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### WHO WE ARE

### Jinda organization - A Center for Ezidi Women and Girls

The Jinda center opened in July 2015 as a long-term response to the overwhelming needs of women and girls who have escaped or been rescued from Daesh (ISIS) captivity. When they arrived in the Dohuk area, these women and girls, are in urgent need of care. It is important to understand that many (if not most) have suffered extreme violence, torture, beatings, forced conversion to Islam, sexual violence, captivity, and being sold as slaves.

The center follows up on the work of the Mobile Teams by offering an inviting and pleasant (all woman) space where groups are offered in depth counseling treatment, vocational courses such as crafting, knitting and sewing, agricultural skills, social activities, and most of all a safe space where they can share their experiences without judgement. In Kurdish 'Jinda' means new life, and that is what the center stands for, a place to regain strength, and hope, and start new chapters in their lives. With the knowledge they gain from different vocational courses, the goal is that they can provide for themselves and their families financially, and feel proud of their accomplishments. Jinda became a civil society NGO 'interest they first arrived, they were collapsed, totally. Psychologically, health-wise — everything, step by step, we are reintegrating them into society." Cheman Rashid Jinda Director Reported.

#### Jinda Mission:

Our mission is to raise awareness, represent and rehabilitate survivors affected by wars and to seek the implementation of human rights principles to create a society where men and women are treated equally.

#### Jinda vision:

The vision of Jinda is to become an instrumental actor towards the empowerment and support of women and girls of Yezidi and other minority groups who have been affected by Daesh (ISIS) atrocities.

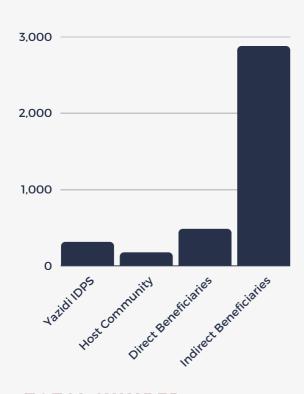




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### 2022 BENEFICIARIES



#### **TOTAL NUMBER**

The total number of direct Beneficiaries for 2022 is 479 from IDPs of Sinjar and host community of Dohuk. 2874 is the number of indirect beneficiaries including the families of the direct beneficiaries. Jinda's 2022 program included:

- Vocational courses
- Job Opportunities
- Awareness campaigns
- Clothes shopping
- Educational Support
- Entertainment activities
- Psychosocial support
- Social Counseling
- Women Rights Advocacy

### NUMBER OF IDPS AND REFUGEES HOSTED BY KURDISTAN REGION OF IRAQ FOR 2022

On Monday, January 23, 2023. The Kurdistan Regional Government Department of Media and Information has released the latest statistics of the Immigration and Displacement Directorate of the Ministry of Interior, about 665 thousand of IDPs and more than 248 thousand of refugees settled in Kurdistan in 2022. The 2022's statistics show that a total of 664,798 internally displaced persons lived in the Kurdistan Region. The number of IDPs staying in the camps were 174,706 people, from which only 102 individuals had returned to their places of origin. Furthermore, the number of new IDPs or those who returned to the camps were 230 persons and the number of people who settled outside of the camps were 490,092 individuals.

In the last year, the Kurdistan Region received 248,434 refugees in total. From this number, 93,966 people lived in the camps, and 154,468 refugees stayed outside of the camps.

Moreover, 376 refugees returned to their countries of origin, while 482 new refugees

arrived or reentered to the camps.

### 2022 PROJECTS

### THIS SECTION INCLUDES OUR PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED DURING THE YEAR

PROJECT	DURATION	FUNDED BY
COVID 19 VACCINATION CAMPAIGN	SEP 2021-MAY 2022	WADI ASSOCIATION
BETTER LIFE FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS	JAN 2022-SEP 2022	CROSSPOINT EUROPE ORG
EMPOWERING WOMEN IN CONFLICT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE STRATEGIES	JUNE 2022-JUNE 2023	UN WOMEN -WPHF
WE SALON	FEB 2022- SEP 2022	MC MC ORG
RECYCLING PLASTIC WASTE IN IDPS CAMPS	AUG2022- ONGOING	WADI AND SHRED UP ORG
PLANTING MEMORIES	AUG2022- ONGOING	KHALSA AID
PLANTING MEMORIES AND ENGLISH FOR KIDS	JUNE 2022 - AUG 2022	KHALSA AID
SALON WORKSHOP AND BUSINNESS FOR SURVIOVRS	NOV 2022-ONGOING	CELINE ESTATES CO.



## COVID 19 VACCINATION CAMPAIGN FUNDED BY WADI

Project Location: Kurdistan, Northern Iraq, Governorate Dohuk. IDPs camps including Khanke, Kabarto 1, Kabarto 2, Sharya and Rwanga

### Project description and objectives:

At the beginning of the year, People in the camp refused to take Covid-19 vaccine as many have heard false information and news about being dangerous and its heavy side effects. As the virus started spreading in the camp, we with Wadi German organization started the vaccine campaign in the yazidi IDPs camps. The project aims to encourage the camp's residents to receive the vaccine, and the campaign called "Our grandfather and grandmother survived the grip of ISIS, we do not want to lose them because of Corona."

For this purpose, together with WADI, a Germany-based NGO, we launched a campaign in many camps through girls who live in the same community (camp residents).

Iraqi ministry of health said 30% of targeted communities have been vaccinated as over 7.7 million Iraqis received Covid 19 while the world races to curb Omicron new variant popped up South Africa.

The Iraqi government guidance urges civil servants, teachers and students over 12 years to receive the Covid-19 vaccine or present a test every week, a measure aims at curbing the pandemic and boosting vaccination.

NGOs work hard to convince hundreds of thousands of IDPs to receive the vaccine amid reluctance boosted by rumors circulated in social media about side effects of the vaccine. Aya Jalal, projects coordinator of Jinda organization, said, "We visit the camp daily, encouraging the IDPs to receive vaccinations in various ways, through dialogue and giving information, or hanging educational and awareness posters in the camp."



According to the statistic conducted by our NGO, "only 20% of the displaced had received the vaccine, but the percentage had risen until the end of last week to 40%," according to Aya project coordinator at Jinda as "every day, 30 people receive the vaccine.

Khaled Mirza (28 years old) completely rejected to receive the Corona vaccine. "They used to say that the vaccine is harmful." The teams of Jinda and Wadi organizations managed to influence Khaled's family, and five members of that family received the first dose of the Corona vaccine last in March 2022.

vaccine for our safety and the safety of our parents as well, as we were encouraged by the self-awareness team" Mirza commented.

Hanan Khader Subhi, from the village of Tal al-Qasab in Shingal (Sinjar) district, has lived in Khanke camp for seven years, and now is a member of the Jinda team.

"We move from one tent to another from early in the morning until evening. IDPs said the vaccine will either kill them and has many serious side effects, but after we talked to them and corrected their information, most of them decided to receive the vaccine."

Indicative and awareness posters are spread throughout the camp urging people to take the vaccine and the camp administration provides facilities for the teams of the two organizations.

within our efforts the majority of the camp residents got vaccinated, shortly after the KRG government announced that the region is COVID-19 free thanks to the vaccine.



## BETTER LIFE FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS BY CROSSPOINT EUROPE

Project Location: Kurdistan, Northern Iraq, Governorate Dohuk. IDPs camps including Sharya, Khanke, Kabarto 1, Kabarto 2, Qadya and Esyan camps, and Dohuk City.

### Project description and objectives:

Crpsspoint Europe works with the Jinda Center in response to the Daesh attack on the Yazidi people in August 2014. More than 350,000 Yazidis have fled to the Kurdish region of northern Iraq. Yazidi girls, women and their children reside in six camps in Duhok region (Kabarto 1, Kabarto 2, Shraya, Esyan, Rawanga and Khanke camps) in northern Iraq are the marginalized group as a result of hostilities in this region.

The project is dedicated to help the internally displaced Yazidi girls and young women and their children in Iraq, who experienced kidnapping, enslavement and sexual abuse and had to cope with severe traumas. General objective is to improve the quality of the life of Yezidi girls, women, and children, including orphan children by providing adequate services with medical, psychological and education support. Besides, the project strives to empower and encourage women with vocational trainings as well as various linkages with effective job opportunities in a wide range of functional areas.

#### Number of beneficiaries:

Through this project we focused on women and girls from different ages and orphan kids survivors from war with a total of:

Direct Beneficiaries: 140 women and girls 100 orphan children

Indirect beneficiaries:

500 family members from the community including parents, relatives, and friends.



### **Project Category:**

- Human Rights and Empowerment
- Education and Skills Development
- Economic Empowerment and Livelihoods
- Legal Rights and Advocacy

### **Project Impact and results**

The goal of this project is to offer protection, psychosocial treatment as well as immediate life support to the target group. The traumatized target group gained access to rehabilitation and integration. In order to support the girls, women and children in this regard, psychological and medical support was provided, as well as various training and therapeutic activities.

English and computer courses, art and STEM education, as well as various lectures and psychological, medical and social activities were arranged among others. The courses helped the beneficiaries acquire new skills, confidence, reduce anxiety, improve health and wellbeing. Emergency relief was also provided by distributing food and basic necessities, but also hygiene material such as masks and disinfectants to Yazidi families living in the camps and surrounding areas of Dohuk.

income i recieve from sewing masks, I was able to buy food and clothes for my children and family " Kachona Reported



Moreover, the councils also set out to promote the role of women in decision making, increase visibility of women in public roles and provide access for women to essential services. In creating these councils, we formalize and institutionalize gender balanced representation structures that will continuously seek to promote the role and visibility of women in decision making. Besides providing women with the necessary skills, our project also provides them with a platform through which they can structurally and increasingly promote women's participation, rights and public roles. Their work and visibility will increase recognition and legitimacy among the different communities and local authorities.

beneficiaries: 90
women
No. of councils
created: 2
Job
opportunities: 2
No. of indirect
beneficiaries:
1000

Through this increased recognition and formalized structure, women representatives have a higher chance of being involved in decision-making and coordination. Together with increasing women's capacities and confidence, our project thus contributes to the overall impact area of increasing meaningful participation and decision-making of women in conflict prevention processes and responses.

Our project aims to increase meaningful participation and decision making of women by providing them with an opportunity to gain essential skills and confidence, as well as to create a formal platform through which women can promote structural inclusion in decision making. The project has a dual objective: first, to increase women's capacity, confidence and willingness to participate in decision-making and public roles. Second, to increase coordination and communication between women to support structural inclusion and create positive gender norms.





### WE SALON PROJECT FUNDED BY MC MC ORGANIZATION

Location: Iraq Kurdistan, Northern Iraq. Duhok Sharya, Kabarto 1, Kabarto 2 and Essian IDPs camps.

**Project Duration: 3/4/2022 - Sep 2022** 

#### Project description and objectives:

The project aims to equip survivors with the necessary skills to work in salons or start their own businesses, promoting financial independence and self-sufficiency. The project will give them the opportunity to be financially independent and to merge them with the community to be able to go out from the camp atmosphere and to work in the city. The specific goal of the project is to teach the women a new skill of manicure, pedicure, and hairdressing by experts in these fields and to give the job opportunity of opening two shops for six qualified participants to work and to be financially independent and can support their families.

This service involves the grooming and beautification of the hands, including nail trimming, shaping, cuticle care, and nail polish application. Pedicures focus on the feet, offering services such as nail trimming, callus removal, exfoliation, and nail polish application. Additional services include nail art, hand and foot massages, and the use of high-quality skincare products.

The training program is comprehensive and covers various aspects of manicure and pedicure services. Curriculum includes hygiene and safety procedures, nail anatomy, product knowledge, client communication, and practical skills. The trainer is from experienced instructor, from the beauty industry which have previously conducted training sessions. Training also emphasizes soft skills like customer service and professionalism.

Participants received support beyond training, including job placement assistance and guidance on starting their own salons or mobile nail services. Mental health and counseling services have been offered to address trauma and emotional well-being.



No. of indirect beneficiaries: 240

No. of job opportunities: two shops for

six women

No. of toolboxes distributed: 26 boxes

The training courses targeted thirty two ladies from different ages and educational backgrounds from six different refugees' camps locations including Sharya, Esyan, Kabartu 1, Kabartu 2, Khanke and Qadya. This number have been divided to two workshops each sixteen days, four days per week. Each participants have been brought to the location of the training. They have learned the skill very well and with practicing at home, they are ready to start their own business.

Upon completing the training program, each participant received Successful of completion certificate along with a toolbox containing essential manicure and pedicure tools and supplies. These toolboxes included items like nail clippers, files, buffers, cuticle pushers, polishes, and other necessary equipment.

Two salons have been opened for six of the trained ladies in two camps (Issyan and Kabarto 1). They received guidance and support in developing a business plan. This includes assistance with budgeting, pricing strategies, marketing, and creating a safe and welcoming salon environment.

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### RECYCLING PLASTIC BY WADI AND SHRED UP PROJECT

Location: Iraq Kurdistan, Kabarto 1 & 2 Camps Project Duration August 2022 for three years

#### Project description and objectives:

This project started in August 2022 due to the high level of waste especially in the camps and its effects on the people living in such environment where diseases can easily transfer and effects the health of the camp community. Many cleaning campaigns have been taken before but with only short period of a time the camp is again polluted with all kinds of waste.

With the help of Wadi and shred up we started with explaining the importance of recycling and what are benefits from this project to the self - awareness teams based in the camp consisting of six young women from Shingal, some of whom were abused as slaves by the Islamic State. This team already helped with the successful awareness campaign against Corona in the camp. These teams started the awareness tent by tent with daily visits explaining to the families the goal of the project with distribution of brochures about saving the environment and trash bags for collecting plastic waste. The teams then visit the same families the following week to collect the plastic from the families to store it in the store. In addition to the awareness, five collecting plastic bins have been placed in the camps in five different locations including schools, camp managements, and social centers.

This project is part of Keep Kurdistan Green Campaign that covers large areas of kuurdistan including Halabja, Garmian, Erbil, Sulimani and Dohuk. All these projects are driven by a sense of 'ownership' for your community, the area where you live, and working together for positive change and action.

Iraq is one of the seven most affected countries by climate change and facing an environmental disaster. One of the key environmental challenges in Iraq is the management of waste, particularly in densely populated urban areas. Recycling can help divert materials away from landfills and reduce the pollution and health hazards associated with improper waste disposal.



### **Challenges and Successes:**

In the beginning of the project, it was very challenging convincing the camp community to collect only plastic in the bins. Especially because we are the first NGO which starts such a project in Dohuk. The first two months the teams were separating plastic from other waste. Najla, One of the recycling teams reported "We received lots of comments about our work, people didn't trust that this will work in our community and gave us the look of "garbage collectors",

With the pass of time we saw that the camp community started to accept the idea and even the bins started getting full which made us proud of our work".

Now we are very proud of the work the teams achieved. The store is almost full of plastic now. People are cooperating and volunteering with the teams to collect plastic.

In 2023, The project aims at opening of the first recycling center in Kabarto camp in Dohuk by building the recycling machines so the team spread the awareness, collect plastic, shred it, and melt it to a beautiful furniture. The products include tables, bins, vase, fruits bowl, accessories and many other useful products. The effects of environmental pollution on health and nature are discussed, but ideas are also presented on how parts of the supposed garbage can be creatively given a useful second life so that they do not end up in the trash in the first place, true to the motto "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle."

better environment in

the camp"

Shama Reported



### PLANTING MEMORIES WITH KHALSA AID

Location: Iraq Kurdistan, Kabarto 1 & 2 and Sharya camps
Project description and objectives:

With the help of our partners from Khalsa Aid international we were able to plant 900 trees in Kabarto 1& 2 and Sharya Yazidi IDPS camps. The trees were planted in various schools, Parks, community centers, camp managements, and many public areas around the camps.

"Planting Memories" project name stands for the yazidi genocide which thousands of yazidies died during the attack of ISIS and kocho village. With the help of the yazidi families from the same camp community, each family have planted a tree representing each member they lost in the genocide.

In addition to that, trees and green spaces have been shown to have a positive impact on mental health. They provide a sense of normalcy, connection to nature, and can reduce the stress and trauma experienced by IDPs.

Refugee camps have a significant impact on the local environment, leading to deforestation and soil degradation due to the demand for firewood and shelter. Planting trees helps to restore the ecosystem by preventing erosion, improving air quality, and supporting biodiversity.

In addition to trees provide shade and help reduce the temperature within the camp, making living conditions more bearable, especially in hot climates.

#### **Project Outcomes:**

- 1.A total of 900 trees were planted, contributing to the reforestation of the area.
- 2. Enhanced community engagement and awareness about environmental issues, encouraging more people to become environmentally responsible.
- 3. Fostering a sense of pride and ownership among the camp residents, who now have a personal connection to the trees they planted.
- 4. A significant step towards mitigating climate change and improving local air and water quality.



During 2022, we also opened English Course for two groups of Kids consisting of 40 kids from different ages. These course have been held in cooperation with Sumel Youth Centre located in Sumel district for IDPs, refugees and host community who are based in the area. The aim from this collaboration is to support those children in developing their English language skills for total duration of two months. Learning English at an early age provides children with a valuable skill that opens doors to global communication and educational opportunities.

I used to feel shy and unsure when it came to speaking ,after joining the English language course, I feel more confident than ever. Now, I can express myself, make new friends, and dream of a future filled with possibilities! Saman Said

#### The primary objectives of the English course for kids are as follows:

Introduce children to the English language in a fun and engaging manner.

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- Develop basic English language skills, including listening, speaking, reading, and writing through a variety of activities, games, stories, and group exercises.
- Build vocabulary and grammar foundations for effective communication.
- Foster an interest in learning English and cultivate a positive attitude toward language learning

The course was a great chance for these kids to develop their skills especially with their studies. We reported many positive reactions including: Enthusiasm and Engagement, Enjoyment of Activities, Improved Confidence, Friendships and Peer Interaction.

We from Jinda organization and the representative of Sumel Youth centre would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for the support provided to the English Language course for children it was a positive impact on the lives of internally displaces persons, refugees and host community of sumel.



### SALON FOR SURVIVORS BY NOOR CHARCHAFCHI

Location: Iraq Kurdistan, Dohuk

Project description and objectives:

In 2022, we started a new partnership with Noor Charchafchi, an Iraqi business women who owns celine estates Interior designing company in London. Noor is an inspiration for Iraqi business women who still care about her people and provide support for women and girls.

The project aims at empowering Yazidi survivors of ISIS atrocities through a salon workshop and the establishment of small business. The objective is to provide these survivors with skills, opportunities, and support to rebuild their lives and communities after enduring the horrors of ISIS captivity.

The primary goal of this initiative is to empower Yazidi survivors by providing them with skills, emotional support, and economic opportunities. This will be achieved through a two-fold approach: a salon workshop and the establishment of small business.

Through 2022, the four girls living in khanki camp have attended an intensive course for the duration of twenty days in Erbil. The course have been held by professionals in this field which was SAYA Luxury Beauty Center. During their accommodation in Erbil, the four ladies learned about hairdressing, makeup, and beauty therapy. The workshop served multiple purposes including:

- 1. Skill Development by acquiring valuable skills that led to employment opportunities.
- 2. Empowerment on which Learning these skills boosted survivors' self-esteem and sense of empowerment.
- 3. Engaging in creative and therapeutic activities like hairstyling and makeup aid in the healing process.

In addition to the salon workshop, a small business initiative will be launched in 2023. This will include opening a beauty salon for the four ladies near to their residence in the camp and assisting in marketing and promoting these businesses to ensure they thrive.

### OTHER ACTVITIES IMPLEMENTED IN 2022











### Capacity Building of Staff

Jinda staff have attended different courses through 2022 programs to enhance the skills, knowledge, and capabilities of our staff. Our organization invested significantly in various programs to enhance the capacity of our staff members. These efforts have not benefited individual employees contributed to our organization's overall performance and competitiveness. The Workshops included: Proposal writing, project cycle managements, financing, Monitoring and Evaluation by UN Women. ToT by Leed, survivors law by IOM, UN security Council resolution 1325. Capacity building will continue to be a central focus of our organizational strategy in the coming years, helping us achieve our goals and objectives effectively.

### 16 Days of Activism Against Gender -Based Violence

During the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign, our organization conducted a powerful and impactful activity that aimed to raise awareness, foster dialogue, and promote change. We organized a social media awareness where women and girls delivered strong statements to stop violence against them. The activity have focused on engaging TV stations, local activists, survivors, and experts to address the multifaceted issue of gender-based violence. These events provided a safe and inclusive space for participants to share their stories, insights, and solutions. Our NGO also had a one day seminar for twenty girls In Kabarto 2 IDP camp tackling the subject of Early Marriage. The objective is to raise awareness about the negative consequences of early marriages, particularly those involving minors, and to empower communities to take action to end this harmful practice. By addressing the root causes and consequences of early marriage, the seminar aims to contribute to the reduction of genderbased violence.

### OTHER ACTVITIES IMPLEMENTED IN 2022











### Celebrating World Children's Day 1st June

We celebrated world childrens day with fifty orphans from Saleh orphanages in Zakho District. The Orphans were from different ages between 1 year to 17 years old. Some of them IDPs some are from the host community. The kids are left without mother, father or both. The celebration included distribution of sweets, dinner, singing, dancing and playing. The children then received gifts and toys according to their choice. Along with the celebration we were also able to buy blankets for them and for Kids in Girls and Boys separate orphanages in Dohuk.

We were truly touched with their stories, and happy to put a smile one their faces.

### Media and TV

Our NGO address's various global challenges, from poverty and healthcare to environmental conservation and human rights. Effective communication is vital to maximize our impact, and media and television platforms are powerful tools for achieving this. During 2022, We were hosted many times by Local TV and Radio stations including Dijlah, DOHUK TV, KNN, KURDSAT, RUDAW, K24 Kurdistan TV. Along with press interviews including VOA voice of Americans and Kerkuk Now.

### 2022 Christmas

Just like every year, We always try ro bring joy and hope to internally displaced persons including Kids and women in vulnerable situations. This year we celebrated with a small event aims to create a festive and inclusive atmosphere while providing support, empowerment, and a sense of community during the holiday season. We celebrated with Women and kids from Dawdiya IDP camp with distribution of gifts, toys and candies. Special thanks to Jossstone Foundation and our private donor for their support.

### **NAJLA STORY**

Najla is a yazidi lady who lives in Kabarto 2 camp. She used to live in Shingal before the attack of ISIS on their village in 3rd Aug 2014. She grew up in a poor family who couldn't support her financially to continue her studying. After she fled her village and started to settle in the camp, she started to feel depressed. She attended many vocational courses by Jinda to spend her time and to find an opportunity of learning. Despite the learning she also found comfort within the psychosocial sessions given by the psychologist and social worker. She kept on following her dream which is an education degree.

"Before my escape from Sinjar on 3/8/2014, I was a student, and after my escape, I came to Kabarto camp in Dohuk. I met Jinda organization by chance. I participated in many courses they provided. I always liked the English language. In January 2022 I participated again in one of the English language courses to improve my English language skills. Sooner I became Jinda's focal point in the camp. I help the people in the camp to receive services by the organization. After that, Jinda supported me with opening a small market for me and my friend to bring an income to our families. . Najla proved to us that her admissions are stronger than the circumstances

With the help of other donors we were able to support Najla to continue her studies. She joined an institute in Dohuk and gained the diploma degree. Najla Now is an offical lecturer in the camp that teaches kids in the primary school. Najla is also one of the team members of the self-awareness team. She have been working for years in the camp to spread the awareness. "working for my community makes me happy"





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