CDO Allocated a Special Budget to Support People Who Have Lost Income Due to COVID19 Curfews

Together We Can Fight Coronavirus

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10,000 Food and Hygiene Packages Distributed within 15 Days
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WE DID NOT STOP WORKING DURING LOCKDOWN BECAUSE A LOT OF PEOPLE NEEDED US

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When Kurdistan Regional Government’s Health Ministry announced the first confirmed cases of coronavirus in the region and when the curfew started in order to prevent the spread of COVID19, most of the service departments were shut down and everyone were staying at home to be safe. At this risky period the CDO teams were working 10 hours a day to support the vulnerable families.

CDO’s contribution in preventing COVID19 and supporting the families that lost their income due to the curfew can be summarized in:

• Raise awareness about the virus by producing a video in sign language. CDO was the first NGO to produce such kind of videos even prior to the government. One of our videos have been so far viewed by more than 39,000 people. CDO teams also translated WHO leaflets to Kurdish and Turkmen languages as an essential right of everyone to have access to information related with protection from the virus with their mother language.

• Distributing food and hygiene packages among 10,800 families in Sulaymaniyah governorate within 15 working days.

All parties should know that the local NGOs were the first parties that delivered humanitarian assistance during the crisis and there were no significant activities from UN agencies and international NGOs except WHO in the first weeks of the crisis in our region. The government, local people, refugees, and IDPs should take this into serious consideration and have the right to ask all those agencies to know what services they deliver at such a critical period.

In these challenging times, we are all navigating through uncertainty for ourselves, our loved ones, and our community. We also hope for more cooperation with the local organizations to build a stronger network together to face the current and potential crisis. It is important to thank all the local companies that have been supporting CDO’s activities especially Mr. Faruq Mala Mustafa who allocated 485,000 USD to support 10,000 families. We hope you are staying healthy and safe and together we will pass this crisis safely.
Thanks to Mr. Faruk Mustafa Rasool, Chairman of Faruk Investment Group Company for their charity project to provide food and hygiene items for 10,000 families in Sulaymaniyah governorate. This is part of their previous contributions in supporting vulnerable people in the region. CDO shows appreciation for being chosen as their partner to implement this humanitarian task at this risky condition of Kurdistan.
March 25th marked the first day of distributing food and hygiene items provided by Mr. Faruk Mustafa Rasool, Chairman of Faruk Investment Group Company which was the start of a charity project to support vulnerable people living in the surrounding districts and sub-districts of Sulaymaniyah.

CDO Emergency Teams distributed 10,000 food and 10,000 Hygiene packages within 15 days in a number of targeted locations in Sulaymaniyah governorate.
Package Contents

☑️ Each food package contains **15** kilos of rice, **3** bags of beans, **1** kilo of lentil, **1** kilo of bulgar wheat, **2** bags of chickpeas, **2** kilos of tomato sauce, **5** liters of olive oil, **2** kilos of sugar, **800** gm of tea and **2** bags of powdered milk.

☑️ Each hygiene package contains **5** cartons of detergent powder, **6** pieces of soap and **1** bottle of antiseptic liquid.
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CDO Food and hygiene Packages Reached Arbat Town and Said Sadiq

On March 21st and 22nd, food and hygiene items were delivered to 125 vulnerable families living in Suly Center, Arbat town and Said Sadiq.

A lot of families in Arbat town and Said Sadiq have been financially affected as a result of lockdown by the government in order to prevent spread of the novel corona pandemic.

CDO is planning to reach a higher number of families in April and May through the assessment teams in order to register the vulnerable families.
Care for Elderly and Women Living in Shelter is Our Duty
CDO Supports Governmental Institutions to Continue their Services During COVID19 Curfews

In the 4th of day of complete lockdown of Sulaymaniyah, the CDO teams did not stop their services and continued provision of food and hygiene supplies to the vulnerable people.

On March 17th, CDO delivered food and hygiene assistance to Soz Mental Hospital, Retirement Home and women shelters in Sulaymaniyah.
We Do Support Poor Families That are Stuck in the Motels of Sulaymaniyah

On March 19th, the CDO Emergency Unit reached the vulnerable families living in the motels in Sulaymaniyah. The teams of CDO delivered food and hygiene items to 75 families that have been financially affected as a result of complete lockdown in the city which is to prevent spread of the novel corona pandemic.

The head of these families are labors and have either lost their job or were forced to stop working in order to be safe and away from crowd.

A critical lack of affordable housing is turning cheap motels into long-term shelter.
Introduction to COVID19 video in Sign Language

CDO in cooperation with BMC TV Channel published COVID-19 introduction and ways of protection in sign languages. CDO was the first NGO to publish this video in order to serve deaf people and give them accurate awareness about the virus.

The video was produced on Friday, March 20 which was the first day of Nawroz and was complete lockdown due to the virus, but the CDO teams in cooperation with BMC worked even harder than the normal working days thinking of a lot of people who need assistance at this unstable condition.

The video is 4 minutes and has been viewed more than 43 thousand times and shared 112 times. It is available on CDO facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/cdo.1999
4 leaflets that contained basic protective measures against the new coronavirus by WHO were translated into Kurdish and Turkmen languages in order to spread awareness about COVID-19 in Kurdistan and also provide information to Turkmen minorities as they are one of the largest ethnic minorities in the region.
Training Opportunities

Participate in an Online Course During Your Stay at Home

- **Fighting Fraud in NGOs**
  - [Link](http://ow.ly/JQbT50zpX75)
  - Registration deadline: 17 May 2020

- **Project Management for Development Professionals (PMD Pro) Flex**
  - [Link](http://ow.ly/rXvz50zpXws)
  - Registration deadline: 17 May 2020

- **Budgeting Essentials**
  - [Link](http://ow.ly/fobQ50zpTNK)
  - Registration deadline: 3 May 2020

- **Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) DPro Flex**
  - [Link](http://ow.ly/qJ9E50zpY9w)
  - Registration deadline: 24 May 2020

**NOTE:** CDO is only announcer of these opportunities and is not part of the course organizers.
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