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NEWSLETTER

CDO at UK Parliament Participates
in 100 years of UK – Kurdistan
Relations in the House
of Commons



Efforts to Reduce
Climate Change





Civil Development Organization

About CDO:

CDO is an independent non-profit organization
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Promoting Emergency Livelihoods Opportunities for Acutely Vulnerable Displaced and Host Families, Building Climate-Resilient Communities in Dohuk and Sulaymaniyah Governorates

Implemented by CDO in partnership with CESVI Italian Organization and funded by AICS

Capacity Building Training for Project Beneficiaries

In order to strengthen cash for work beneficiaries' financial skills, encourage savings, improve debt management and planning in income-generating activities, CESVI and CDO organized a training on financial health management. The sessions are part of the project's plans to empower capacity of beneficiaries.

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The one-day session was delivered by CESVI's FSL coordinator Mr. Rawaz M. Rasheed where he provided a comprehensive understanding of financial management and health encouragement. The participants have recently requested for further additional training to support them improve their capacity on different topics

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Rozha Gharib
CDO Projects Coordinator

The training was successfully completed in participation of **44** workers;

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IDPs

6
from the host
community.



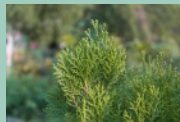
Promotion of Field Work Quality Continues

The field team continue to work on the targeted areas atop Sulaymaniyah's Goziha Mountain. In May, the project achieved a few additional milestones, including:

1 Renewing and cleaning of 2904 m of gradual lines

2 The team, supervised by an agricultural consultant, planted 850 new seedlings as follows:

150
Cupressus
sempervirens



250
Oak



450
Olive



Irrigation System Installation

After completing the quote processes for the project's irrigation system tender, the installation of the irrigation system began on May 19 ,2023. So far, 1150 m of main pipelines have been built, with some lateral pipes spread along the gradual lines.

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The installation is going well thanks to the exceptional efforts of the project team. We have ensured the highest quality of system equipment and products to assure the team's ease of use and access.

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Naz Aras
CDO CFW Focal Point



Women in Conflict Areas Participate in Decision Making

Implemented by CDO, Pasawan Organizations in Partnership with UNWOMEN and funded by WPHF

Project Team's Advocacy Meeting in Baghdad

In Baghdad Governorate in the Iraqi House of Representative, a network of civil society organizations under the auspices of both CDO and the Pasawan Organization held a second meeting on the campaign to advocate for women's participation and resolution 1325. The meeting was held on May 8, between the organizations and the second deputy of the president of the Iraqi parliament in which a written recommendation was submitted by the organizations to the Council of Representatives. From their side, Dr. Shakhawan Abdulla, the second deputy, in a speech to the participants, confirmed their support for the project and ensured their contribution for the future activities.



“ The excellent collaboration between CDO and other stakeholders in Baghdad, particularly on the government side, is a tremendous help in ensuring the project's long-term viability. We are pleased to have increased our collaboration with the Iraqi Parliament and Council of Ministers to ensure their contribution to the project's success.

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Bakhtyar Ahmad
CDO General Director

A third meeting was held on May 18 between the organizations and the human rights advisor at the Council of Ministers of Iraq in which a written recommendation was presented by the organizations to the presidency of the council of ministers.

The Project's Last Training

May 26th and 27th, 2023 marked the final project activity. A two-day training was organized for 24 youths from Kirkuk, Daquq and Dubz districts who volunteered in the same project within a year. The content of the training was on resolution 1325 and the role of women in the decision centers and linking this role in establishing peace and cohesion.



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After the project concludes, the trainers will continue to communicate the campaign's themes about the significance of women in decision-making and their role in peacebuilding in Kirkuk governorate.

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Hozan Sarkawt
Project Manager

Greening Up 50 Hectares of Goizha Mountain

An environment protection project implemented by CDO and funded by Asiacell Company

Dead Tree Removal and Monitoring

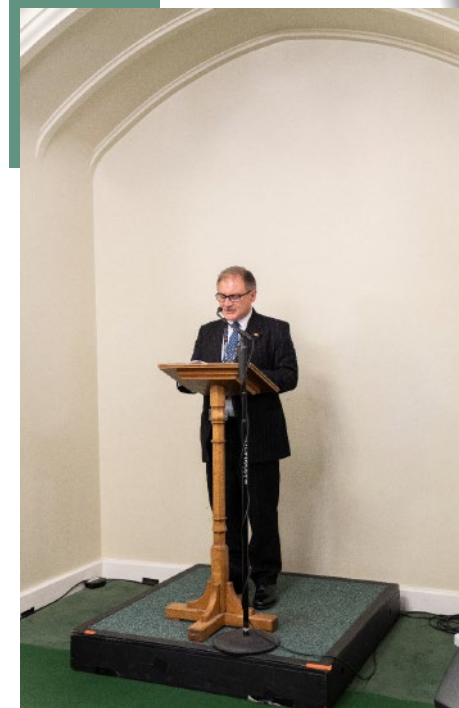
Under the supervision of an agricultural specialist, the monitoring team continue to detect dead trees and replace them with new ones. The team continues to monitor the plants' progress on a regular basis. The irrigation system is observed to guarantee that every tree on the project site is irrigated.

The majority of the trees are now as tall as a person.



Celebration of 100 years of UK – Kurdistan relations in the House of Commons

The General Director of CDO took part in marking the 100th anniversary of UK-Kurdistan relations. Several members of parliament and Kurdish and English diaspora attended the tribute at Parliament's Churchill Hall. The significance of this memorial and the development of relations were highlighted during the memorial, which also featured a special video about the King of Kurdistan, Malik Mahmud, and a conclusion speech from Sheikh Mahmoud Shadala.



The Development Unit

CDO Celebrates International Workers' Day

In collaboration with the Cultural and Advocacy Organization of Foreign Workers, CDO held a large celebration for 400 foreign workers from Nepal, Philippines, China, Ghana and Indonesia to commemorate International Workers' Day. In the event, a series of artistic and musical activities were held, and finally dinners were presented to all workers. The purpose of this attempt was to support the working class more and show sympathy and harmony from the NGOs.



International Thalassemia Day

CDO organized an activity in partnership with the Thalassemia-Sulaymaniyah Group to raise awareness and care for thalassemia patients under the slogan "thalassemia life is a continuous story of hope for treatment support and a worthy life" in which the message of thalassemia patients was directed to the concerned parties as well as the talents and abilities of thalassemia patients by exposing their products to the type of handmade food. The goal of this effort is to assist more patients with specific needs while also assisting them in continuing their abilities and continue working on their dreams to make them come true.

Celebrated on the 8th of May, the International Thalassemia Day is devoted to raising awareness amongst the general public and decision-makers about thalassemia, promoting and strengthening the lifelong and difficult struggle of patients against this severe blood disease, and commemorating all the people who are no longer with us, while renewing our promise to keep fighting until the final cure for thalassemia is found.



The Legal Aid Department

The lawyers of CDO in May have provided legal representation to **32** cases from the Syrian refugees and IDPs. In addition, **91** cases have received necessary legal consultation according to their demands.

CDO, through the Legal Department, is providing legal representation, legal consultation, advocacy and follow-up for vulnerable refugees, IDPs and members from the host community. The Legal Department is offering support on a daily basis; each day from **8:30 to 16:00**.

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Due to our previous partnership with UNHCR, as well as the capacity of CDO in terms of legal and protection services, we are receiving cases on a daily basis at the head office of CDO. We have sufficient space for consultation and provide legal guidelines when it's needed

Kani Samal

Executive Board Member

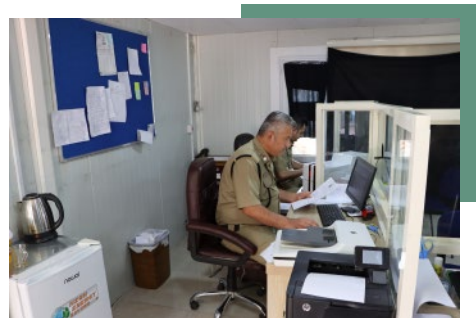
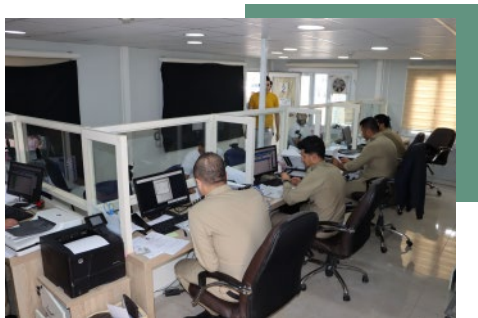
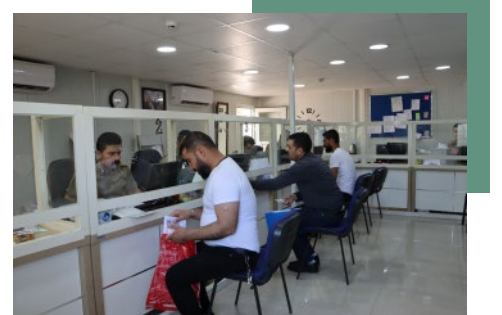
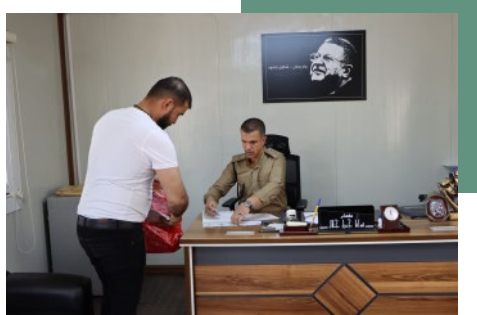
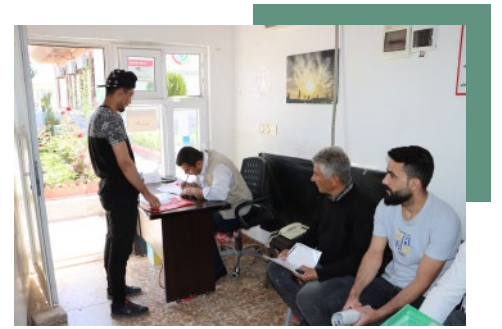
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Issuing Residence Card for Refugees in Sulaymaniyah

With facilitation of CDO, **1815** refugee families received newly issued or renewed residence cards in May.

At least **400** persons obtain residency cards every day, reliably, and without the use of formalities. CDO provides assistance to Sulaymaniyah Residency Directorate to support refugees swiftly get their legal paperwork.



The Training Unit

CDO provides many sorts of capacity development training to government agencies, CSOs, local and international organizations, businesses, and others. The unit is determined to provide the necessary coordination and facilitation.

In May, 122 individuals have participated in different training with facilitation of CDO as follows:

108

Capacity building training for social workers on case management and trauma symptoms and therapy.

14

Fire prevention and safety measures for employees from the Independent High Electoral Commission (IHEC).

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May's major subject was capacity development training for social workers. CDO's competent and well-experienced trainers took the lead in fulfilling this vital assignment. We will continue to provide the same service in the next months in order to reach the greatest number of social workers and case managers.

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Arazu Namiq
Supervisor of the Training Unit



Non-Formal Education Project

The NFE project team organized different entertainment events for **126** children ages **12** to **14** at multiple schools in Sulaymaniyah's Sharbazher district and nearby rural regions. Aside from the enjoyable games, the two primary subjects were educational activities on social values and behaviors, as well as how to help children with disabilities in order to improve their performance.



NFE is a project implemented by CDO and Public Aid Organization (PAO) in partnership with France-libertés Fondation, Danielle Mitterrand and the KRG's Ministry of Youth and Culture



New Project Coming Soon!

A new project will soon start by CDO in partnership with the American Corner. More information will be provided in the next issue!



The Cultural Events Unit

Civil Development Organization's facilities are open to literary and cultural events. In May, 6 cultural events witnessed presentation of distinctive publications in the domains of philosophy, history, and poetry:

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"From Bamo to Alwatan" of the commander and Peshmerga of Kurdistan. Mr. Salami Kwekha Aziz



2

"Me and the Flower of Rain" by Hemn Barznji



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"Letters from Kurdistan 1954-1963 between conflict and a tranquil existence" By Khalid Majid



4

"Southern Kurdistan between 1920 and 2020" by Dr. Hussain Muhammad



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A poetry reading event in coordination with Cihan University was organized for the prominent poets Shwan Mandi, Umed Shekh Karim and Aso Shekh Kamal.



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In a joint activity Civil Development Organization (CDO) and the Kurdistan Political Sciences Association (KSPA) held a seminar for Mr. Salar Mahmud member of the Kurdistan National Congress Management Council under the title "Kurdish Position in the Middle East after 100 Years of the Lausanne Treaty "



Photo News

On the World Press Freedom Day, a delegation from the UNAMI human rights office visited the CDO office. The challenges to access to information, journalistic freedom, and other human rights were observed during the meeting. The necessity of cooperating and conducting mutual initiatives to advance and uphold human rights in Kurdistan was acknowledged by both parties.



A delegation from the Kurdistan NGO Directorate visited the CDO's main office and reviewed the CDO's activities for 2023, as well as the hurdles to organizational activity and how to overcome them through increased collaboration with the NGO's Directorate.



In response to sense of responsibility for the beauty of Kurdistan's environment and CDO's desire to serve government institutions more effectively, CDO started cleaning and planting the veterinary college garden at the University of Sulaymaniyah.



To safeguard the residents and institutions in the Arbat IDP and refugee camps and at the request of the Department of Migration and Crisis Response (DMCR) in Sulaymaniyah, CDO established fire lines in the three camps of Arbat district.



CDO and King's College London have signed a Memorandum of Understanding under which CDO will supply facilities and serve as the Royal University's primary partner in field research in Iraq. In this context, the three researchers Gree Larn Anna Rudulf and Rajan Basra conducted their initial visits to various sections of Mosul province. King's College London is ranked 35th in the world and sixth in research.





CDO Partners

