The session aimed to educate the participants about the numerous benefits of breastfeeding for infants. The participants expressed satisfaction with the information shared during the session.

Finally, an awareness session on pregnancy was conducted for 5 women (1 Refugee & 4 IDPs) in **Batifa's** Community Center. The session aimed to address the lack of knowledge and understanding surrounding pregnancy, particularly among young girls and newly married couples. Participants expressed gratitude for receiving valuable

information about this sensitive topic, as it is not adequately covered in schools, universities, or homes.

- Lice Awareness sessions were conducted by COVs in **Akre, Hussiniye, and Domiz 2 Camp's** Roj community center to address the prevalent issue of lice infestations in the community, especially among children in crowded places like classrooms.



The activity was chosen based on concerns that were raised about a few lice cases, prompting the need for awareness. The sessions focused on educating the 144 participants including 50 Men and 94 Women (134 Refugees & 10 members of the Host Community) about the causes, symptoms, and prevention of lice infestations, emphasizing the importance of early detection and treatment. Participants found the sessions highly useful and expressed gratitude for the opportunity to learn about lice-prevention strategies.

- On World No Tobacco Day, an awareness campaign was conducted in collaboration with the **Batifa** health center to address the harmful effects of smoking and tobacco products among 11 Men aged 18-45 (4 Refugees, 2 IDPs, & 5 members of the Host Community). The activity aimed to educate the community about the risks associated with smoking, particularly the use of e-cigarettes. Additionally, smoking prevention health awareness sessions were held at **Gawilan** Community Center, targeting 11 Refugee Boys and 5 Refugee Girls emphasizing the risks and negative impacts of smoking.
- As part of the PSEA campaign, awareness sessions were organized in **Khanki** and **Rawanga** SGCC centers, **Qasrok, Summel, and Domiz 1 Camps** community centers to sensitize individuals of concern about the issue of humanitarian actors soliciting sexual favors in exchange for services that should be freely provided to those who have sought protection. The sessions aimed to educate participants about protection measures and reporting mechanisms to prevent such incidents. The ongoing cases of sexual exploitation and abuse by humanitarian actors were a key motivation for these activities, COVs and SGCCs managed to cover 1612 individuals which included 671 Men and 941 Women (793 Refugees, 780 IDPs, & 39 from the Host Community).
- The environmental conservation awareness session at **Qasrok** Community Center, conducted by COVs, aimed to educate the community (including 4 IDPs, and 5 members of the Host Community) about the significance of preserving and safeguarding the environment. The session involved interactive activities, discussions, and presentations to facilitate better learning and engagement.
- **Qasrok** Community Center COVs also conducted a fire prevention awareness session to provide concise and interactive awareness on fire safety to 4 IDPs 5 from the Host Community. The session emphasized the importance of fire prevention measures, safe practices, and emergency response protocols, particularly for individuals living in temporary or unfamiliar housing. The participants expressed appreciation for the opportunity to learn and gain new insights about fire safety.
- In partnership with International Medical Corps, COVs of **Domiz 1 Camp** conducted a six-week series of awareness sessions on "Gender-Based Violence" for women. This session focused on social norms, types of violence, and reporting mechanisms to empower the 9 Women refugees participating as equal members of society. The activity aimed to address prevalent instances of violence and promote positive change.



- In **Domiz 1 Camp**, COVs continued their awareness sessions on child protection at Yak Dast's Community Center. The sessions emphasized the importance of supporting the children in claiming their rights and addressing issues like child labor, which arises due to financial difficulties in families. The volunteers aimed to sensitize the 12 participating members of the community about the significance of children accessing and enjoying their rights, whom gained knowledge about child rights, barriers to accessing them, and how to overcome these obstacles.
- In **Domiz 1 Camp**, COVs of Ronak and Vajeen Community Centers conducted awareness sessions on the importance of education for 43 (7 Males & 36 Females) students. The sessions focused on emphasizing the significance of education, such as dedicating time to studying, developing effective reading habits, and using social media responsibly for educational purposes. Students were encouraged to seek support from their families, friends, and community centers when needed to improve their education. This activity aimed to address the lack of attention some students showed towards their studies and excessive use of social media. The 68 participants were made aware that education is their right and a pathway to avoid illiteracy, gain knowledge, specialize in a field, and secure a better future with increased opportunities.



### Key Messages

- IDPs were informed about UNHCR's cessation of cash assistance through social media and leaflet distribution. Community volunteers engaged with IDPs to provide updates on the changes. The IDPs expressed dissatisfaction with the discontinuation of cash assistance. Total beneficiaries reached with key messages in **Zakho** and **Batifa** included 3037 IDPs (1458 Males & 1579 Females).



- The Prevention from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) campaign continued at various locations such as **Domiz 2 Camp**, **Kabartu 1 & 2**, **Essiyan**, **Bardarash**, **Gawilan**, **Mam-Rashan** with leaflet distribution, house-to-house visits, and key message decimations. Important information about PSEA was shared with as many members of the community as possible covering a total of 3534 individuals (2655 Refugees & 879 IDPs). The aim was to expand their knowledge and empower them to protect themselves and the community from instances of sexual exploitation

and abuse. By involving the community in the accountability process, the goal was to prevent or reduce occurrences of such acts.

- In an effort to raise awareness about the risks associated with irregular movements in Iraq, COVs conducted an activity to disseminate key messages to 1540 Refugees (698 Females & 842 Males) in **Zakho**. The focus was on the dangers of traveling to central and southern Iraq without a proper permit. This activity was chosen in response to recorded cases of individuals facing difficulties after moving

from the KRI region to other parts of Iraq without permission. The community members expressed appreciation for receiving updates on matters that directly concern their safety and well-being.

- In collaboration with STEP-IN organization, SGCCs of **Shariya** and **Kabartu 1 & 2** camps distributed leaflets to raise awareness about their physiotherapy project. The leaflets were distributed to camp residents, community leaders, healthcare providers, and volunteers, as well as made available at local community centers. The leaflets highlighted the various conditions treated by STEP-IN. Following the distribution, there was a positive impact on the community, with increased awareness about the project's location and services as 1040 IDPs (498 Males & 542 Females) were sensitized on the topic. As a result, more individuals accessed the physiotherapy services offered by STEP-IN.
- COVs of **Domiz 1 Camp** and **Bardarash** community centers conducted awareness sessions on online registration to educate 169 refugees (84 Males & 85 Females) about the new channel available for registering themselves and making appointments for updating their forms. The sessions were held in response to recent changes in the registration process for refugees in the Kurdistan Region. Participants learned how to navigate the online registration system and schedule appointments with UNHCR to update their information.

### Accountability to Affected Persons (AAP)

- Endline FGDs (Focus Group Discussions) were conducted at **Bardarash**, **Summel**, and **Gawilan** community centers to assess the effectiveness of the PSEA campaign and gather feedback from the community on ways to further decrease and prevent SEA cases. The 3 FGDs provided an opportunity for the 85 community members (62 Refugees & 23 IDPs) to discuss their experiences and suggest improvements in reporting mechanisms for SEA cases. The participants expressed their satisfaction with the campaign but also highlighted the need for additional channels to report incidents of SEA.

### Other Activities

- Child Protection capacity building training was conducted by Lotus Flower organization for COVs in all **Domiz 1 Camp's** community centers and RWC center. The training aimed to enhance the knowledge and skills of COVs and RWC members in addressing child protection issues and providing appropriate support and guidance. The participants learned about referral mechanisms for child-related cases and gained a better understanding of the challenges children may face, such as child labor and substance abuse. This training equipped the COVs and RWC members to respond effectively to child protection issues and provide necessary referrals. A total of 21 individuals participated in the training.



### Relevant Data

CwC & Outreach team have reached a total of 13790 beneficiaries, ranging from Refugees to IDPs and members of the Host Community. The below chart shows relevant data regarding the activities of CwC & Outreach for May.

