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MERCY HANDS EDUCATION UPDATE

The first three months of 2022 have been really intense for us and we would like to invite you to take a break and dive together into our “journey” of education activities in Iraq! From Telafar to Sinjar, Sinuni, Baghdad and Basra, we have been fostering girl’s education, empowering students, rehabilitating a school and much more! We are convinced that all together we can foster the right to education for all children and youth of Iraq, crucial for having a new striving generation and foster inclusive and sustainable development!

In Telafar between January and February, as part of the “Referral Center for the Protection, Psychological Support for Children, and Empowerment of Women” project implemented with the support of Anne Frank Funds, we have raised awareness about GBV and child protection in several occasions:

We held awareness sessions in Telafar city about Gender-based violence, but also in Al-Ayadiyah district, in Abu Maria village on GBV and Child protection, as well as in Madinah Al-Munawwarah School for girls in Telafar, and Al-Shuhada neighborhood of Al-Ayadiyah district



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In Sinjar as part of Mercy Hands' TAGHIR project, in partnership with Mercy Corps and funded by SIDA, in January we have implemented trainings in PSS and life skills for children (aged 6-12) and their caregivers based on the safe space curriculum developed for these activities. This will enable our beneficiaries to better address negative coping mechanisms and strengthen their resilience. We also held awareness sessions on the drivers of conflicts for 103 participants, who have been able to identify the drivers of conflict and appropriate response options, in order to increase social cohesion among the community and decrease conflicts.



In Sinjar and Sinunin Mercy Hands for Humanitarian Aid is implementing the BRAVE Project in partnership with Mercy Corps funded by the SILM facility and the German Cooperation "GIZ". It's aiming to support the youth developing a stronger sense of belonging and understanding of other groups within their communities, making them resilient to the narratives of extremist groups. In January MH team has organized sessions to better address the push and pull factors of youth participating in extremist activities



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When it comes to education in the south of Iraq, in Basra in March we have successfully completed the innovative and never done before in Iraq, “Boosting the Technology Skills of Girls in Basra, Iraq, Through IT/ Coding Classes” project ensuring IT and Coding classes for 160 girls and IT Coding training for 18 teachers

The project ended in the best way ever handing over the certificates and bags to all the girls, and computers to the teachers, in order to ensure the sustainability and have IT and Coding classes embedded in the schools curricula.



Always in Basra, Shatt Al-Arab we have been empowering girls through Menstrual Hygiene Management sessions in nine schools, thanks to the support of WASH United. These sessions helped girls to become stronger and more confident about themselves and menstruation, while supporting each other, and we were so surprised of their courage and strength!

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In March we have successfully rehabilitated the “Al Mahmoudyia Commercial Secondary School for Girls” and now 261 girls and 31 teachers will finally be able to benefit from safe and adequate learning environments as the WASH facilities, electric system, water tank, windows have all been fixed, and fire extinguishers have been placed in strategic points!



This area is one of the most vulnerable rural areas of Baghdad, and the majority of education infrastructure was damaged during the conflict or needs rehabilitation.

The rehabilitation of the school has been possible thanks to the great support of the Slovak Agency for International Development Cooperation.

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