

18. Project: Providing access to the mental and psychosocial support services for the vulnerable populations in Duhok and Sulaymaniyah governorates

During the year 2022, Heevie organization continues the activities of its project to provide the mental health and psychological support services in the IDPs through its specialized centers, which are provided with a specialized staff of psychiatrist's doctors, psychologists and social workers, from both genders. This was done after taking into account the high numbers of mental health cases and the increasing numbers of suicide in the camps, making the availability of specialized centers to provide the necessary support in this regard one of the basic requirements for any health intervention program targeting the IDPs and the other vulnerable population.

The treatment provided within Heevie MHPSS centers includes both psychotherapy sessions and medication therapy and they are active six days per week. The duties and responsibilities of the project staff are organized in a way allowing for a smooth work flow and for more effective case detection and management and as part of this process, the social workers perform tent-to-tent visits, they visit community and social centers and schools in the camp in order to pick up the suspected cases and then refer them to the MHPSS centers, where they are received by psychotherapists who organize and sort them to choose the cases that need the intervention of the specialist psychiatrists' doctor.

Heevie project of mental health services and psychosocial support is implemented with the support of the World Health Organization and includes ten camps, which are Shariya, Kabarto2, Rwanga, Bersivy1, Bersivy2, Eryan, Bajed Kandala, Ashti, Mam Rash and Chameshko. During the year 2022, the total number of mental health consultations within these centers reached **(5,021)** Consultations, while the total number of the psychotherapy sessions reached **(18,358)**. Below is a table with the breakdown of the cases according to the gender and age.

No.	Location	Subdistrict	District	Province	Number of Consultation	M	F	Adult	Child
1	Ashti Camp	Arbat	Sulaymaniyah Center	Sulaymaniyah	214	21	193	175	39
2	Chameshko Camp FM	Zakho	Zakho	Duhok	224	35	189	179	45
3	Eryan Camp	Baadre	Sheikhan	Duhok	239	44	195	225	14
4	Bajed Kandala 1 Camp	Batel	Semel	Duhok	499	138	361	342	157
5	Bersivy 1 Camp	Darkar	Zakho	Duhok	437	120	317	340	97
6	Bersivy 2 Camp	Darkar	Zakho	Duhok	655	182	473	515	140
7	Chameshko Camp WHO	Zakho	Zakho	Duhok	723	206	517	469	254
8	Kabarto 2 Camp	Semel	Semel	Duhok	592	149	443	369	223
9	Mamrash Camp	Zilkan	Shikhan	Duhok	507	108	399	340	167
10	Rwanga Camp	Bateel	Semel	Duhok	477	129	348	333	144
11	Shariya Camp	Semel	Semel	Duhok	454	99	355	349	105
				Total	5021	1231	3790	3636	1385

As part of the full package of health care services provided by Heevie, the psychosocial support and mental health care services are among the core services that the organization has engaged in its plan to respond to the health needs and requirements of the crises-affected population. The organization has given the necessary attention to this issue in order to fill the gap in this regard.

In addition to managing the specialized centers in this field, Heevie has incorporated these services into all the primary health care centers it runs in the various camps.

Heevie provides the psychosocial support services to the beneficiaries through well-trained staff of doctors, psychologists and social workers in all the locations.

The treatment provided includes individual and group psychotherapy sessions, as well as medications that are allowed to be given at this level, in addition to this, a referral service to secondary and specialized centers.

The number of cases that received psychosocial support sessions and services within Heevie projects during the year 2022 reached **(18,358)** sessions, as shown below:

No.	Location	Subdistrict	District	Province	Number of Consultation	M	F	Adult	Child
1	Ashti Camp	Arbat	Sulaymaniyah Center	Sulaymaniyah	481	438	43	398	83
2	Chameshko Camp FM	Zakho	Zakho	Duhok	949	825	124	747	202
3	Esyan Camp	Baadre	Sheikhan	Duhok	256	207	49	238	18
4	Bajid Kandala 1 Camp	Batel	Semel	Duhok	2111	1528	583	1539	572
5	Bersivy 1 Camp	Darkar	Zakho	Duhok	1577	1152	425	1328	249
6	Bersivy 2 Camp	Darkar	Zakho	Duhok	1645	1148	497	1320	325
7	Chameshko Camp WHO	Zakho	Zakho	Duhok	2711	2053	658	1895	816
8	Kabarto 2 Camp	Semel	Semel	Duhok	3088	2289	799	1793	1295
9	Mamrash Camp	Zilkan	Shikhan	Duhok	2039	1654	385	1414	625
10	Rwanga Camp	Bateel	Semel	Duhok	1542	456	1086	1094	448
11	Shariya Camp	Semel	Semel	Duhok	1959	1596	363	1509	450
				Total	18358	13346	5012	13275	5083