

## **Service Hubs in Iraq under the supervision of Hammurabi Human Rights Organization**

- Hammurabi Human Rights Organization HHRO and within its human rights duty is assisting refugees and displaced persons since June 2014 .

The organization has intensified efforts in this regard after the increasing number in Iraq to an unprecedented and unusual limit. The attention of Hammurabi organization came from its main goal in monitoring and investigating human rights violations in Iraq, has given special space of its activity to vulnerable and marginalized groups such as minorities, women and children, especially victims of armed conflict, fleeing from areas plagued by violence, terrorism, etc..., who were forced by difficult circumstances to migrate, displaced and seek a shelter.

In addition, Hammurabi organization according to its available capabilities or in cooperation with its partners through involving more than 100 volunteers from its members, including university professors, lawyers, engineers, professionals and others, to provide support and assistance from the first days of their reception to the displaced and refugees with the hope of returning. In some centers they provided food, medicine, clothing, blankets and pure drinking water, heaters, winter clothing and even small refrigerators to keep their medicines and food. The organization's headquarters in Erbil, Dohuk and Nineveh turned to centers of support and return of hope to these groups, as well as cash assistance to Syrian refugees plus other pharmaceutical and food assistance. All this assistance and services has been provided in accordance with the programs and projects organized, supported and cooperated with local and international organizations with a margin of justice in the arrival of aid to the beneficiaries.

-The organization also held workshops for refugees and the displaced, especially young people and women, to educate and raise their abilities and rehabilitation in order to find opportunities of

employment and how to enter the labor market. The organization succeeded in finding job opportunities for many of them.

- The organization has opened its centers and headquarters to refugees and displaced persons in providing legal advice and assisting refugees and displaced on how to retrieve their lost documents or to review the relevant authorities for legal protection.
- Hammurabi also held several training workshops for displaced refugees on mechanisms to promote religious freedom, pluralism and achieving community peace and the importance of coexistence, social cohesion, peace building and opportunities for integration, even within the temporal reality.
- Hammurabi assisted survivors, particularly survivors of children and women from intimidation by offering them to doctors for psychological and physical treatment.
  - The organization has experience in providing service through its centers and headquarters. It has three main centers in Iraq. The main center in Baghdad and two other centers, one in Erbil, Ankawa district and the other in Nineveh, the town of Hamdaniya (Qara Qosh). These centers offer free services through their volunteers with different perspectives including lawyers providing free consulting services to the displaced and refugees. There are university professors and cultural community elites in various disciplines, including political science, human rights, psychological and educational sciences, engineers, teachers, professionals and others.

Therefore, within the project (Respond) the organization can do the following according to priorities:

- Opening legal advice and assistance centers (legal clinics) through the organization's volunteer lawyers. Refugees or displaced persons can be invited to a session every week or two in the organization's centers or in the camps to familiarize the refugees with their rights and to identify their issues and problems.
- The establishment of centers for psychological service to survivors of oppression and terrorism, especially calling for women and children to

get rid of their fear and despair, these centers to provide courses and workshops in terms of psychological treatment, especially for victims of ISIS, especially women and children to reintegrate them in communities.

- Making art classes or lessons such as drawing, music or teaching for children either in camps or in the organization's centers in Erbil and Nineveh Plain, especially children who lost their parents or mothers.

- Conducting educational courses and workshops for children of school age who have lost the opportunity of educating or to strengthen their studies, particularly in the English language subject.

- Workshops for displaced persons related to the promotion of human rights, especially the subject of peaceful coexistence, pluralism, religious freedom and community peace.

In this regard, Hammurabi Human Rights Organization has been keen to intensify its efforts in the field by understanding and comprehension of the international texts in this regard, and thus efforts are being made to adapt the Iraqi legal texts to those international texts.