

Mam Humanitarian Foundation

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Humanitarian Assistance- Project

Mam Humanitarian Foundation (MHF) has been actively pursuing its mission to provide humanitarian assistance through a variety of impactful activities. Their efforts can be broadly categorized into four key areas: Food Baskets, Humanitarian Assistance, and the distribution of the children's book "The travels of Khuncha and Adan." Here's a detailed overview of each category:

Food Baskets: MHF conducted two significant food basket distribution activities, benefiting a total of 35 families, which encompassed 152 individuals. The first distribution occurred on March 16, 2023, and the second coincided with Eid celebrations on April 17, 2023. These food baskets are vital in addressing food insecurity among the beneficiaries, providing essential nourishment to families in need.

Humanitarian Assistance: This category included three specific acts of aid:

- Providing home supplies to a family in Kirkuk, assisting them in creating a more livable and comfortable home environment.
- Offering football kits to the Emergency Hospital football team, benefiting 11 team members. This not only aids in sports but also promotes physical health and team spirit.
- Supplying a wheelchair to a child suffering from Cerebral Palsy in Qaladze, significantly improving their mobility and quality of life.



The travels of Khuncha and Adan

On January 17, 2023, MHF distributed 170 copies of this children's book in Kirkuk. This initiative aims to encourage reading among children and provide them with access to educational and entertaining literature, thereby supporting their intellectual and emotional development.

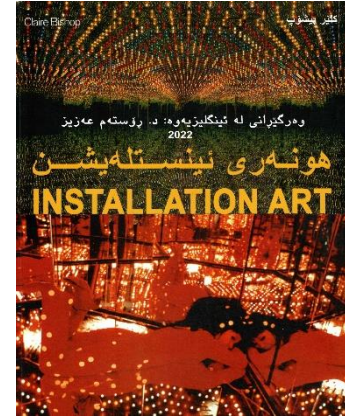
Overall, for this project MHF has reached a total of 343 beneficiaries so far, demonstrating a significant impact in providing relief, promoting human dignity, and contributing to long-term development and stability in the communities they serve. Each of these activities aligns with the overarching goal of alleviating suffering and making a positive societal impact.



Book publication- Project

Installation Art by Dr. Rostam Aziz

MHF initially published "Installation Art" on March 8, 2023, releasing **50 editions**. This book, originally available as a digital publication by MHF, was later physically published due to its popularity in the higher education sector. Authored by Dr. Clair Bishop and translated into Kurdish by Dr. Rostam Aziz, "Installation Art" provides a comprehensive history and critical analysis of installation art from the 1960s to the present. The book uniquely discusses how installation art involves the physical participation of the audience for a complete experiential understanding. Owing to its continued high demand, an additional **100 copies** were later printed, further extending its reach and impact.



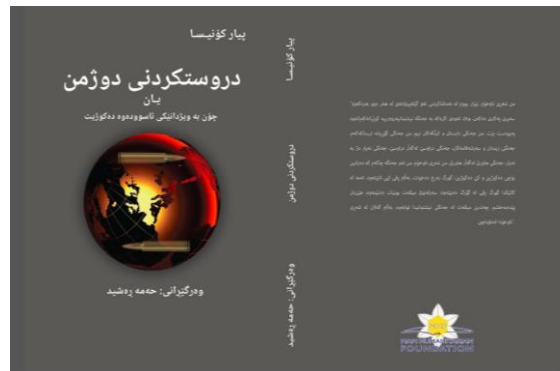
I was Dead a Long Time Ago by Dr. Ahmad Fatih Mohammed

In June 2023, MHF published "I was Dead a Long Time Ago," with **500 editions released**. The book, originally written in Arabic by Razwa Al-Aswad, was translated into Kurdish by Dr. Ahmad Fatih Mohammed. This publication forms part of MHF's initiative to promote literacy and intellectual engagement through accessible literary works. This book is a novel that highlights the history of the Kurds and Armenians and compares their similarities.



Creating Enemies by Hama Rashid

In August of this year, MHF added a significant contribution to its literary initiatives by sponsoring the translation of 'Creating Enemies' into Kurdish. This book, originally authored by history professor Dr. Pierre Conesa, has been translated by Hama Rashid. As the third book published by MHF in this year, the number of **editions was 500**, 'Creating Enemies' spans 318 pages and delves deeply into the intricacies of how states, intelligence agencies, think tanks, and strategic planners often compel decision-makers to create adversaries. The book offers a critical exploration of the motivations and mechanisms behind this global phenomenon, shedding light on the complexities of international relations and statecraft.



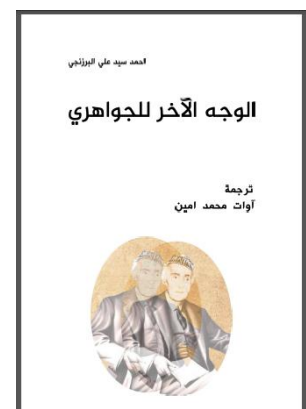
Determining the borders of the Kurdistan Region by Shadman Mala Ali

In its continued efforts to enlighten cultural and academic communities about significant global geographical issues, MHF sponsored the publication of 'Determining the Borders of the Kurdistan Region.' Authored by Shadman Mullah Hassan, this book focuses on the critical topic of the geographical boundaries of the Kurdistan Region. It aims to provide a detailed exploration of this subject to serve as a resource in cultural and academic centers. This initiative by MHF underscores its commitment to disseminating knowledge on vital regional and international matters, thereby contributing to a more informed understanding of geopolitical issues. **In total 500 editions** of this book were published.



The Last Face of Al-Jawaheri by Awat Mohammed Amin

MHF sponsored the publication of 'The Last Face of Al-Jawaheri'. This book, originally in Kurdish, has been translated into Arabic by Awat Mohammed Amin, to acquaint Arab readers with the lesser-known aspects of the private life of the renowned Arab poet, Mohammed Mahdi Al-Jawaheri. The publication delves into Al-Jawaheri's influential role in political, social, and cultural spheres. With a print run of **500 editions**, this initiative by MHF highlights its commitment to bridging cultural gaps and enhancing understanding of significant literary figures in the Arab world.



Through these publications, MHF aims to enhance community engagement, promote a culture of learning, and support intellectual growth. The project highlights the importance of book publications and signings in connecting authors with readers and fostering a community around literature. The focus on translation also underscores MHF's commitment to cultural diversity and accessibility in literature. This project in 2023 had a total of **2150 beneficiaries**.

Book signing- Activities

Installation Art

Following the successful publication of "Installation Art," translated into Kurdish by Dr. Rostam Aziz, (MHF) further enhanced the book's impact by organizing a book signing event. This event, which included **20** university lecturers, institution teachers, and artists, served as a significant platform for engaging with the book's themes and the broader context of installation art.

The benefits of such a book signing event:

- **Educational Engagement:** By involving lecturers and teachers, the event promoted educational discourse on installation art, potentially influencing curriculum development and academic research.
- **Cultural Exchange:** The participation of artists provided a practical perspective, enriching the discussion with real-world insights and experiences in the field of installation art.
- **Increased Visibility:** The presence of prominent academics and artists attracted attention to the book, enhancing its visibility and appeal to a broader audience.
- **Deepened Understanding:** The interactive nature of a book signing allowed for in-depth conversations about the book's content, offering attendees a more nuanced understanding of the subject matter.

In summary, the book signing event for "Installation Art" not only celebrated the work of Dr. Aziz and Dr. Bishop but also significantly contributed to the cultural and academic discourse on installation art, reflecting MHF's commitment to promoting education and cultural enrichment.



Creating Enemies Book Signing – Activity

For the insightful book recently published, MHF organized a book signing event where the writer of the book not only signed his book but also delved deeper into the topics discussed in his book. This event was not only a celebration of the book's contribution to literature but also an opportunity for readers and enthusiasts to engage directly with the author. The book signing saw an impressive turnout, with a significant number of attendees who were eager to delve deeper into the themes and insights of the book. In a gesture of appreciation and to encourage further reading, copies of the book

were distributed to the participants. This event highlighted MHF's commitment to promoting literary culture and provided a platform for meaningful interaction between the author and the community. The total number of participants included **200 people**.



Health for all- Project

The "Health for All Project," due to its increasing popularity and the constant requests for expansion, has seen continued efforts and developments by the (MHF). In collaboration with the Miran Health Charitable Organization (MHCO), MHF has organized a series of medical camps, which have termed 'medical cities,' to enhance health awareness and provide essential medical services in various communities.

These medical cities offer a comprehensive range of services, including free medical examinations, diagnoses for all patients, prescription writing, and the provision of medications at no cost. A significant focus is also placed on educating the community about various healthcare topics, aiming to elevate overall health awareness.

This project was successfully executed in three different locations:

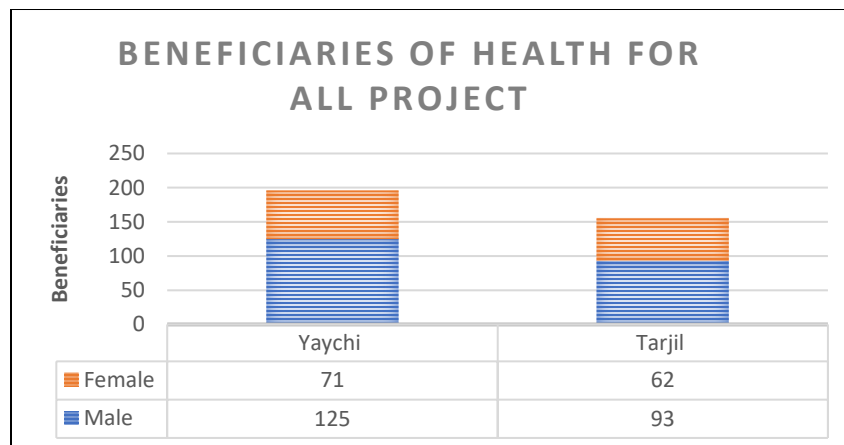
Activity One – Topzawa:

- **Date and Location:** Conducted in the Yaychi district of Topzawa village, Kirkuk, on February 22, 2023.
- **Patient Demographics:** This activity saw a total of 196 patients, comprising 125 females and 71 males.

Activity Two – Tarjil:

- **Date and Location:** Held in district of Tarjal village, Kirkuk, on March 18, 2023.
- **Patient Demographics:** A total of 155 patients were attended to, including 93 females and 62 males.

Each of these activities under the "Health for All Project" not only addresses immediate health concerns but also plays a crucial role in the long-term promotion of health and wellbeing in these communities. The project's expansion to various locations underscores MHF's commitment to making healthcare accessible to a broader population, thus contributing significantly to public health improvements.



This project has had a total number of 280 beneficiaries.



Memorandum of Understanding signing (MOU)

On 15/02/2023 MHF signed a MOU with Miran Health Charitable Foundation to be able to firstly continue work together in various fields such as (peace, coexistence, development, scientific development, and health). Secondly Efforts to conduct research and development in the health sector and mobilize human and material resources of both sides in order to promote and protect the health sector thirdly Coordination between both sides to be able to organize (conferences, medical festivals, exploring and visiting isolated and remote areas in order to provide health services, providing health awareness).



Syria Earthquake Response- Project

According to Red cross “The first earthquake, measuring 7.8 magnitude, struck southern and western Türkiye (Turkey) and western Syria at 4:17am local time on the 6th February. The epicenter was near the Turkish city of Gaziantep, which is around 150 miles north of the Syrian border. The 6.4 magnitude earthquake on 20 February was near the city of Antakya, close to the Syrian border. The earthquakes are estimated to have directly impacted 26 million people across Türkiye (Turkey) and Syria.”.

To respond to this case and to be able to provide humanitarian assistance MHF on 8/2/2023 in coordination with the organization (Haiva Sura Kurd) sponsors the provision of first aid response to the victims of this natural disaster in order to provide the basic needs of those affected by the earthquakes in northeastern Syria (Kobane and Manbij areas) and northern Syria (al-Shahba, etc., Sheikh Maqsood). **This project had 5000 beneficiaries.**



PPE- Project

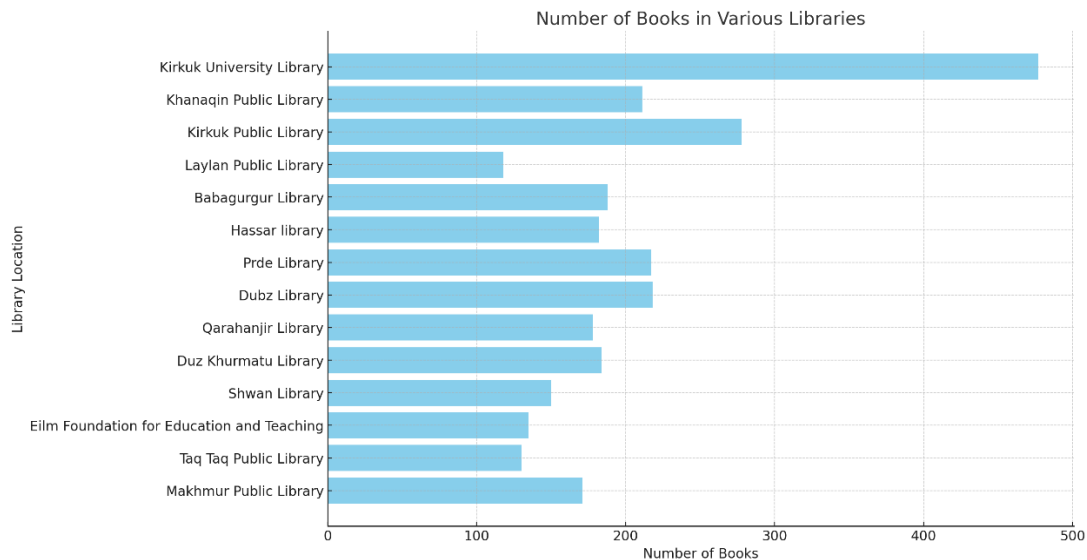
MHF in the year 2023 continued the project of providing PPE. MHF responded to a request from the new Kirkuk Hospital to provide them with masks. They were provided with 50 packets of masks, which in total included 25,000 masks. The total number of **beneficiaries for this activity was 500**. This project took place on 03/04/2023.



Supporting the mother tongue is a duty- Project

In order to promote the mother tongue in Iraq as a whole MHF implemented the project of (Supporting the Mother Tongue is a Duty) which included the distribution of various types of books in two different languages which included Kurdish and Arabic, to (14) different places and areas. This included (Kirkuk University library, Khanaqin public library, Kirkuk public library, Laylan public library, Babagurgur library, Hassar library, Prde library, Dubz Library, Qarahanjir library, Duz Khurmatu library, Shwan library, Eilm Foundation for Education and Teaching, Taq Taq Public Library, and Makhmur public library). **The total number of books distributed in the libraries consisted of (2837) books and (741) different titles and the number of beneficiaries of this project were 2,837.**

Location	Number of books
Kirkuk University Library	477
Khanaqin Public Library	211
Kirkuk Public Library	278
Laylan Public Library	118
Babagurgur Library	188
Hassar library	182
Prde Library	217
Dubz Library	218
Qarahanjir Library	178
Duz Khurmatu Library	184
Shwan Library	150
Eilm Foundation for Education and Teaching	135
Taq Taq Public Library	130
Makhmur Public Library	171
Total	2837



The total number of beneficiaries for this project was 2,837 which included 1,419 males and 1,418 females.

Book and life week- Project

The project of book and life week aimed to hold different types of educational activities. The activities included holding three different book introductions and signings whilst also allowing the participants to debate the topic of the book. The activities aimed to further develop the cultural and artistic field whilst also encouraging and supporting writers and book publishers. This activity was held in corporation with (Shar Group) and (Eilm Foundation for education and teaching).

The activities within this project included:

Activity 1- Introducing the poetry book under the title of “ Hawr nym w bot daberm” written by Burhan Al Barzinji. This activity had a total number of 150 participants of which 100 were male, and 50 were female A book signing was held for this book and writer performed his poetry for the audience. This activity took place on 10/6/2023.



Activity 2- Holding a book distribution and introduction for a book under the title of “I was dead a long time ago” which was translated to Kurdish by Dr. Ahmad Fateh from Arabic. The book was originally written by Egyptian writer Radwa Al-Aswad. This activity took place on 13/6/2023. This activity had a total number of 150 participants of which 120 were male and 30 were female.



Activity 3- Holding a book signing event for a book under the title of “The Kurds and France” which was written by Latif Fatih Faraj. This book was introduced by writer and distributed within all participants that attended the event. This took place on 15/6/2023. This activity had a total number of 150 participants of which 140 were male and 10 were female.



The total number of participants for this project included 450 people. Of which 360 were male and 90 were female.

Peace Building through art

Peace building through art in Iraq and the Kurdistan Region, as demonstrated by MHF's sponsored activities, showcases the significant role art can play in fostering community cohesion and cultural understanding. MHF has held many different activities in 2023 to be able to fully implement projects and activities within this field, such as art exhibitions and sponsoring artists.

Peace building through art is able to have significant benefits, including providing a platform for expression and healing, fostering cultural preservation and appreciation, stimulating economic development, and engaging the youth in artistic activities. These initiatives not only aid in societal healing but also contribute to the overall stability and growth of the community.

The activities held for this particular purpose are further discussed below.

Art Exhibition by Nina Mahmoud Muhammad- Activity

To support, encourage, and advance the cultural and artistic landscape of Kirkuk, and following MHF aim of peace building through art, MHF sponsored an exhibition for artist Nina Mahmoud Muhammad. This event, showcasing her artistic paintings, was held at the Time Center Mall from August 9 to September 9, 2023, drawing attention on Fridays and Saturdays. Nina's artwork poignantly reviewed the challenges faced by Kurdish women, depicting their struggles and obstacles through artistic expression. The exhibition attracted 50 visitors.



Guitar Training Courses- Activity

After receiving a request from Halgurd Abdel Karim, an experienced musician since 2009, MHF initiated guitar teaching courses at their Kirkuk office. These courses were specifically designed to teach youth and children how to play the guitar, showcasing Halgurd Abdel Karim's commitment to music education.

The initiative comprised two separate activities, each focusing on guitar instruction. The first course successfully **engaged 17 beneficiaries**, and the second course mirrored this success with another **13 participants**. Conducted at the MHF Kirkuk office, these courses have been pivotal in nurturing a passion for guitar playing among the younger generation, continuing to this day under the expert guidance of Halgurd Abdel Karim. At the end of the training all participants were given a certificate.



Kurdistan is the center of culture and authenticity- Project

"Kurdistan is the Center of Culture and Authenticity" launched on November 2, 2023, to coincide with the Pomegranate Festival in Halabja, this initiative was a collaboration with Kurdistan Farm and Yasna Music Group. Aimed at promoting Kurdish culture and art, the project took place in a prominent Halabja farm, attracting over 10,000 visitors monthly.

The project features two main activities: a classical music performed weekly by the Yasna Music Band every Friday in November. This integration of music and agriculture at the festival not only enhances visitor experience but also supports local culture and farming, highlighting MHFs, commitment to cultural and community development in Halabja. The event within the farm in the total of the month had **10,000 visitors**.



Sponsoring the documentary of the “Sara Yousif Case”- Project

The documentary, set for a 2024 release and currently in production, narrates the harrowing story of Sara Yusef and her family, deeply affected by the war. In 2019, Sara lost a leg, her brother Mohammed was martyred, and another brother, Ahmed, lost his right eye. Now residing in Sulaimani, their story unfolds in the documentary through two main steps:

1. **Compilation of Evidence:** Beginning with video evidence from 2019, it documents the family's experiences, providing a personal glimpse into their lives post-tragedy.
2. **Art Exhibition by Sara:** Central to the documentary is an art exhibition by Sara, depicting the impact of war and economic conflict on children. This artistic perspective forms the documentary's core theme, emphasizing the resilience and expression amidst adversity.

This documentary aims to highlight the profound effects of war on individuals and families, offering a poignant insight into the experiences of the Yousef family through a blend of personal footage and artistic representation.

Supporting such documentaries does not only highlight important cases but it is also a way of supporting local film makers and talents. This projects beneficiaries will be Sara Yousif and her family which is a total number of **6 people** , however this project will have many potential non direct beneficiaries.



Continuing the support of the Sara Yousif Case and her family

For the fourth year in a row MHF continued to support Sara Yousif and her family for educational, health and other areas of the family's life. The number of beneficiaries for this project is **6 people** which are all members of the family.

Preventing the dangers of drug and psychotropic substance abuse- Project

On November 7, 2023, MHF in coordination with Kirkuk Province, held a workshop focused on preventing the dangers of drugs. This workshop, attended by a wide range of stakeholders, was crucial in framing a project set to launch in 2024 to combat the spread of drug abuse and addiction.

Participants included, the Deputy Governor, UNAMI representatives, delegates from NGO offices in both Baghdad and the Kurdistan Region, a representative from the governorate office, and a representative of the Social Police. Additionally, attendees from Kirkuk University and officials from the Health, Education, Tourism, and Drugs Directorate contributed their insights. The presence of representatives from the Sunni Bureau, the Cultural House, the Quality Department, and the Miran Organization further diversified the perspectives and expertise at the workshop.

The discussions and inputs from these various participants were vital in creating a detailed roadmap for the forthcoming project. This roadmap is geared towards implementing comprehensive strategies for the prevention of drug dangers, highlighting the collaborative commitment of all involved parties to tackle this significant societal challenge.

The number of participants was over 30 people, the total number of beneficiaries for this project would reach 300 people, do the benefit of these representatives informing their respective departments and or NGOs of the issues and the discussions.



ABC Coordination meetings

In 2023 MHF successfully joined the ABC coordination meetings, which is a coordination meeting that is hosted by UNAMI in the city of Kirkuk where the group mainly focusing on durable solutions, these meetings are held monthly and had many national and international NGOs participating. MHF has joined all the meetings since being a member.



This report is comprised of MHF activities and projects from January 2023 until December 2023.

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Summary

The total number of beneficiaries for this year's projects and activities combined, including direct and indirect beneficiaries added up to 13,643 people. This included people all over Iraq.

This year MHF impacted various humanitarian sectors and development initiatives. Expanding multiple projects from the years before and implemented new projects and activities depending on the needs and requirements of society during this year. These efforts are pivotal in our mission to create lasting positive change nationally, and we anticipate building on this progress in the upcoming year.