

Other Activities in 2022

- **COVID-19 Awareness and prevention activities**

Along with the current situation in the region regarding the risk of Covid-19 infection and due to the important role of protection systems in preventing this highly contagious disease, Heevie organization has started implementing strict regulations in all of its projects in order to help protect employees and beneficiaries from infection. This was done through the following activities:

- 1- Providing personal protective equipment for employees working in all static and mobile clinics. These materials included face masks, gowns, gloves and other requirements, in addition to disinfectants and sterilization materials.
- 2- Complete sterilization of all health facilities with regular provision of sterilization and cleaning solutions and supplies, in order to carry out regular cleaning work on a daily basis.
- 3- Organizing training courses for staff working within the organization's projects in order to orient them about Covid-19 pandemic and its prevention, as well as dealing with the current situation and applying the basic rules in their daily work and activities related to disease prevention.
- 4- Directing all health education and awareness staff in the different camps to focus on raising awareness about the prevention of Covid-19 disease by providing regular sessions for visitors of the health centers, as well as through the household and tent to tent visits to reach the largest possible number of beneficiaries.

Photo's: COVID-19 Awareness and prevention activities



- **A high delegation from World Health Organization visiting Heevie clinic at Hasan Sham U2 IDPs camp**

On Wednesday 9/3/2022, a high delegation from World Health Organization WHO headed by Dr. Ahmed Zouiten, WHO representative in Iraq and accompanied by Dr. Richard Brennan, WHO Regional Emergency Director for the Eastern Mediterranean Region, Dr. Awad Mataria, the director of Universal Health Coverage and Health Systems, and Dr. Dalia Samhuri, epidemiologist at WHO, visited Heevie Health Center at Hasan Sham U2 IDPs camp at Erbil Governorate.

During the visit, the delegation had a tour on the different PHC department and listened to a brief about the services provided. The visiting delegation expressed its admiration for the level of services provided, and they highly appreciated the efforts spent by Heevie Organization in providing quality healthcare services to the different vulnerable populations, especially the displaced people, in various locations throughout Iraq.



- **A high delegation from World Health Organization visiting Heevie clinic at Shariya IDPs camp**

On Thursday, March 10, 2022, a high delegation from the World Health Organization performed a field visit to Heevie static clinic in Shariya IDPs camp in Dohuk governorate.

The delegation was headed by Dr. Ahmed Zouiten, the World Health Organization Representative in Iraq, accompanied by Dr. Richard Brennan, WHO Regional Emergency Director for the Eastern Mediterranean Region, Dr. Dalia Samhuri, epidemiologist at WHO, Dr. Afrasiab Yunus, Director General of Health Directorate in Duhok, Dr. Cheeman Aqrawi, the Coordinator between the Ministry of Health of in KRI and the World Health Organization, and Dr. Blend Kamal, WHO area coordinator in Dohuk governorate.

During the visit, the delegation had a tour on the different departments of the center and listened to a brief about the various services provided and the workflow in the facility. The delegation also met with a number of patients and clinic visitors.

At the end of the visit, the visiting delegation expressed their high appreciation and admiration for the quality services provided by Heevie Organization within its health center at Shariya camp and the great role Heevie is playing in responding to the needs of the camp residents in terms of health services, as well as in reducing the pressure on the higher-level health facilities in Duhok Governorate.

Photo's: A high delegation from World Health Organization visiting Heevie clinic at Shariya IDPs camp



- **Heevie organization starts its project to expand and renovate two advanced health facilities in Erbil Governorate**

In the presence of Dr. Wael Hatahet, WHO Emergency Team Lead in Iraq, Dr. Dilovan Mohammed Fateh, Director General of Directorate of Health in Erbil Governorate, and Dr. Mohammed Mahmud, the Projects Manager at Heevie Organization, an expanded meeting was held in the meeting hall of the Directorate of Health in Erbil Governorate, which was devoted to highlighting the broad outlines of two projects that Heevie Organization is implementing in Erbil, one of which involves expanding the patient reception hall in East Erbil Emergency Hospital in a way making it capable of accommodating the huge pressure resulted from the big load of patients visiting the facility.

While the other project includes expanding the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of Erbil Maternity Hospital, in addition to the renovation of the emergency surgical halls in the hospital.

The project will be implemented directly by the engineering department of Heevie with the support of the World Health Organization.

Photo's: Heevie organization starts its project to expand and renovate two advanced health facilities in Erbil



- **An expert Italian team supporting Heevie project of establishing Galavezh Center for Pediatrics Haemato-oncological diseases in Duhok Governorate**

Along the steps taken by Heevie Organization to establish Galavezh Center for Pediatrics Haemato-oncological diseases, and within the frame of the coordination done with the Italian partners, two important Italian expert doctors visited Heevie office at Duhok in order to discuss the different aspects of the new project and the steps that should be taken in order to improve the overall work.

The two visiting doctors were Dr. Alberto Saracco, experienced in hospital management and community medicine, and Dr. Giuseppe Tambossi, specialist in infection control.

During their visit, field visits were done to the site of the project and serial meetings were organized with Directorate of Health Duhok and Heevi Pediatrics Hospital Administration. This visit will be a part of a prolonged plan to best participate in establishing Galavezh center.

Photo's: An expert Italian team supporting Heevie project of establishing Galavezh Center for Pediatrics Haemato-oncological diseases in Duhok Governorate



- **Fire accident at Bajed Kandala1 IDPs camp in Duhok Governorate**

On Thursday June 30th 2022, at 11:00 a.m., a fire accident took place at Bajed Kandala 1 camp, and specifically at section B of the camp. The fire has led to destruction of almost 22 tents, which were habited by 49 families and 266 individuals, according to the camp management.

Immediately after the accident, Heevie Organization, and through its health facility in the camp, which is supported by WHO, took the necessary actions in order to treat any possible casualties, these actions involved:

1. Preparedness steps on the health facility level through preparation of the patients' beds, the oxygen sources, the oxygen cylinders and the medical supplies and consumables.
2. Allocating a mobile medical team in the field in order to provide the first aid for the injured people, if any, and refer them to Heevie health facility in the camp. The team was provided with an ambulance vehicle to facilitate the patient transportation.
3. Put the full capacity PHC with all the resources and staff in service in order to deal with any sudden flow of patients in the best way
4. Getting benefit from Heevie health facility at the nearby Rwanga camp, especially the ambulance vehicle for patient referral and transportation and also from the available oxygen cylinders and medical supplies.
5. Heevie MHPSS team was available in the field and at the PHCC in order to deal with the cases suffered psychological problems after the accident.

Below is a brief about the data of the patients received and managed at the day of the fire accident:

Total number of patients treated 45 cases, breakdown as follows:

- Number of cases with burn injuries (minor): 2 cases
- Number of patients with smoke inhalation and suffocation: 28 cases
- Number of cases with psychological trauma and hysteria: 15 cases

No cases needed referral for the higher healthcare facilities

Fortunately, no cases of deaths or severe burns were recorded

Photo's: Fire accident at Bajed Kandala1 IDPs camp in Duhok Governorate



- **Enhancing and expanding the cooperation between Heevie and the Ministry of Health in Kurdistan Region**

On Tuesday 5/7/2022, a delegation headed by Miss. Bakhshan Ali Aziz from Heevie, accompanied by Dr. Iole Pinto, the president of Solidarity Initiative Association SIA, and Prof. Eng. Werner Rainer, the CEO at Biomedical Technology Consulting Company from Italy, visited Dr. Saman Barzanji, the Minister of Health at Kurdistan Region.

In a meeting, the two parties elaborated the projects and activities implemented by Heevie Organization and the support provided by Heevie and the Italian partners for the health sector in KRI.

The Minister highly appreciated the support provided for the health sector and the healthcare facilities wishing that the coordination and cooperation between the different parties will continue the same level and showed the readiness of the Ministry of Health in KRI to provide the required facilitations and support in this regard.

Photo's: Enhancing and expanding the cooperation between Heevie and the Ministry of Health in Kurdistan Region



- **A delegation from Heevie Organization had a visit to the College of Engineering at Duhok University.**

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In two separate meetings with each of the Dean of the college and the chairman Head of the Biomedical Engineering department, discussions were done on the different aspects of cooperation and support that Heevie and its Italian partners can provide for the Biomedical Engineering department and its graduates and students.

Photo's: A delegation from Heevie Organization had a visit to the College of Engineering at Duhok University



- **A team from the World Health Organization, conducted a field visit to Heevie static clinics**

On Sunday, 24/7/2022, a delegation from the World Health Organization conducted a field visit to Heevie healthcare centers in each of Mam Rash, Kabart2, Eryan, Shariya and Chameshko camps in Duhok governorate and Ashti camp in Sulaymaniyah governorate.

During the visit, the aforementioned team observed the workflow in centers and witnessed the optimal implementation of the activities along with the compliance with the standards agreed upon between the two parties, in addition to discussing the challenges that are being faced and the gaps observed and expected to occur in order to develop the optimal method and plans to deal with them.

During the visit, Heevie representative provided a detailed explanation of the way the different services are provided, organization of the activities and the mechanisms of responding to the beneficiaries' needs in order to ensure that they receive the best healthcare services.

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- **A delegation from the European Commission Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (ECHO) conducted a field visit to Heevie projects**

A delegation from the European Commission Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (ECHO) conducted a field visit to Heevie primary health care centers both in Shariya and Kabarto2 IDPs camps in Duhok governorate.

The visit aimed to evaluate the health services provided through the two centers, in addition to future plans to maintain these services.

The delegation highly appreciated the organized workflow and the efforts made by the Heevie Organization in order to provide the healthcare services to the displaced people in the various camps, which includes providing consultations for communicable and non-communicable diseases, mental health and psychosocial support services, reproductive health, health awareness and education, medical laboratory services, in addition to providing the necessary medicines and medical supplies.

Photo's: A delegation from the European Commission Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (ECHO) conducted a field visit to Heevie projects



- **Signing a Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Health in Kurdistan Region, Heevie Health Organization and the Italian SIA Organization**

Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Health in KRI, Heevie Organization and Solidarity Initiative Association from Italy in order to implement multiple health projects, that involve the below fields:

- Capacity building and training of the medical staff.
- Treatment of children with congenital malformations and chronic and difficult to be treated diseases.
- Management of patients with congenital heart diseases through the Italian special teams that will visit Kurdistan Region or by sending the patients to Italy.
- Establishing Galavezh Specialized center for pediatrics Onco-Hematological diseases in Duhok Governorate.
- Renovation and rehabilitation of East Erbil Emergency Hospital in Erbil Governorate and establishing the TRIAGE system.
- Renovation and rehabilitation of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and the surgical theatre of Erbil Maternity Hospital
- Renovation and rehabilitation of Sulaymaniyah Burn and Plastic Surgery Hospital
- Providing the primary healthcare mental health services in eleven 11 IDPs camps in Duhok, Erbil and Sulaymaniyah Governorates.
- Providing the physiotherapy and medical rehabilitation services through Heevie Medical Rehabilitation center in Duhok Governorate.

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