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HIGHLIGHTS

- Community structures continue to support families of Bardarash Camp relocating to Gawilan Camp by raising awareness on available services, POIs, and other general information.
- International Day of Peace was celebrated with vibrant activities across several Duhok locations commemorating the day.
- Outreach teams support NRC and governmental entities to initiate the Back-to-Learning campaign assisting students and their parents/guardians by providing awareness, equipment, and assessments.
- Harikar supports UNHCR in sensitizing the community to the DAFI scholarship program.

Activities Conducted

Community Empowerment | Social Cohesion

Training Sessions

- A Basic Salon Course for Refugees and IDPs was held and tailored to offer practical skills and empowerment to POCs in **Summel** and **Batifa**. This program equipped participants with essential salon knowledge and techniques, empowering them to pursue careers in similar fields or enjoy it as a hobby. Before the training, participants reported having limited experience, but by the course's conclusion, they showed the confidence they gained when applying what they learned. This initiative was selected in response to community requests, reaching 5 refugee women, and 16 IDP women.
- The COVs (Community Outreach Volunteers) of **Domiz 2 Camp** organized a drawing course for 8 refugee children (1 boy & 7 girls) in Roj's Community Center. Drawing skills serve the children as an essential tool for their development. Furthermore, drawing promotes teamwork and cooperation among children, encouraging them to share, exchange ideas, and appreciate diverse perspectives. The children enjoyed the course as shown by their dedication to constantly showing up to the community center.
- Zewa Family and Child Protection Center COVs in **Duhok** conducted summer training activities for adolescents, which consisted of some different topics such as health, environment, education, and hygiene ensuring to encompass varying interests and hobbies. The sessions also included entertainment activities for the PoCs. The training aimed to strengthen social cohesion and deliver a fruitful summer break to the refugee boy, the IDP boy, and 13 members of the host community (9 boys & 4 girls) that participated in these sessions. The participants and the community reacted positively to the activity and asked for more similar activities in the future.
- COVs in **Summel** and **Deraluk** continued their educational training sessions in the form of language courses, with Summel's English Alphabet for Kids and an English course in Sheladize, helping the participants recognize letters, pronunciation, grammar, and basic vocabulary. For children, early exposure to the alphabet lays the foundation for language development like reading/writing skills, and for adults the two-week English course helped further reinforce the language level of the participants, further honing their communication skills. Positive feedback on the activity's arrangement was met, supporting 21 refugees (6 boys & 15 girls), 3 IDPs (1 boy & 2 girls), and 2 boys from the host community.
- A training session on basic first aid was organized by COVs in the Roj Community Center located in **Domiz 2 Camp**. The session was attended by 7 refugees, comprising 3 men and 4 women. 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 to assist in various situations. The course was



in high demand from the community, as people recognized the importance of having access to nursing information during emergencies.

- **Deraluk** and **Duhok's** Zewa Family and Child Protection Center responded to the demand of women, including refugees (7), IDPs (6), and members of the host community (6) by organizing two-week sweet-making courses respectively. The primary objective of these courses was to empower women with the skills to make sweets, desserts, and baked goods. Conducted by COVs of the community center, the impressions of the session were enthusiastic, indicating their interest in such topics.
- A handicraft course was held for girls and women of **Batifa**, helping them acquire new skills and create unique accessories. The course was led by Batifa Community Center COVs, who taught participants how to make a variety of accessories and ornaments, including rings, bracelets, and necklaces. This course was created in response to requests from the local community for general activities that bolster social cohesion, focusing on everyday life skills. The girls and women, consisting of a refugee, 2 IDPs, and 10 members of the host community, were very enthusiastic about the curriculum and reported enjoying learning the newfound skills.
- A literacy course was held in **Gawilan Camp** for a group of 3 refugee women where COVs of the community center taught the participants how to read and write starting from the basics, helping the community get rid of illiteracy. The women participating were interested in learning to help themselves and their families in their day-to-day lives.
- COVs in **Domiz 1 Camp's** Vajeen community center concluded the mathematics course for the 20 refugee children under the age of 17 (7 boys & 13 girls) to be taught the basics of mathematics such as; addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, besides learning shapes. This course lasted for a month. The sessions were chosen to teach the children the basics of math before entering school.
- Roj community center in **Domiz 2 Camp** hosted 8 refugees (3 boys & 5 girls) to teach them about the tambura instrument and music in general providing an opportunity for the young camp residents to learn and engage in musical education and expression. A qualified music trainer was brought in to provide instruction and guidance to the participants. The purpose of this course was to promote social cohesion and provide a comprehensive and immersive musical experience to participants of all backgrounds and skill levels.
- As sewing is one of the more important skills in everyday life and a means to make a living, **Qasrok** Community Center held a training course on the topic. The 5 refugees (4 women & 1 girl) and 4 IDPs (2 women & 2 girls) enjoyed learning about sewing machines and making and altering pieces of clothing.
- COVs in **Domiz 1 Camp's** Vajeen community center conducted a training session on time management to help youths of the community focus on the importance of time and planning. It also included how the 5 participants (1 boy & 4 girls) planned and completed their tasks and dedicated their time accordingly while planning for their day-to-day lives. The participants after the training attempted to prioritize their needs, tasks, and goals, avoiding consuming time wastefully which they reported to be useful.

Sports Activities

- COVs of **Domiz 2 Camp** provided a chess game activity, that began with an introduction to the rules and basics of chess after being provided with chess boards, pieces, and instructional material and progressed to training matches. The 11 refugee participants (4 boys & 7 girls) practiced enhancing their attention span and developing sustained focus. Collaborative gameplay, discussions, and friendly competitions created an environment for building friendships, teamwork, and sportsmanship with the participants.



- Foosball matches were organized in **Hussiniye** community center where girls participated and were invited to the community center to enjoy a few matches with one another in the community, fostering co-existence and cohesion within the community. The activities garnered the attention and participation of refugees (4 boys & 19 girls), who were excited to partake in these activities.
- **Akre Camp's** community center COVs helped organize a hopscotch game between 2 refugee girls who attended the community center. The children showed positive overall feedback as they requested to visit again.
- PoCs across **Gawilan, Hussiniye, Deraluk, and Domiz 2 Camp's** Roj community center participated in playing table tennis games held at the locations' respective community centers to improve physical and mental health. These sports activities promoted sports, skill development, and a general sense of community for the 69 refugee participants (29 males & 40 females). While the core principles of the activities were similar, they would differ based on location. Hussiniye was introducing the refugees to sports as a gateway to a new hobby, Deraluk held a table tennis competition for refugee girls, and Domiz 2 Camp included foosball in its activities.

Recreational Activities

- The COVs at **Domiz 1 Camp's** Vajeen community center recently organized a relaxation session for residents of the camp, to help participants gain control over their bodies. This session was chosen to emphasize the importance of well-being and encourage participation in relaxing exercises. In addition to the relaxation sessions Vajeen Community Center also continued its efforts to empower participants by offering an English storytelling activity. This initiative follows their previous English language course, where participants learned English words and sentences. Through this ongoing practice, participants are honing their reading and pronunciation skills, building upon what they have previously learned. These beneficial recreational activities helped reach 45 refugees (6 boys, 31 girls, & 8 women).



- **Akre Camp** community center had COVs prepare a plethora of recreational activities to cater to different interests and ensure participation from across the camp. The 47 refugee adolescents (23 boys & 24 girls) participated in activities and games, including musical chairs, drawing pictures, jump ball, rope jumping, and singing. These were received positively as evidenced by their excitement to return to the community center for further activities.

- Entertainment activities such as drawing and coloring for a group of 16 refugee children (2 boys & 14 girls) were set up by the COVs in the **Bardarash** community center. Activities tried to involve the children by entertaining them with the goal of enhancing social cohesion amongst the children of the community. The children enjoyed being taught how to develop their minds and form relationships with peers through group activities.
- **Deraluk** Community Center conducted an entertainment activity for 11 refugee girls in the Deraluk area. The activity included various games and educational activities which encouraged the participants to broaden their outlook and think outside the box, as well as share a moment of relief with their peers. The activity was held based on the community's interest and to enhance social cohesion among different communities. The participants reacted positively to the activity and asked for more similar activities in the future.
- Entertainment activities such as drawing, shaping colored paper into origami, and gathering games were set up for a group of 10 refugee children (6 boys & 4 girls) in **Gawilan Camp**, through the COVs. The goal of this series of activities included involving the children in a recreational pastime, improving the overall social cohesion of the community, and raising awareness in engaging ways by having children draw topics important for them to be sensitized on. The children were overall interested in the activities held in the community center.
- **Hussiniye** Community Center also held recreational activities for the children in the community, hosting children to play darts and providing them with equipment and guidance to draw and express themselves artistically. The activities, similar to other recreational activities, were conducted to have the children enjoy a moment of respite, help the general development of children, and have them socialize with other members of their community. The activity was met positively by the 23 refugees (18 boys & 5 girls).

- **Summel** and **Qasrok** community centers set up varying recreational activities as a part of their September conducts, gathering children for captivating games and sports such as Drawing, Chess, Checkers, Handicraft, storytelling, morning exercise, table tennis, foosball, and more. The activities aimed at promoting their physical and mental well-being and engaging the children's different interests by having varying activities. The 273 refugees (45 males & 228 females), and 34 IDPs (8 males & 26 females) provided positive feedback on the overall organization and delivery of the activities.



- The COVs in **Domiz 2 Camp** hosted storytelling activities for children of Domiz 2 Camp where 85 refugee children (6 boys & 79 girls) joined the Roj community center for storytelling. The storytelling activities empowered the children to express themselves and build confidence in sharing their own stories, positively impacting their emotional well-being and cultural identity.
- And Zewa Family and Child Protection Center in **Duhok** had refugees (3 boys), IDPs (1 boy & 2 girls), and children from the host community (15 boys & 8 girls) partake in recreational games and educational activities where they learned about hygiene, cleanliness, time management basics...etc. The children reported to be happy to engage with one another and be part of such activities.
- **Batifa** Community Center held engaging entertainment activities for 67 children between the ages of 6 to 15. The activity involved teaching children how to use watercolors to paint various beautiful pictures on stones. This creative initiative was selected in response to community requests for more creative activities, and it proved to be highly popular among the children. Furthermore, the community center hosted two activities for two weeks. These activities included rope games and more drawing sessions on paper, both of which were chosen based on the community's expressed preferences. Participants included 9 refugees (4 boys & 5 girls), 6 IDPs (4 boys & 2 girls), and 52 members of the host community (25 boys & 27 girls).



International Days

- A cleaning campaign was held in **Akre camp** to celebrate the International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies which had several people including people from the camp management and humanitarian actors work hand in hand together to clean the camp. The event was not only held to commemorate the occasion but to raise awareness on the importance of hygiene within the camp.
- For International Literacy Day, **Hussiniye** continued their month-long literacy course provided the participants with simple gifts, and informed them about the importance of literacy. The activity was conducted as a means to eliminate illiteracy, commonly found within the older population of the refugee community, particularly women which in turn affects their children. The 7 refugee women were happy to be part of these sessions, especially after learning the importance of literacy.

- The Outreach team, in partnership with UNHCR, organized a vibrant celebration for the International Day of Peace at **Gawilan refugee camp**, promoting peace, tolerance, and conflict resolution which had the COVs play a crucial role in coordinating the activities.

Domiz 1 Camp's Yak Dast community center commemorated the day by organizing activities for the residents of the camp, including singing peace songs, and sharing peace wishes and peace slogans in multiple languages signifying the importance of peace among everyone regardless of language or ethnicity.



At Roj Community Center in **Domiz 2 Camp**, the event started with a performance consisting of music and singing featuring local talents showcasing the rich cultural diversity of the camp's residents and continued with the celebration.

Both **Deraluk** and **Duhok's** Zewa Family and Child Protection Center COVs celebrated International Day of Peace conducting entertaining activities spanning one day for refugees, IDPs, members of the host community, and people from different religions and nationalities.



In addition, COVs introduced the importance of this day and why we celebrate this day to the participants. By this celebration, COVs were able to give them more knowledge about peaceful coexistence among different groups within a community.

The participants of these events, including 122 refugees (61 males & 61 females), 11 IDPs (4 males & 7 females), and 14 members of the host communities (5 males & 9 females) enjoyed the activities and reported learning more about coexistence and conflict resolution in general.

Communication with Communities (CwC) | Mass Information

Awareness Sessions

- A series of anti-fraud awareness sessions were held in **Summel**, **Deraluk**, and **Zakho** community centers for both children and adults alike covering necessary knowledge about relevant fraudulent activities and their prevention, along with methods of reporting fraud by humanitarian actors and how to spot it. These activities were deemed necessary in the community to prevent the rise of any cases within the community. Participants, including 81

refugees (4 boys, 11 girls, 43 men, & 23 women), and 6 IDPs (3 men & 3 women) were overall happy to receive information about their rights and how to avoid any cases of fraud.

- To prevent the increase of cases of cholera disease, a bacteria-based illness spread through contaminated water, awareness sessions and key messages were distributed to sensitize the community about the topic. **Duhok's** Zewa Family and Child Protection Centre, **Summel**, and **Batifa** community centers held sessions in their respective community centers to share information on the symptoms and prevention measurements of the disease to 18 refugees (6 girls & 12 women), 21 IDPs (3 boys, 5 girls, 7 men, & 6 women), and 15 members of the host community. The participants were interested in learning as they feared contracting the illness. To further sensitize the community, **Hussiniye**, **Akre Camp**, **Zakho**, **Bardarash Camp**, and **Gawilan Camp** community centers also sensitized the community via online key messages shared on social media platforms covering an estimated 2046 refugees (804 males & 1242 females), 287 IDPs (105 males & 182 females), and 45 members of the host community.
- As smoking and its addiction is one of the major health issues that many vulnerable communities face, a bad habit that both children and adults of several communities across Duhok indulge in, several awareness sessions were conducted to combat the addiction in **Deraluk**, **Zakho**, **Batifa**, **Akre Camp**,



Domiz 2 Camp, **Gawilan Camp**, and **Bardarash Camp** community centers, showing the dangers that smoking causes to an individual and the people surrounding them. Participants of these activities including 155 refugees (46 boys, 28 girls, 48 men, & 33 women), and 21 IDPs (3 boys, 5 girls, 10 men, & 3 women) indicated that they believed the session would have a positive impact on the camp's overall smoking rates and air quality.

- As a part of the Back-to-Learning campaign teenagers in **Batifa** were informed on how to prepare for school and adhere to school schedules in order to motivate the children to go to school and enjoy their school year. The sessions were chosen based on the students' need for an incentive to attend schools, assisting 2 refugee boys, and 6 members of the host community.
- CBCM sessions (Community-Based Complaint Mechanisms) were held in **Akre Camp**, **Gawilan Camp**, **Domiz 2 Camp**, **Batifa**, **Qasrok**, and **Summel** community centers respectively. The activities covered methods for PoCs to deliver their complaints and based on what merits. These activities, covering 279 refugees (20 boys, 46 girls, 98 men, & 115 women), 44 IDPs (27 men, & 17 women), and 13 members of the host community for this reporting month are constantly being delivered to ensure all members of the community are aware of their rights to services provided by humanitarian actors and to report any incidents or cases of fraud. The participants reported being satisfied with the existence of such a service.
- To ensure the safety, prevention of diseases, and the spread of misinformation, COVs in **Akre Camp**, **Domiz 1 Camp**, and **Hussiniye** community centers held sessions on prevention and general awareness of diseases and illnesses to refugee females of the community. Akre Camp held a session on Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever, while Hussiniye held an information session on diabetes mellitus and blood pressure, informing the community about symptoms, spread, and prevention; and Domiz 1 Camp's Yak Dast community center held a lice prevention awareness session. As mentioned prior, activities supported 31 refugee females (24 women & 7 girls). Similarly, key messages on chicken pox were shared with the communities of **Kabartu 1**, **Kabartu 2**, and **Shariya** via online outlets as per the instruction of the IDP camps' management reaching an estimate of 2098 IDPs (1098 males & 1000 females).



- To spread awareness among beneficiaries about preserving the environment and preventing and reducing pollution, **Zakho** Community Center had COVs hold awareness sessions on environment protection covering its necessity, benefits, and long-term consequences of pollution. The activity interested the 9 refugee women who joined the community center to learn about the topic.
- Awareness sessions and key messages were disseminated regarding DAFI scholarships for refugee students across Duhok, informing the community on eligibility, how to enroll in the scholarship program, and clarifying common community questions.



The awareness sessions, held in community centers in **Domiz 1 Camp, Domiz 2 Camp, Gawilan Camp, and Summel** were received positively overall. The sessions ensured that covered the messages to a widespread audience of 78 refugees (32 men & 46 women). Key messages on the topic were also decimated throughout **Akre Camp, Bardarash Camp, Gawilan Camp, Domiz 2 Camp, Hussiniye, Qasrok, Summel, and Zakho** via online channels with an estimated outreach of 2818 refugees (1271 males & 1547 females).

- **Akre Camp** and **Domiz 2 Camp's** Roj community centers held awareness sessions on fire prevention which the majority of the 38 refugee attendees (8 boys, 11 girls, 11 men, & 8 women) found crucial. As many lives were endangered in light of recent fire incidents these sessions were necessary to be held, to inform the people about the prevention of fire incidents and how to react and respond accordingly.
- Personal hygiene awareness sessions were conducted in varying community centers including **Domiz 1 Camp, Qasrok, Shariya, Summel, and Zakho** helping the community understand the importance, both physical and mental, that personal hygiene has on oneself and the people surrounding them. The activities in **Zakho** also covered the importance of cleanliness of one's surroundings as well. The activities also assisted in sensitizing both refugees (38 boys, 73 girls, 25 men, & 41 women) and IDPs (10 boys & 11 girls).



- Along with the back-to-learning campaign, awareness sessions on the importance of education were also conducted in **Domiz 1 & 2 Camps, Summel, and Zakho** which further reinforced parents to motivate their children to attend school, and helped students themselves to understand the importance of education. COVs, through these sessions, reached out to 114 refugees (32 boys, 55 girls, 3 men, & 24 women) and 5 IDP women.

- **Deraluk, Zakho, and Gawilan Camp** community centers conducted awareness sessions on inclusion, diversity, and peaceful coexistence for 91 refugees (15 boys, 18 girls, 28 men, & 30 women). Delivered by the COVs, the session provided the participants with the necessary knowledge about living in an environment of people of varying backgrounds and identities. The session also encouraged the participants to spread the knowledge they gained to

their families, friends, and other community members. The participants reacted positively to the activity and asked for more similar activities.

- On the occasion of International Literacy Day volunteers of **Domiz 1 Camp's** Vajeen community center conducted an awareness session titled "Literacy and Its Importance for Each Person". this session included showing the 14 participants (3 boys & 11 girls) that education is vital for everyone regardless of age group as the right of each individual. They were encouraged to pursue education to pave their way towards a bright future. Furthermore, at the end of the session, stationery kits were distributed to participants to eliminate any struggles they might face in gaining a proper education.



- In coordination with the Harikar/Protection department, awareness sessions on legal services were conducted in **Domiz 2 Camp**, **Gawilan Camp**, and **Zakho**, providing information about legal documentation and the available pathways to complete it. The sessions aimed to assist PoCs in understanding how to prepare their legal documentation and addressed frequently asked questions on the subject. The feedback and impact of these sessions were positive and useful for the 32 refugees (1 girl, 4 men, & 27 women), and 7 IDPs (5 men & 2 women).

- Awareness sessions on the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) were conducted by COVs at various community centers including **Domiz 1 & 2 Camps**, **Qasrok**, **Summel**, and **Zakho**. These sessions aimed to sensitize community members, particularly vulnerable populations, about the risks of sexual exploitation and abuse and to educate them on reporting mechanisms and preventive measures. The participants of the sessions, including 227 refugees (2 boys, 14 girls, 68 men, & 89 women) and 52 IDPs (33 men & 19 women), showed positive feedback and gratitude for the information provided. Key messages on the topic via leaflets and online channels were also decimated in **Domiz 1 & 2 Camps**, **Batifa**, and **Qasrok** reaching an estimate of 1644 refugees (613 males & 1031 females), and 130 IDPs (67 males & 63 females).
- COVs of Vajeen community center in **Domiz 1 Camp** found it necessary to conduct an awareness session on rules and guidelines of traffic to safeguard children by having them pay attention to road signs and regulations when passing and walking on public roads and/or streets, avoiding incidents and crossing safely. This session was chosen due to the children who started the new school year and for them to have a safer daily morning commute. The activities sensitized 10 refugee girls.
- COVs of **Bardarash** and **Gawilan camps** conducted information sessions to inform the community about the online process of UNHCR registration. The session aimed to give updated information regarding the registration center inside the refugee camps and how to request document reunification. The community seemed to be very satisfied and asked the COVs to have house-to-house visits to expand the information to the largest number of beneficiaries. These sessions hosted 39 refugees (22 men & 17 women).

Key Messages

- Key messages on water conservation were decimated in the form of leaflets across refugee and IDP camps including **Akre**, **Bardarash**, **Gawilan**, **Domiz 1**, **Chammishko**, **Essiyan**, **Khanke**, **Mam Rasha**, and **Rawanga**, along with non-camp locations including **Batifa**, **Deraluk**, **Hussiniye**, **Zakho**, and **Duhok's** Zewa Family and Child Protection Center. These leaflets included information on how to conserve water and the importance of saving it which was delivered by COVs and SGCCs. The leaflets reached an estimated 686 refugees (317 males & 369 females), and 881 IDPs (432 males & 439 females).
- Key messages regarding the shelter upgrade for IDPs were shared with 161 individuals (39 boys, 30 girls, 59 men, & 33 women) in **Khanki Camp** to inform and educate the community about the updates regarding the shelter upgrade and provide them with necessary guidance and support throughout the process ensuring the relay of accurate information.



- **Domiz 1 & 2 Camp's** Roj community center distributed leaflets and shared key messages online on the discontinuation of emergency medical referral services for refugee camps. The information was shared to ensure that the community is aware of the available services and their changes reaching an estimate of 2231 (792 males & 1419 females).
- **Gawilan Camp** COVs decimated key messages within the camp area, informing the residents of the education process continuation since many occupants of **Bardarash Camp** moving to Gawilan Camp were unsure about the state of education in their new residence. The PoCs were happy to be informed which covered 531 refugees (63 boys, 57 girls, 236 men, & 175 women) informing both students directly and their parents.
- **Gawilan Camp** COVs also shared general key information on POIs to refugees relocating to Gawilan Camp from **Bardarash** and the community as a whole, familiarizing the new families with essential services such as camp management, shops, Help Desks...etc. which had an outreach of 2068 refugees (216 boys, 311 girls, 761 men, & 780 women).

Other Activities

- As part of the Back-to-Learning campaign **Gawilan Camp, Domiz 1 Camp, and Domiz 2 Camp** supported NRC and the Education Directorate in locating vulnerable students and/or students in need to ensure that children in refugee camps have access to a quality education, regardless of their displacement status.
- Harikar's Community Listening Center (CLC) Coordinated with Harikar's Outreach program to give an Infidelity awareness session to the COVs in **Domiz 1 Camp**, preparing them for awareness sessions on the topic. this activity was chosen to help smoothen and provide accurate information when sensitizing the community regarding the law to combat misinformation within the camp. the 16 participants women were happy with the subject and reported the session to be beneficial to them and their duties.
- To commemorate Tourism Day, COVs and RWCs of **Domiz 1 & 2 Camps** were taken to Ashawa Resort. The activity served as a means to broaden their perspective and have them enjoy an outing with their fellow staff members. There were also activities involved including quizzes, challenges, cultural dancing, and other recreational activities followed by awarding the participants who requested to have more similar activities in the future.



The CwC & Outreach team has reached a total of refugees 14395 (5954 males & 8441 females), 4166 IDPs (2094 males & 2072 females), and 487 members of the host community (265 males & 222 females). The below chart shows further relevant data regarding the activities of CwC & Outreach for September.

