



Clothing Distribution among IDP Children

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Background

On the 17th of August, 2014, CDO travelled to Haji Awa sub-district within the Ranya district of Sulaymaniyah governorate to distribute children's clothing, children's shoes, dried milk and men's shirts to refugees and IDPs originating from the Kurdish region of Turkey. In 2012, owing to the ongoing conflict and increasing intensity of violence in Turkey between PKK (Kurdish Worker's Party) and the Turkish State, 12,700 individuals associated fled to safety to Makhmur camp in the district of Erbil, Kurdistan. However, this year, owing to increasing violence and security issues due to advancements of the Islamic State (IS), 3,400 of these individuals have been forced to flee to safety in Haji Awa within the Sulaymaniyah governorate of Kurdistan. First refugees, now IDPs, these individuals are living in mosques and funeral halls within Haji Awa and are in great need of humanitarian assistance.

CDO is a non-government organization and one of the most active organizations working in the Kurdistan region. CDO is involved with many refugee assistance projects, particularly assisting vulnerable individuals; therefore the plight of these IDPs has been brought to CDO's attention, requiring immediate response.





Distribution



CDO's distribution activity in Haji Awa focused on assisting vulnerable families recently displaced from Makhmur refugee camp due to IS advancements. Funded by CDO's budget, CDO's distribution project in Haji Awa reached over 900 vulnerable individuals through the distribution of children's clothing, shoes, milk and men's shirts.

The purpose of this activity was to provide some relief to families recently displaced and in great humanitarian need.

Procedures:

- CDO assessed that this group of individuals was a priority to its humanitarian work within the Sulaymaniyah governorate, and in great need of humanitarian assistance given their recent displacement and living conditions.
- The items were purchased and then packaged on 14th August, 2014 according to age, gender and item type (trouser, dress, shirt etc.)
- A team of 12 CDO staff supervised the distribution process.
- CDO's Project Manager coordinated with the Committee of Haji Awa prior to the visit to permit access to this group of vulnerable individuals. CDO also coordinated with individual committee members belonging to each Mosque that was visited to permit access.
- The activity was broken up into 5 sessions as detailed below.





Activity:

The distribution took place in Haji Awa on 17th August 2014, from 10:00 to 14:00. CDO visited 5 different places housing this vulnerable group of refugees/IDPs within the Haji Awa district:

- Mosque Mamish: 10:30 – 11:15
- Haji Ibrahim Taqwa: 11:25 – 11:45
- Mosque Sirak Aldeen: 12:00 – 12:30
- Daban Funeral Hall: 12:35 – 13:50
- Mosque Sardam: 13:00 – 13:45

During the distribution, CDO separated the clothing of boys and girls, and had parents and their children queue up to try on an appropriate sizes, types and styles of clothing according to their desires.

677 clothing items were distributed to children aged 0-16, and the Committee of Haji Awa received 120 cans of dried milk, 36 pairs of children's shoes, and 120 men's shirts to be further distributed to those most in need.



Impact:

CDO as a humanitarian NGO has been introduced to the Turkish population living in Haji Awa, and was one of the first NGOs to provide this group with clothes and milk. CDO has raised the living standards in a timely



manner of over 900 individuals within this vulnerable group and developed relations with committee members of Haji Awa.