

Outreach & CwC Monthly Report



November



HIGHLIGHTS

- 16-Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence kicked off with varying celebrations and activities commemorating the day across Duhok
- World Children's Day was revived in Summel, Batifa, Domiz 1 Camp, and Deraluk. Providing children with a day of activities, gifts, and celebrations.
- FGDs on Outreach community center activities were held, gaining vital information on the community's needs and preferences.

Activities Conducted

Community Empowerment | Social Cohesion

Training Sessions

- **Domiz 1 Camp's** Yak Dast community center, **Domiz 2 Camp's** Roj community center, and **Summel** community center hosted varying language training sessions for youth in the English, Arabic, and Kurdish languages. Yak Dast held an Arabic language course for 9 refugee children (4 boys & 5 girls) to educate and improve their language skills, helping the participants recognize letters, pronunciation, grammar, and basic vocabulary. Roj Community Center conducted a Kurdish language training course to aid in the education of 17 refugee girls. Summel Community Center organized English, Arabic, and Kurdish language alphabets for a total of 72 refugee children (25 boys & 47 girls), 8 IDPs (6 boys & 2 girls), and 6 children from the host community (4 boys & 2 girls) as a gateway to learning the language.
- **Zakho, Batifa, and Domiz 2 Camp's** Roj community centers held dessert and sweets baking courses with the aid of the COVs, where women aged 18-55 participated. Through the course, the PoCs gained expertise in creating various confectionery items, including Kunefe, cakes, baklava, and more. The program aimed to empower women by teaching valuable knowledge and abilities both theoretically and practically, resulting in greater self-assurance, and employment possibilities which in turn lead to economic stability via a consistent revenue stream. The sessions also provided a recreational method of expression. Participants, including 9 refugee women, 30 internally displaced women, and a woman from the host community, reported experiencing elevated levels of confidence, self-worth, and mental clarity following the training.



- COVs of **Summel** and **Qasrok** community centers conducted basic computer training programs for members of the community ranging from refugees (1 boy & 19 girls), IDPs (4 boys & 2 girls), and a member of the host community (1 boy) in a brief instructional guide aimed at providing practical skills and opportunities for development within these vulnerable populations at an early age. Feedback on the overall structure of the course was overall positive.

- An Entrepreneurship course was held in **Domiz 1 Camp's** Yak Dast community center for the youths residing within the camp. This training session is intended to strengthen the skills of 10 refugees (3 boys & 7 girls) and educate them on the means of starting up a business. The activity was chosen to help the youth gain more opportunities for a stable life and the proper way of self-employment. The participants' feedback included them being excited to learn and improve their general entrepreneurship skills.



- Domiz 1 Camp's** Ronak community center provided a social media management course for the youth in Domiz 1 Camp. This activity was not only chosen due to the popularity of the topic among youth but also to aid in better understanding social media in order to utilize it more responsibly. The 13 participants (2 boys & 11 girls) were captivated by the topic.

- A training session on basic first aid was organized by COVs in the **Summel, Hussiniye, and Domiz 2 Camp's** Roj community centers respectively. The sessions were attended by 37 refugees, comprising 13 males and 24 females, and 21 members of the host community consisting of 13 males and 8 females. Trained volunteers provided the instruction, equipping the participants with foundational knowledge and skill sets. The goal of the training was to increase awareness of the risks involved in using first aid supplies improperly and how to appropriately assist in various situations. The course was in high demand from the community, as people recognized the importance of having access to nursing information.
- A handicraft course for 17 young internally displaced women where various techniques for creating beautiful accessories and trinkets were taught. In this activity, held in **Chammishko IDP Camp**, an experienced artisan from Chammishko SGCC center led the training, imparting knowledge on how to craft different types of accessories, including rings, bracelets, and necklaces. This initiative was designed in response to community requests for social cohesion activities focused on practical life skills. Participants were thrilled with the opportunity to learn new skills and create tangible items.
- A training program titled "Life Skills for Refugees", was held in Ronak Center in **Domiz 1 Camp**, to equip refugees with essential abilities to handle daily challenges and increase their opportunities for a better future. The curriculum covered various vital skills necessary for everyday living, including those that will enable the young PoCs to take charge of their lives and enhance their ability to cope with difficulties. The participants were thrilled about such an opportunity and have expressed interest in additional similar sessions. In a similar vein, Vajeen Center in Domiz 1 Camp provided a self-development course specifically designed for the youth residing within the camp, where the participants were actively participating in the training, manifesting enthusiasm towards further improvement. Both helped in aiding 18 refugees (9 boys & 9 girls).



- In **Kabartu 1 Camp, Shariya Camp, and Zakho**, a comprehensive salon and hairdressing training program was provided to a group of 27 women, aimed at teaching essential skills for success in the beauty industry and providing women with a hobby they could get into. The curriculum covered proper hygiene practices, understanding various hair textures, and more advanced techniques such as blow-drying, curling, and straightening. Additionally, participants were taught makeup applications for different occasions, including product selection and its uses. This program offered the women, including 3 refugees and 24 IDPs the opportunity to develop foundational skills and gain confidence in their abilities. The women were happy to participate in such activities as evidenced by their constant participation and attendance.

Sports Activities



During this month of reporting, several football activities were conducted to encourage social co-existence and sports within the community. **Zakho** Community Center hosted a tournament for the IDP children of the community, providing 108 boys with an opportunity to play against one another and foster teamwork. Following activities for 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, **Deraluk** held football matches for refugees (7) and host community girls (8), empowering them to seek their desires regardless of their gender. **Akre Camp Community Center** and **Dawoodiya Camp SGCC** center also held

football matches separately where IDP (16) and Refugee (18) boys gathered to play against one another. These football activities, as always, garner a lot of attention from the community as one of their favorite sports and pastimes.

- Volleyball, another popular sport within displaced communities in Duhok, was promoted via friendly matches in both **Bajid Kandala Camp** and **Akre Camp**. Participants including refugee men (18) and IDP boys (25) based on their respective communities, collaborative teamwork, and friendly competitions created an environment for building friendships, teamwork, and sportsmanship among the participants.



Recreational Activities

- Akre Camp** community center held varying recreational activities to engage with children and members of the community with different interests. Activities ranged from chess games and throwing darts to drawing, puzzle games, and reading stories for children, providing the children with a sense of normalcy and a more productive pastime they could share with their peers. The activities reached out to 58 refugee children (43 males & 15 females).
- Entertainment activities were set up for children at the **Batifa** community center, children were brought in to enjoy table tennis, coloring pictures musical chairs, and other activities. Utilizing the outdoor space, the children ranging from 6 to 15 were brought in to be relieved from stress and anxiety, especially during the exam season. The children, totaling 45 comprising 4 refugees (1 boy & 3 girls), 9 IDPs (5 boys & 4 girls), and 32 children of the host community (7 boys & 25 girls) reported enjoying such activities, especially during this period.

- Hussiniye** Community Center gathered children where the COVs provided them with entertaining activities they could enjoy such as throwing darts and foosball to bolster their sense of belonging and allow them to socialize with their peers. The group of activities reached out to 21 refugees (8 boys & 13 girls), and 3 children from the host community (2 boys & 1 girl).



- A recreational activity for children was conducted in **Mamrashan camp** in coordination with BCF and DOLSA centers, to motivate the children by playing some intelligence-based games such as chess, puzzles, Rubik's cubes, bowling games, and jumping rope. The series of activities resumed for five days and was led by SGCCs of Mamrashan camp. The children in Mamrashan camp were suffering from a lack of activities inside the camp, thus, more intelligence-

based activities were chosen. The majority of the children, including 38 boys and 37 girls, reported enjoying the return of such activities.

- The community centers in **Qasrok** 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 Table tennis, basketball, bowling, and morning exercises along with other recreational activities such as drawing, puzzle games, darts, and board games like checkers and Snakes and Ladders. The community center provided entertainment for children of all statuses, including 64 refugees (24 males & 40 females), 32 IDPs (22 males & 10 females), and 6 boys from the host community.
- The SGCC of **Shariya camp** conducted a drawing course for children which plays a pivotal role in a child's overall development, fostering emotional, cognitive, and social growth. With the aim to not only enhance their creativity but also empower the children to better understand and express themselves, these drawing activities held for 8 IDPs (4 boys & 4 girls) are considered a valuable addition to their educational and recreational program. The children expressed joy in sharing and exchanging ideas and their work, garnering different viewpoints.
- To enhance the mental development and well-being of youngsters residing in the **Domiz 2 Refugee Camp**, the COVs provided a diverse range of recreational activities. These included mentally stimulating exercises like puzzles and board games, as well as creative outlets such as storytelling and art. Additionally, sports activities like table tennis and chess were incorporated to encourage teamwork within the community at an early age. By engaging in these activities, the children's cognitive, emotional, and social abilities were developed, contributing to their all-round growth and happiness. The children, consisting of 156 males and 160 females, wholeheartedly appreciated these opportunities and eagerly requested additional events of this nature, underscoring the profoundly positive influence they had on their lives.



- **Summel** Community Center ensures to reach a wide range of children by hosting different recreational activities. Bowling, darts, basketball, bowling, and exercises were included, which not only helped the children's development but improved social co-existence as the participants included a merge of refugees (54 boys & 80 girls) and IDPs (12 boys & 12 girls). The children proved to enjoy these activities with their consistent participation.
- COVs organized an enjoyable event at Halo School in **Zakho** to promote social interactions among children while encouraging learning and happiness. They sought to integrate healthy kids with those who have special needs, foster friendships, and support each other's abilities through various games and activities such as singing and musical chairs. This recreational initiative, sparked by local demands, had a favorable influence on the 68 children, 9 refugees (2 boys & 7 girls), and 59 IDPs (32 boys & 27 girls), contributing to their all-around growth, education, and well-being. By engaging in this program, students acquired meaningful connections and showed enhanced assurance and self-worth.

International Days

- On the occasion of 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, Harikar in partnership with UNHCR held several activities across Duhok under the theme "UNITE! Invest to prevent violence against women and girls".
 - A large-scale event was held in the **Duhok** Cultural Center on the occasion, organized by both the Directorate of Combating Violence Against Women and the Directorate of Labour and Social Affairs with the participation of multiple humanitarian actors. Harikar organization through COVs of Domiz 1 Camp participated by showcasing handcrafts, accessories, and clothes, and displaying paintings conveying the prevention of violence against women. COVs of Domiz 2 Camp also participated by providing an outlet to women they trained in making and baking desserts and sweets to showcase their new-found skills.

- The CwC & Outreach in collaboration with Harikar's GBV unit, DCVAW, Women's Union, and other partnering NGOs, organized an event in **Zakho** commemorating and reviving this day. The event featured speeches, and videos from various representatives of DCVAW, Women's Union, and Harikar, delivering key messages to the participants of the event and showcasing women's rights.
- In collaboration with camp management and other NGOs, Harikar NGO revived the initiative in **Shariya Camp**. Throughout the event, there was a collective emphasis on advocating for the full rights of women and girls in society. Beyond this, the focus extended to promoting gender equality, empowering women economically and socially, and fostering an environment that champions inclusivity and respect for the rights of females. The event aimed to inspire positive change and raise awareness about the importance of gender equality and the elimination of violence against women. Conducting activities against gender-based violence is crucial because it upholds human rights, promotes equality, and ensures the safety and well-being of individuals.
- At **Bajid Kandala** SGCC Center, a collaboration between Harikar NGO and Jijan Foundation, along with the camp management, conducted an awareness session for war-affected women. The session focused on mental health support, emphasizing women's crucial role in society and encouraging their empowerment. The participants welcomed the event and requested further similar activities.
- In celebration of 16 Days of Activism, an event was held in **Domiz 1 Camp**, coordinated with the Gashbun Organization, featuring a special speech on the historical impact of violence against women by the Directorate of Combating Violence Against Women and the Directorate of Health, while Roj community center in Domiz 2 Camp decorated the center with posters, promoting awareness of GBV in preparation for the event they're holding. The events, attended by GBV survivors, featured a variety of activities that incorporated the UNITE theme with presentations from dedicated GBV staff from the Gashbun organization and gifts to the participants, pushing them to share their experiences and stories, providing them with a sense of inclusion, community, and belonging.



- In **Akre camp**, Harikar NGO, the Barzani Charity Foundation (BCF), and the Directorate of Domestic Violence joined forces for a seminar during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. The seminar, led by experts, focused on preventing gender-based violence, promoting gender equality, and offering support for survivors. Following the enlightening session, Harikar Outreach and CBP teams, in collaboration with the organizers, gifted 60 women in the camp with 60 pots of flowers. This symbolic gesture aimed to convey messages of growth, hope, and resilience, emphasizing that survivors can thrive and flourish. Similarly, In



Mamilyan IDP camp, Harikar organized a seminar led by a specialized lawyer to enlighten women about their rights as a gesture of empowerment, the women were also gifted Kurdish clothes fabric. The women were overall glad to have their rights recognized through such activities, giving them more hope for a brighter, united future.

- At Zewa Family and Child Protection Center in **Duhok**, an event was organized for thirty women, featuring awareness sessions, relaxation exercises, entertainment activities, and gift-giving. The participants positively responded to the event and expressed a desire for more similar initiatives.

- In **Deraluk** Community Center, first aid training was provided for 10 women during the 16 days of activism campaign. The training covered essential skills such as checking for responsiveness, performing CPR, controlling bleeding, treating wounds, immobilizing injuries, managing burns, and providing assistance in case of suffocation or choking. The participants actively engaged with the sessions and expressed appreciation for the valuable knowledge gained.



Several activities were also held to celebrate the World Children's Day:

- On this occasion, COVs of Yak Dast community center in **Domiz 1 Camp** organized a recreational activity for children that included recreational segments, dancing, wish making, puzzle games, and singing. The participating children reported enjoying their time celebrating a day dedicated to them.

- On the occasion of World Children's Day, in coordination with **Batifa's** Livo School, commemorated the day for children in the school (aged 5 to 15) through engaging activities, including challenges and competitions amongst their peers.



- **Deraluk** Community Center held an activity for children in the Sarsink area to celebrate the day. The event contained various activities from drawing, making handcrafted accessories, and playing with clay. Children were also gifted school backpacks, further encouraging children to pursue their education. The aim of the activity was not only to revive the but to improve the social cohesion between the children of the community.



- The **Sumel** community center organized a dynamic Children's Day celebration, featuring three distinct activities to ensure a memorable experience. Inside the center, two recreational sessions were held, providing a space for kids to engage in playful activities and enjoy the company of their peers. Additionally, thoughtful gifts were distributed, adding to the joy of the occasion. Another exciting activity took place at Duhok Mall Games Center, where children of the community were provided transportation and expenses to immerse themselves in various games, providing them with unique experiences they could share with their community members.

To combat the prevalence of diabetes in the community and empower individuals to manage their blood sugar levels, Harikar NGO organized two informative sessions, one at **Hussiniye** Community Center and the other at **Akre Camp** Community Center.

- At **Hussiniye** Community Center, a registered nurse conducted a session educating participants on the proper use of glucose monitoring devices. Following the session, each participant received a complimentary glucose

monitoring device, enabling them to effectively monitor their blood sugar levels. The participants expressed gratitude for the valuable knowledge and the provided resources, acknowledging the significance of this initiative in addressing the prevalent diabetes concerns within the community.

- Similarly, in **Akre Camp** community center, a specialized doctor showcased a video presentation, delving into the history of diabetes and the proper utilization of glucose monitoring devices. Upon completion of the session, each participant was gifted a glucose monitoring device as well, empowering them to take control of their blood sugar levels. The participants commended the informative session and the generous provision of glucose monitoring devices, recognizing the importance of such initiatives in combating diabetes and promoting self-care.



Communication with Communities (CwC) | Mass Information

- To combat bullying across **Akre Camp** awareness sessions on the prevention of it were held to aid the students suffering from such cases and eliminate such acts by showing the effects and consequences it leads to. As bullying is more rampant in vulnerable communities, 33 refugee children (14 boys & 19 girls) were gathered in separate sessions to ensure to reach children on how to act when encountering bullying, and the effects it has in a community.
- Community centers and SGCC centers across **Domiz 1 & 2 Camps, Gawilan Camp, Shekhan Camp, Mamilyan Camp, and Qasrok** conducted awareness sessions and decimated key messages on anti-fraud for the refugees and IDPs residing within the different communities. The sessions provided the participants with the necessary knowledge about relevant fraudulent activities and how to identify and not fall for such cases. The session also encouraged the participants to spread the knowledge they gained to their families, friends, and other community members, while the key message decimation ensured to impart the knowledge to as many people in the community about fraud and its prevention. The sessions gathered 68 refugees (9 boys, 10 girls, 23 men, & 26 women), 2 IDP men, and 4 members of the host community. And the key messages outreached 330 refugees (64 boys, 75 girls, 89 men, & 102 women), and 233 IDPs (37 boys, 42 girls, 85 men, & 69 women).
- **Deraluk** Community Center COVs started the gender-based violence campaign during the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence. The awareness session started on the 26th of November and will last until the 10th of December. Delivered by the COVs, Awareness campaigns play a vital role in preventing gender-based violence by educating individuals and communities about the signs, consequences, and ways to prevent and eliminate violence. The session also encouraged the participants to spread the knowledge they gained to their families, friends, and other community members. Due to the relevance and importance of the topic in the community. The participants, including 61 refugees (18 boys, 17 girls, 15 men, & 11 women) reacted positively to the activity and asked for more similar activities.



conducted in **Deraluk** and Domiz 1 Camp's Yak Dast community centers with the aim to encourage children to pursue their education and its benefits for not only the individual but the community as a whole, and to register in

- Awareness sessions on education resumed along with the back-to-learning campaign. **Domiz 1 Camp's** Ronak community center, **Gawilan Camp**, and **Hussiniye** community centers resumed the back-to-learning campaign reaching 201 refugees (67 boys, 97 girls, 19 men, & 18 women) and 28 children from the host community (14 boys & 14 girls). These sessions were also complimented by other awareness sessions on education, its importance, and school registration;

schools as to not miss out on their chance. These additional sessions were held for 45 refugees (22 males & 23 females) and 14 IDPs (9 males & 5 females).

- Leaflets on the cessation of all forms of cash assistance for IDPs were distributed in **Batifa** by the COVs. During these visits, further clarifications were made in person to the community to establish transparency and clear delivery of the key messages. A total of 50 IDPs were reached (3 boys, 4 girls, 18 men, & 25 women).
- To help advocate children's rights and eliminate child abuse, awareness sessions on child protection were provided in community centers in **Zakho, Deraluk, and Batifa**. These sessions, targeting refugees (9 boys, 7 girls, 4 men, & 7 women), and IDPs (5 boys, 6 girls, 9 men, & 11 women), help safeguard children by informing them and their parents on their rights, child exploitation in the form of child labor, early marriage, and abuse.
- To sensitize the community on cholera and to prevent more cases from surfacing in the community, awareness sessions were held and leaflets were distributed to combat this bacteria-based illness which spreads through contaminated water. **Domiz 1 Camp, Summel, Qasrok, and Hussiniye** community centers held sessions in their respective community centers to share information on the symptoms and prevention measurements of the disease with 55 refugees (24 boys, 23 girls, 7 men, & a woman), 13 IDPs (2 boys, 1 girl, & 10 women), and 12 members of the host community (1 man & 11 girls). The participants were interested in learning as they feared contracting the illness. To further sensitize the community, the **Qasrok** community center also sensitized the community via leaflet distributions reaching an additional 20 refugees (9 boys & 11 girls).
- A cleaning campaign was conducted across **Shekhan Camp** to improve the community's hygiene and overall living conditions. SGCCs of Shekhan Camp aided these endeavors by providing cleaning supplies in the form of trash bags to the community. During these door-to-door visits, SGCCs also provided the residents of the camp with key messages about hygiene and sanitation, reaching 85 men and 26 women.
- Community-based complaint mechanisms (CBCM) awareness sessions were conducted by the COVs of **Summel and Domiz 2 Camp's** Roj community center. The sessions aimed to educate a total of 56 refugee participants (4 girls, 14 men, & 38 women) about the importance of using complaint mechanisms to address issues and provide feedback to NGOs and regional authorities. The participants expressed gratitude for learning about the reporting process and how to utilize the CBCM effectively. These awareness sessions promote transparency, empower community members to advocate for their rights, and facilitate improved communication channels.
- COVs across all three community centers in **Domiz 1 Camp** provided awareness sessions and key message decimation through both online channels and leaflet distribution on the topic of change of referral services within the refugee camps in KR-I. Content that the community was sensitized on included the available medical services for refugees which include the medical emergency hotline (122), and availability of other medical needs such as health checkups or medicine for chronic illnesses. The activities reached a total of 175 refugees (5 boys, 10 girls, 50 men, & 110 women).
- In collaboration with Harikar's legal department, COVs of **Zakho** Community Center provided awareness sessions on drug laws to sensitize the community on the consequences and legality of drug abuse. Furthermore, the sessions also included information on the consequences of drug abuse on social and health aspects as well which helped shed light on the dangers to the 10 refugee women participating.





- **Gawilan Camp** community center continues to welcome relocated refugees of Bardarash Camp to their new homes with vital key messages to aid them in accommodating in their new homes. These key messages include introducing families to key locations and providing them with service mapping leaflets, key information on shops in the sector (G), and other useful information for the relocated families, who showed appreciation for the efforts the COVs were placing. The information was relayed to 501 refugees (77 boys, 93 girls, 143 men, & 188 women).

- COVs organized awareness sessions on lice prevention in **Hussiniye's** community center. The goal was to raise health awareness in the community by educating residents about the causes, symptoms, and prevention of lice infestations. Participants learned about the causes and easy transmission of lice, as well as the symptoms indicating an infestation. The importance of early detection and treatment to prevent the spread of lice was also emphasized. These sessions hosted 18 refugee participants (15 women & 3 girls).
- COVs of **Qasrok** community centers shared key messages on social media regarding UNHCR's Kobo registration scheduling to fill in an estimate of 54 individuals (29 Males & 25 Females) about the new available channel to register themselves for an appointment. These key messages are continuously shared with communities to clarify to the refugees the available services and to eliminate cases of fraud by informing PoCs of the proper outlet to contact UNHCR.

- Hygiene, a topic that is crucial to sensitize all communities, was advocated with the help of COVs in refugee camps such as **Akre Camp**, **Domiz 1 Camp**, and **Gawilan Camp**. As well as the non-camp areas of **Qasrok** and **Summel**. Topics included oral hygiene and general personal hygiene. These sessions were tailored for children, leading to more engaging activities. The oral hygiene session focused on proper oral care practices, emphasizing the importance of hygiene routines, and aimed to empower individuals on methods of proactively avoiding any dental issues. The personal hygiene session on the other hand provided a broader outlook on hygiene as a whole. Participants, including 93 refugees (30 boys & 63 girls), 26 IDPs (8 boys, 7 girls, a man, & 10 women), and 2 members of the host community (1 boy & 1 woman), were happy to be informed and inform their families on proper hygiene practices.



- Gender-based violence (GBV) awareness sessions were conducted to educate communities about the prevalence, impact, and prevention of GBV. These sessions aimed to raise awareness, promote understanding, and empower individuals to recognize and address issues related to GBV, fostering a safer and more supportive environment for all. Other related sessions were also organized covering Protection Against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) to further inform the community on the risks of committing such actions and how to seek aid if an individual is

involved. The sessions were held for 177 refugees (4 boys, 32 girls, 39 men, & 102 women), and 5 IDPs (1 boy & 4 girls), held in **Domiz 1 & 2 Camps, Zakho, Batifa, and Summel** community centers.



- Educational and informative sessions were held in **Zakho** and **Batifa** community centers, covering topics on children and infants' nutrition as well as pregnancy and breastfeeding to a refugee (1 woman) and 40 IDPs (13 girls, 2 men, & 25 women). The sessions were conducted for not only the purpose of safeguarding children and infants but their mothers and caretakers as well, pertaining to information on maintaining a mother's health after birth. The parents and young girls reported being satisfied with the information provided on maternity and nutrition.
- The peaceful coexistence awareness session held in **Gawilan Camp** was an activity designed to promote understanding, tolerance, and peaceful relationships among individuals from different cultures and backgrounds living in the camp. Refugees often come from diverse backgrounds and may have experienced conflict, violence, or discrimination in their home countries. Therefore, it is crucial to provide a safe space for them to learn about peaceful coexistence and practice skills that can help them build harmonious relationships within the camp. By learning these skills, the 12 refugees (6 men & 6 women) were empowered to navigate potential challenges, resolve disputes peacefully, and live in harmony with others in the camp.
- COVs of **Zakho** Community Center conducted an informative session on seasonal diseases to educate displaced beneficiaries about the symptoms, risk factors, and prevention strategies for these prevalent illnesses. The session focused on the 17 participants' understanding of seasonal diseases, their seasonal patterns, and effective preventive measures. Additionally, the session guided treatment options should individuals contract a seasonal disease. This initiative aimed to empower the 2 refugee women, 2 IDP men, and 13 IDP women to take charge of their health and effectively manage seasonal diseases.
- Batifa** and **Zakho** community centers resumed awareness sessions on smoking prevention as part of the ongoing initiative to combat smoking and promote health and good habits. In coordination with Kasheen School, COVs engaged with students aged 10-15 to educate them about the various forms of smoking, including cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, and others, and the detrimental health effects it has on an individual and the community around them. The sessions reached a total of 8 refugees (4 boys & 4 girls), 38 IDPs (23 boys & 15 girls), and 33 members of the host community (16 boys, 14 girls, 1 man, & 2 women).



- SGCCs and COVs in **Kabartu 2 Camp, Domiz 2 Camp, and Batifa** community center shared key messages on water conservation via leaflet distributions, explaining the reasons behind water shortages and offering practical solutions

like fixing leaks and adopting mindful habits. This campaign aimed to empower the community to adopt sustainable water usage habits and collectively address the critical water shortage. The messages reached 110 refugees (15 boys, 19 girls, 34 men & 42 women), 34 IDPs (3 boys, 1 girl, 14 men, & 16 women), and 48 members of the host community (2 boys, 3 girls, 20 men, & 23 women).

Accountability to Affected Persons (AAP)

Focus Group Discussions

- Across diverse communities, numerous focus group discussions (FGDs) were facilitated to explore the community's understanding and awareness of gender-based violence (GBV) ahead of 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence. These open dialogues aimed to raise awareness, amplify voices, and explore collaborative solutions to address GBV concerns effectively. The FGDs revealed varying levels of knowledge about GBV among participants, indicating a need for further education and clarification. Concerns emerged around the prevalence of GBV within communities, highlighting the urgency of prevention efforts. Additionally, discussions exposed uncertainties surrounding reporting procedures, underscoring the need to enhance accessibility and understanding of support systems. Despite diverse perspectives, the FGDs received positive feedback. Participants appreciated the opportunity to openly discuss their concerns and offer valuable suggestions. The information gathered through these discussions proved instrumental in identifying areas for improvement in future outreach and general support initiatives, ensuring that they are tailor-made to address the specific needs and challenges of each community. These FGDs were conducted for groups ranging from refugees (46 boys, 64 girls, 38 men, & 89 women) and IDPs (2 boys, 2 girls, 12 men, & 13 women).
- A series of Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) were conducted covering Duhok refugee camps and urban areas through the area's respective community centers and IDP camps through SGCC offices. The FGDs gathered feedback from the community on their needs and preferences for events and activities in these centers and the favoured method of delivery. These FGDs also focused on understanding the type of information people wanted to be sensitized, their preferred communication methods, and the language they found most accessible. Participants expressed a desire for information on available services, project updates, and community events, with a preference for receiving it through multiple channels like community centers, leaflets, and local media combined instead of a single outlet. Oral communication and visual aids were found to be most effective, and participants emphasized the importance of receiving information in their native language. The FGDs also revealed a need for activities that address specific community needs, such as skills development, recreational programs, and educational workshops, varying based on location. Participants actively engaged in the discussions and appreciated the opportunity to voice their opinions and suggestions and voiced their concerns on taking action on discussed topics of the FGDs. The FGDs reached a total of 155 refugees (10 boys, 21 girls, 56 men, & 86 women), and 53 IDPs (6 boys, 17 men, & 30 women).



Other Activities

Capacity Building

- Harikar Organization collaborated with IMC to deliver a comprehensive course on Gender-Based Violence (GBV) for COVs of **Zakho** and **Summel** community center in preparation for 16 Days of Activism. These series of trainings aimed to equip participants, which consisted of 34 COVs of the community structures, with the necessary knowledge and skills to identify, address, and prevent GBV within their communities. The course covered key aspects of GBV, including its definition, types, causes, and effects on victims. Participants learned about the physical, sexual, psychological, and emotional harm inflicted on individuals based on their gender. Additionally, the training addressed crucial topics like reporting procedures, victim support mechanisms, and legal avenues available to combat GBV. This initiative stemmed from the high demand for GBV awareness among social awareness workers who support displaced people, refugees, and the host community. The training also proved beneficial for newly hired COVs, providing them with a comprehensive understanding of GBV in its various forms.
- An engaging two-day capacity-building training immersed COVs in the **Sumel** community center. Through hands-on practice, the candle-making session had the 12 participants learn the craft, developing their creativity and acquiring practical skills. This unique workshop offered more than just a new skill; it fostered community engagement and provided a platform for personal growth. Beyond the artistic expression, the training aimed to enhance the practical

abilities of COVs. The act of creating candles provided a sense of accomplishment, contributing to their overall well-being and engagement in their volunteer roles. Positive feedback from participants reflects the success of this initiative, highlighting its impact on both their personal and professional lives.

- A capacity-building activity was held in Duhok for staff of camp management in both refugee and IDP camps, as well as staff from NRC, and Youth Centers. The topic included Effective Communication Skills, further bolstering the capabilities of the participants involved. These skills not only enhance individual skills but improve teamwork and collaboration as well.

 **Relevant Data**

The CwC & Outreach team has reached a total of 4476 refugees (1866 males & 2610 females), 1453 IDPs (729 males & 724 females), and 313 members of the host community (134 males & 179 females). The below chart shows further relevant data regarding the activities of CwC & Outreach for November.

