Kurdistan Reconstruction and Development Society – KURDS

An Overview of KURDS NGO:

Kurdistan Reconstruction and Development Society (KURDS) is a non-for profit, humanitarian, independent and community-based organization that was founded in early 90s with the objective of reversing the destruction of large areas of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. In doing so, KURDS commenced with the tangible target of restoring the infrastructure of war-torn areas, first, then rehabilitating those areas through construction of basic services projects like water, shelters, sanitations, interior road, irrigation channels, health centers, capacity building…etc. with substantiation of population movement back to their “natural habitats” by creating income and educating inhabitants on coexistence principles. KURDS was initially challenged in the post-construction phase by ensuring that persistent city-to-village migration by inflicting sustainable approaches that innovatively addressed the question of creating livelihoods for those that actually went back. Equally important, was the fact that these villages were adjacent to other components of the ethnically-rich Iraq and hence Kurdish villages and their dwellers were trained to transcend beyond their explanation of accountability as to who caused havoc to their villages, and start dealing with their old-new neighbors; KURDS excelled in establishing this understanding during over two and a half decades of its age.

the national & international agencies and targeted communities in term of raising the needs KURDS through its age responds to natural or man-made disasters; to address its vital goal and objectives particularly in Duhok, Ninawa, Erbil governorates, reconstruction of destroyed areas during the arbitrary wars and internal conflicts, develop the targeted communities via highlighting diverse issues of awareness programs regarding water, WASH, health, education, peacebuilding, toleration, Children & women social and political rights, violence against women, child protection, gender equity in rights and duties
and capacity building programs Simultaneously KURDS aims to develop the socio-economic conditions and environment of targeting areas by coordinating amongst and requirements to provide transitional development, emergency responses and relief assistance nationally to the targeted beneficiaries and communities.

Moreover, since 1991 KURDS has implemented successfully more than 400 projects in the fields of construction of schools, health centers, water projects (80% of these projects was in WatSan sector such as drilling wells and construction of water projects, extension of water network, and construction of reservoir water tanks), irrigations channels and WatSan of schools, most IDPs and Refugees camps infrastructure, shelters and other basic public services as in the last few years KURDS NGO implemented the majority of camps infrastructure construction and rehabilitation in all refugee camps in all three Governorates of the Kurdistan Region in partnership with UNHCR.

KURDS has been involved in the response to Refugee activities since the outbreak of the Syrian refugee crisis in Kurdistan Region and have established presence in all camps with various engineering and social development teams. Throughout the KURDS experience and work in the last 20 years, it has established very good relations with the key stakeholders such as the local authorities, other donors and the local communities themselves. Currently KURDS first priority is to provide IDPs, refugees and most vulnerable groups the required humanitarian Protection and Mixed Solutions for the targeted groups and has approximately 85 full and part time technical and administrative qualified and experienced staff.
KURDS DUHOK Office

Improving internal roads and access inside Khanik IDPs camp

KURDS NGO Duhok Office has started the implementation process of improving internal roads and access in Khanik IDPs Camp, Semel district in May 29, 2016. The project aims to improve the access and facilitate the movement inside the camp and enable camp management and other humanitarian agencies to provide emergency responses and other services easily. KURDS engineering team has completed the preparations of BOQ & Drawings, site preparation is completed, crushed gravel work is completed and the work of double bitumen surface dressing is started for improvement of internal roads and the project is final stage as 80 % is completed.

This project is considered to be a complementary project of IDPs protection program and will enable the IDPs to have easy access to the public services inside the camp and facilitate the movement inside the camp and providing emergency health responses and humanitarian aid in time. Beside that it will help the children to have access to school and social centers inside the camp and play securely in the playing yards allocated for kids.

It is worth mentioning as KURDS contribution to the project another layer will be added.
Shelter and Infrastructure construction in Erbil and Sullaimaniya Governorates

KURDS NGO partnership with UNHCR

KURDS Erbil Office in close coordination with funding agency (UNHCR), implemented the following activity in Erbil Refugees Camps:

Darashakran Camp:

1- Stone Cladding works for the Retaining wall

Complementary works for Phase 4 and construction Retaining wall: This project started on first of February and the implementation process completed in July, 2016:
2- Filling the existing security ditch (13,500 m³) in Darashakran camp.

IDPs protection and security is one of the priorities of KURDS NGO. KURDS continuously is coordinating with UN and international NGO to protect IDPs and refugees inhabited in the organized camps in the three northern governorates Duhok, Erbil and Sullaimaniya. This project considered to be one of these project implemented by KURDS NGO in coordination with UNHCR.
3. Qushtapa Camp:

In continuation of partnership with UNHCR, KURDS NGO participated in the new phase for construction of infrastructure and camps maintenance care with providing of providing shelters in the new temporary camps organized in Erbil (Qushtapa Camp) as follows:

1. Site clearing and minor cut/filling works.
2. Site demarcation (family plot 6.9x9.5m).
3. Water network and earthen water channels with concrete padding.
4. Tents erecting.
**Market Area**
1- Site clearing and minor cut works.
2- Dislodging of the existing cesspools and back filling with boulder and final layers with sub-base material.
3- Filling market locations using clean filth with good compaction.
4- Fill roads with sub-base material with good compaction
5- Site demarcation (markets boundaries and walls).
Phase 3

1- Site clearing and removing the trash to an agreed location outside the camp completed in coordination with local municipality and due to UNHCR instructions.
2- Dislodging of the existing cesspools and back filling with boulder and final layers with sub-base material.
3- Starting the earth work, cut/fill, for 7 communities.
4- Coordinating with Camp Admin, Camp Management and UNHCR to clear the rest of the site form obstacles such as: individual markets, NGOs' Offices, electrical poles and security cameras.
AS quick Impact projects in coordination with UNHCR, KURDS has implemented the following and services in the organized IDPs, and refugees’ camps in Erbil Governorate:

To improve education and health environment and continuing providing education services to IDPs and Refugees family members settled inside organized camps. KURDS provided required caravans/ cesspool and completed renovation:

Bawyanı primary school in Khalifan, Soran district.

Halgurd primary school with extension of WASH program (building a cesspool) in Dyana primary school in Soran District.
Rehabilitation and Expansion of maternity ward in Erbil maternity Hospital.

Replacement main electric board in addition to supplying 5 AC units in Helena center for disabled children and children with specific needs in Erbil city
4. Debaga Camp:

Debaga 1 Camp Stadium Extension project:
1 - Construction of 41 communal kitchens with dimensions (3.5*9) meter.
2 - Providing and laying a layer of sub-base type A 20 cm for roads and access road to improve access inside the camp.
3 - Excavation work for a concrete open main channel, the channel is taking water from the road side channels to the outside of the camp.
4 - Providing and laying a layer of crashed gravel between tents that are pitched at service area.
5. **Debaga 2 Camp:**

1- Site preparation, cleaning, cutting and filling the natural ground with preparation of road.
2- Demarcation of all community area.
3- Pitching 1200 UNHCR tents.
4- Laying a layer of crashed gravel between tents.
5- Construction of 7 shades by (timber pole and sandwich panel) each one is (3*6) meter in dimension.
6- Erecting two Rub-halls (24*10) meter, laying a layer of crashed gravel around them and constructing two showers for women close the rub-halls.
7- Fencing around the camp by BRC (American Type).
8- Construction of communal kitchens is ongoing.
9- Fencing and Site preparation for the Administration area.