

Final Narrative Report of SDR project

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Implementation Partner: Nujeen for Family Democratizing Organization

Project title: Empowering persons with disabilities and injuries within the Syrian population affected by the crisis

Location: Iraq- Kurdistan Region

Duration of report: May 01st 2014 to April 30th 2015

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- Background to the project

A three years project (Empowering persons with disabilities and injuries within the Syrian population affected by the crisis) is one of the best projects done in partnership with and leading by Handicap International and ANND, in Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon...

The project in Iraq started May 1st 2014. Nujeen was implementing the activities with technical support from HI...



- Overall Objective:

Children, women and men with disabilities¹ and injuries within the Syrian population affected by the crisis are represented by civil society organizations that have adequate capacities to advocate for their rights and to contribute to an inclusive democratic transition process

General Objective:

The emergence of representative organizations and groups within the Syrian population affected by the crisis ensures that the demands of persons with disabilities and injuries are voiced, and that key stakeholders are mobilized for a more appropriate response to their needs.

- Summary of the project activities

In May 1st HI-Nujeen could allocate Nujeen project coordinator, as with HI senior project coordinator started activities. First of all they had meetings and official contact with Duhok Government relation office and Displacement and Migration Committee (DMC) in Domiz Refugee camp to get formal permission and to have coordination with the project staff...

As well from May to the end of July we did our investigations and contacts with UN Agencies, Local and International NGOs, Government departments, services providers and Disabled People Organization (DPOs) to help us in getting volunteers and to select formal and informal groups and activist disabled and injured peoples from Syrian refugee's communities...

As well during the mentioned period of time, we could recruit full time project field officer, part time admin/financial officer and car with driver, as they started working on August 1st 2014....

In August and September, the project staff, had a number of coordination meeting with UNHCR, DRC, PAW, Duhok Institute for general education, IRC, Kurdistan Human Right, Harikar NGO and DMC. The meetings were very nice and interesting as well we have got their promise to do facilities and to have coordination in recruiting volunteers from Syrian refugee's communities and formal groups of Syrian refugees. The results of the meetings was grate and through the mentioned organization and Government departments, we identify groups and individuals who are interesting to work or working for people with disabilities, as well we could get contact numbers of groups and individuals...



As well and to introduce the project to the Syrian refugees communities, we had seminars in Domiz1, Domiz 2 refugees' camps, in Zakho, Semel District, Duhok city and War city, for people with

disabilities, parents of child with disabilities, care givers and community leaders and activists from Syrian communities. During the mentioned seminars we asked and registries volunteers to involve in the voluntary groups or as a leaders...



At the same time, we had meetings with groups and activist individuals in Domiz one and two Refugee's camp and in Duhok city. All the groups they are so happy with the idea and objective of the project, as well they raise their interest to be a part of the project activities.

We could have 6 groups of volunteers and nine activist persons in the aspect of people with disabilities; as well we did evaluation forms to all individuals and groups.....



During the first coordination meeting in Amman that Nujeen staff participated, we realized that we had small misunderstanding, the number and percentage of people with disabilities or injured were less than 50% because of that, we agreed to re-evaluate all of the groups and individuals that we had..



During and after October 2014 to end of 2014, we could re-arrange all the groups, as well some of leaders. For the mentioned purposes we had two meetings with all of six groups and we explained that we should have more than 50% people with disabilities or injured. In the same meetings we asked group members to re-arrange their groups in a new format...

In the second meetings held with groups, we could help them to do the structure of groups. The achievement of the mentioned meetings was each group had coordinator and assistance male and female all are people with disabilities and parents of child with disabilities...

In the beginning of 2015, we prepared our self to do one five-day initiative training for 25 persons from six groups and 9 leaders. For the activity we had meeting between Nujeeen HI staff and we could selected 25 persons according to geographical areas and groups.



At the end of March, we had five-day training of trainers for 11 persons. The training was so good lead by Nujeeen- HI staff in a participatory ways and methodology> According to the coordination meeting in Amman, we select the subject (two days were on training skills, on day Disability issues, one day for advocacy and the last day was on planning for two-day follow up training. In the training we did form four teams of trainers to conduct four follow up training (each team to lead training in their location)

At beginning of April, as we planned the training teams did conduct four follow up training with support from Nujeeen-HI staff and mentoring all the trainings. The numbers of voluntary group members participate in the trainings were 87 persons male and female and the majority was persons with disabilities.



- Obstacle and challenges

In general, we haven't had any obstacles or we haven't faced any big challenges during implementing the project activities. All of Government departments are very helpful and they did allot of facilities to Nujeeen-HI teams. All of the INGO and LNGO, they show us their help and coordination to our teams, for example in most of group meetings and seminars we could get a hall for free from IRC, UNFPA and Local NGOs.

In the process of recruiting volunteers UNHCR, IRC, PAO and other NGOs refer volunteers to the project team.

The only concern that we can talk about is, some of volunteers are asking material help from us, as well the movement of refugees between Kurdistan cities, it caused losing volunteers..

HI staff and especial HI project coordinator is so helpful and did participate and engaged in all the activities and planning for activities, he is supporting Nujeen staff with new information and idea that coming from HI head of project. In Nujeen we had very good understanding and cooperation from HI project staff , the coordination meeting in Amman were helpful in mixing and exchanging information and having unified plan for our activities...



- The last achievements:

We have 6 groups of volunteers, all of the groups are leading by people with disabilities and the majority of members are people with disabilities as well, the groups in the side of numbers and information are as bellow:

1- Domiz 1 Group/ Syrian refugee camp in Duhok

Number of members: Total 13

Male:10

Female 3

Number of PwD: 11 people with injury 1 person without disabilities 1

2- Domiz 2Group/ Syrian refugee camp in Duhok

Number of members: Total 13

Male:8

Female 5

Number of PwD: 9 people with injury 0 person without disabilities 1 Parents of CwD 3

3- Semel Group: in Semel city**Number of members: Total 10**

Male:1

Female 9

Number of PwD: 6 people with injury 0 person without disabilities 0 Parents of CwD 4

4- War city/ it's a collective town closed to Domiz camp**Number of members: Total 6**

Male:3

Female 3

Number of PwD: 6 people with injury 0 person without disabilities 0 Parents of CwD 0

5- Zakho Group/ in Zakho city**Number of members: Total 11**

Male:5

Female 6

Number of PwD: 5 people with injury 0 person without disabilities 2 Parents of CwD 4

6- Duhok group/ in Duhok city**Number of members: Total 14**

Male:8

Female 6

Number of PwD: 9 people with injury 0 person without disabilities 1 Parents of CwD 4

The statistics of group members that all of them from Syrian refugees:

- ✓ The total numbers of group members are: 67
- ✓ Total numbers of Male: 35
- ✓ The total number of female: 32
- ✓ Total numbers of people with disabilities: 46
- ✓ Total numbers of parents of CwD: 15

- ✓ Total numbers of parents of injured: 1

- **About the leaders: as well we have 10 leaders all of them from Syrian refugee communities:**

Male 4

Female 6

People with disabilities: 7

Care givers: 2

People without disabilities: 1

- **Capacity buildings:**

- ✓ One initiative training for 23 participants
- ✓ One ToT for 11 participants
- ✓ Four follow up training mentored by HI-Nujeen staff and run by group members for 87 persons.

- **Monitoring and evaluation**

For monitoring of the project activities, we had field visits to all of activities by HI-Nujeen project coordinators, attending sheets for all the meeting, seminars and trainings. As well we had photos of all the activities...

For evaluation we depend on pre-post evaluation forms for trainings, and in the end of sessions we had open discussions and evaluation from participants.

Our strategy is involving the participants and stakeholders in planning, monitoring and implementing of activities. As well in the project people from UN Agencies, LNGO and government attend some of our meetings and seminars..

In general, we had very good impact on our volunteers, they learned the methods of good advocacy, they have gotten more information on disability and disability issues, they can do and lead awareness raising activities in the aspects of disabilities, and they can work as a team.