

22. Rising awareness to prevent and mitigate the transmission of COVID-19 among the vulnerable communities in 6 IDPs camps in Duhok and Sulaymaniyah governorates

As part of its activities to confront the Covid-19 pandemic, Heevie organization has implemented an expanded health awareness project in six IDPs camps in Dohuk and Sulaymaniyah governorates, which are Shariya, Kabarto2, Rwanga, Bersivy1 and Mam Rash in Duhok and Ashti in Sulaymaniyah. The project included practical steps to face COVID-19 pandemic involving increasing awareness about the disease in order to reduce the undesirable consequences of the disease and its complications.

The project focused also on training the health staff on awareness activities, spreading health awareness messages, distributing health protection materials such as medical masks, sterilization materials and gloves, in addition to distributing awareness leaflets and posters related to fighting COVID-19 pandemic. One of the other important objectives of the project was to encourage people to take Covid-19 vaccine while registering the names of those who wish to take the vaccine within the online vaccination system and helping them to reach the vaccination centers. The importance of the project comes from the point that the communication with people and their participation in various issues plays a vital role in disseminating transparent and reliable information on all medical and health topics, and also in responding to questions and rumors and containing fear among the population. The project lasted for two months with the support of the World Health Organization and was implemented between May and July 2021, below is a summary of the project's data and achievements

Number of health staff trained: (80)

Total number of tents/houses visited: (14,461)

The total number of families that received health messages: (10,164)

Total number of individuals who received health messages: (10,784)

Number of individuals registered on the Corona vaccination website: (1,902)

No.	Type of Service	Location						
		Shariya	Mam Rash	Bersivy1	Kabarto2	Rwanga	Ashti	Total
1	Number of Tents/Households visited	2925	2079	1939	2994	2697	1827	14461
2	Number of Families received health messages	2152	1487	1053	2205	1775	1492	10164
3	Total number of people received health messages	10784	5492	4238	11189	6606	5121	43430
4	Men	2235	1264	622	2276	1323	1443	9163
	Women	2768	1467	935	2374	1759	2022	11325
	Boys	2930	1360	1278	3235	1731	816	11350
	Girls	2851	1401	1403	3304	1793	840	11592
5	No. of people registered in the pre-registration online system for COVID-19 vaccination	327	637	87	758	93	0	1902

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