Rehabilitation, Education and Community Health (REACH) is a non-governmental, non-profit and independent Iraqi organization, conducting its activities in Diyala, Kirkuk, Erbil, Duhok, Ninevah, Salahaddin and Sulaimaniya governorates of Iraq. REACH provides humanitarian aid to IDPs, refugees and host communities, by assisting and supporting their efforts to make a difference in their lives and developing their capacity to respond to emergencies with the support of partner agencies.

Current report contains the information about REACH activities in the following sectors:

- **Food security**
- **Education**
- **Protection**
- **Livelihood**
- **Water, sanitation and hygiene**
Food security

- REACH supports vulnerable families in Chamchamal villages, who are suffering from drought, by creating kitchen gardens, distributing bee hives and constructing small dams. In May, REACH visited kitchen garden participants from previous years to monitor and support them. Bee hives, which were distributed last month were inspected and divided, and swarms were captured.

Agri engineer and one of the beekeeping participant inspecting hives, Garaw village
REACH provides educational activities for children and adults in Bazyan, Baynjan and Rapareen community centres.

In May, the following activities were conducted: Sorani, English and Arabic trainings, Study support (math), Computer, Drug and legal awareness, First aid training.

The total number of participants is 119.
Protection

In addition to Education, **REACH organizes different psychosocial activities** in Community Centres, such as Music, Theater, Art, Outdoor activities, Individual supportive sessions, Hiking and Riding bicycles.

REACH psychosocial support provides specific, targeted activities designed to increase the resilience and coping of children.

The **total number of participants is 274 children.**

Participant of art course, Rapareen community center, Sulaimaniya
Livelihood and social cohesion

Every month REACH tries to support vulnerable families by improving their livelihood. For that purpose several projects are organized:

- **Cash for work**—was distributed to 191 beneficiaries (host community) in Halabja and Sulaimaniya, while they were working in nurseries and olive orchards;

- **Kitchen gardening inputs**— Distribution of seeds and tools to 300 beneficiaries in Diyala and to 700 beneficiaries in Tuz Khurmatu through voucher system. Provision of coated seeds for Summer season (Cucumber, watermelon, melon and green Vegetables), the seeds are (seed-dressing, pesticides and slimicides). Providing one shovel as a tool to per beneficiary for planting seeds;

- 83 chickens were distributed to 6 Ezidi families in Mamrashan camp in Duhok. Families will receive income from the sale of eggs.

Woman is watering the seeds in Darbandixan nursery as part of cash for work activity, Sulaimaniya
In May, REACH conducted the following projects in WASH sector:

**Diyala:** continued to rehabilitate the water well and Chlorine in Qalaa Village - Tuz Kurmatu, Diyala.

**Kirkuk:** implementation of maintaining and digging bore hole in Daquq water station started this month. Vouchers to procure sanitation materials was distributed for 152 families for the rehabilitation of latrines. As well as 152 families received vouchers to procure materials for renovation of bathes. 151 families received hygiene kits.

**Duhok:** 84 water pipes and valves of (1/2”, ¾” and 1”) have been installed at esyan and Mamrashan camps. 86 float valves for H.H water storage tanks have been replaced with new one at esyan and Mamrashan camps. (48230) Garbage bags have been distributed. (532) septic tanks have been cleaned in both Esyan and Mamrashan camps.

Daquq Water project implementation, Kirkuk
Story

Jabar Ahmad was born in 1971 and he is a father for four children. His oldest son is twenty years old and he has a skin disease where he loses his skin very painfully every time he takes a shower. He has visited many dermatologists but none of them has found a solution to his disease. His second son is disabled. His feet are bent since he was born. His third one is nine years old and his eye is disabled.

Jabar has a very difficult life because of this situation in Kurdistan, and he cannot find a job to bring an income for his family expenses and doctor’s payment for his disabled children.

“I was looking for job every day and registered my name in most of the organizations and in kak Barzan’s list to get a chance to work. I finally got this job in REACH Organization which has changed a lot in my life.” Jabar said.

Jabar has learned how to create seedling beds, painting, potting sacks, and cutting big trees. Also, he has met new people and new work environment through REACH’s support.

Jabar could finally buy a motorcycle due to REACH’s project to work with it after the project is completed, and it will become a source of income to his family.

He is very thankful of REACH organization because he will not be jobless after REACH project.
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