

Mam Humanitarian Foundation Annual Report 2022



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Supporting Artists Activity- Komi Ko

Artists have a great influence on society, due to their social impact, unifying communities and sparking



creativity not only within themselves but also within others. Therefore, MHF constantly aims to aid and assist artists within the region to be able to foster their talents further and strengthen the sector. Komi Ko is one of the great pianist and lecturer within the region whom has given many years of her life to serving the young students of Sulaymaniyah. She has been able to further develop many young pianists' skills, whilst also encouraging others to play musical instruments. Thus, on 06/01/2022 MHF decided on holding an activity that consisted of gifting a piano to Komi Ko.

Supporting Theatre Professionals Activity

Theater can not only promote literacy but it can also promote social discourse, dialogue and potential social change. Due to the mentioned reason MHF constantly aims to support this sector. On 03/02/2022 MHF sponsored Hawar Theater Group to participate in the Fajr International Theater Festival. This festival is an annual festival held in Iran that features local and international theatrical work and performances.

Providing Air-Coolers to classrooms Activity

To support the scientific sector and educational institutions, especially higher education MHF on 10/02/2022 provided an air cooler for a classroom within the College of Agricultural Sciences, which can accommodate 55 students.

Sponsoring a short film under the title of “A Hallway” activity

Local film productions have various benefits, such as providing the local actors, actress and directors a broader and more international audience, exporting local films to other countries, introducing and informing others about the history and or culture of the Kurdistan Region. Therefore, on 24/01/2022 MHF sponsored a short film under the title of “A Hallway’ by director Harde Samir. The short film is based on a true story in Sulaymaniyah. The story follows the main character under the name of Nargis. Nergis is summoned by the security department of the Baath regime, and faced with the choice of executing one son and releasing another. This short film went on to being nominated for several international awards and won awards such as the Rome International Movie Awards and Stockholm City Film Festival. It was also selected as a special mention in the London International Monthly Film Festival (LIMFF).



Media Training Course Activity

Capacity building for those whom work within the media industry is one of the aims of MHF, like the previously mentioned projects within the media department, this sector can have a positive impact on society as the quality of the produced media contents can become higher. In the Cultural Center in the city of Kirkuk, MHF held a training course that aimed to develop the skills of the media cadres from various components of the city. It involved those whom work in governmental departments and non-governmental organizations. This course was presented by academics and teachers whom are specialized in the field of media in coordination with the administration of the Kirkuk Governorate and the department of Non-Governmental Organizations. The course lasted for five days, from February 13, 2022 to February 17, 2022.



Providing (PPE) Kits to Governmental and non-Governmental institutions project

MHF has always aimed to aid and support the health sector of the region, due to understanding the vital role that they have within society, and the high demand and pressure that they are under. MHF on 24/02/2022 was able to provide Beds, Crutches, Wheelchairs, and medical toilet seats to the Kurdish Red Crescent organization to not only assist the health sector but also provide help to the refugees from Syria. PPE Kits were also



provided for the University of Kirkuk – Faculty of Law and Political Science on 17/02/2022, this included 4 thermometers and 4 fingertip pulse oximeter. MHF also provided other PPE kits to Peshmerga Health Agency, and Hope “Hiwa” Hospital on 09/03/2022 which in total included 180 boxes of masks, 48 medical face shields, and 29 medical gowns. Finally, on 20/1/2022 MHF donated 20 boxes of masks to Kara Organization based in Kirkuk.

Providing sports sets and balls for the sports team of Burns and Cosmetic Surgery Hospital Activity

To be able to support the health sector including its patients and employees, MHF on 17/04/2022 responded to a request of the hospital and provided them with sports sets and balls for the sports team within the Burns and Cosmetic Surgery Hospital.

The project of “Storytelling in Journalism: from hard data to harder narratives”.

To be able to develop the skills of journalists and allow them to convey their stories to the outside world, MHF in collaboration with Ronak Press (a Spain based non-profit organization (NPO) focusing on human rights and conflict issues) set up a media training course under the title "storytelling in Journalism: from hard data to harder narratives". The lecturers of the course included:

Karlos Zurutuza – A freelance journalist covering conflict along parallel 33, from Western Sahara to Eastern Baluchistan. He has a taste for under-the-radar peoples and spots and over almost two decades he’s filed print and multimedia stories for international English speaking publications and broadcasters such as The Guardian, Al Jazeera English, Haaretz, Vicenews, The Middle East Eye, Deutsche Welle, Politics. He’s also the author of three books.

Andoni Lubaki - Andoni is a photojournalist digging into stories in the Maghreb and Middle East regions. During the last decade he’s covered the main events for AP, AFP, Newsweek as well as many other leading media outlets. Among his several recognitions he counts a Chris Hondros Memoria Award and a Picture of the Year. In 2016 he was selected among Spain’s best photojournalists and his work was shown in prestigious venues such as Círculo de Bellas Artes, Palau Robert or the Copenhagen International Festival.

Cihad Darwesh – A successful and well known camera man working in the frontlines in Syria.

This course had a total number of **(71)** beneficiaries which were all journalists and college students within Sulaymaniyah and Kirkuk Governance starting on 02/04/2022. The course focused on teaching the participants to work in individuals to coherently and effectively interact with the outside world through media, helping the participants to write stories from their point of view.



The main three topics covered included Print/On line journalism, Photography/Editing and Video/Editing. In the end of the course reliable certification were given to the participants. The result of this project would lead to many young journalists within the region to be able to write stories and capture photos that can be sold to international news agencies. On the other hand, also building the capacity of those journalists means more high-quality stories will be produced locally.



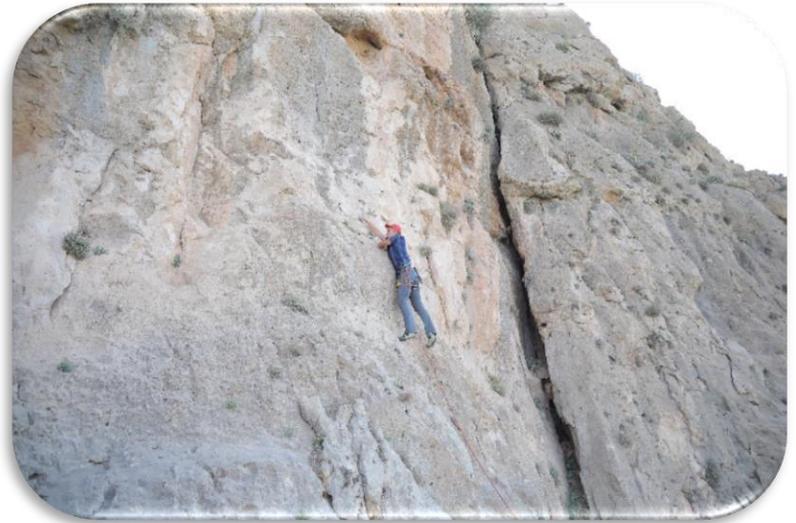
The project of Sustainable development and the circular economy in rural areas

The Kurdistan Region of Iraq has a high potential for developing the tourism sector, the General Board of Tourism of Kurdistan announced at the end of the first eight months of 2021, 2,500,000 tourists visited the Kurdistan Region. To further expand on this and create more tourist attraction locations, MHF in collaboration with the Terra Mitjana Association on Spain undertook the project of “Sustainable development and the circular economy in rural areas” which ended on 25/05/2022.

This project aimed to strengthen relations between Catalonia and the Kurdistan region of Iraq, create job opportunities within the field of tourism and contribute to sustainable development in the area whilst taking advantage of the important natural, historical and heritage values that this region boasts around Dukan and Rania area.

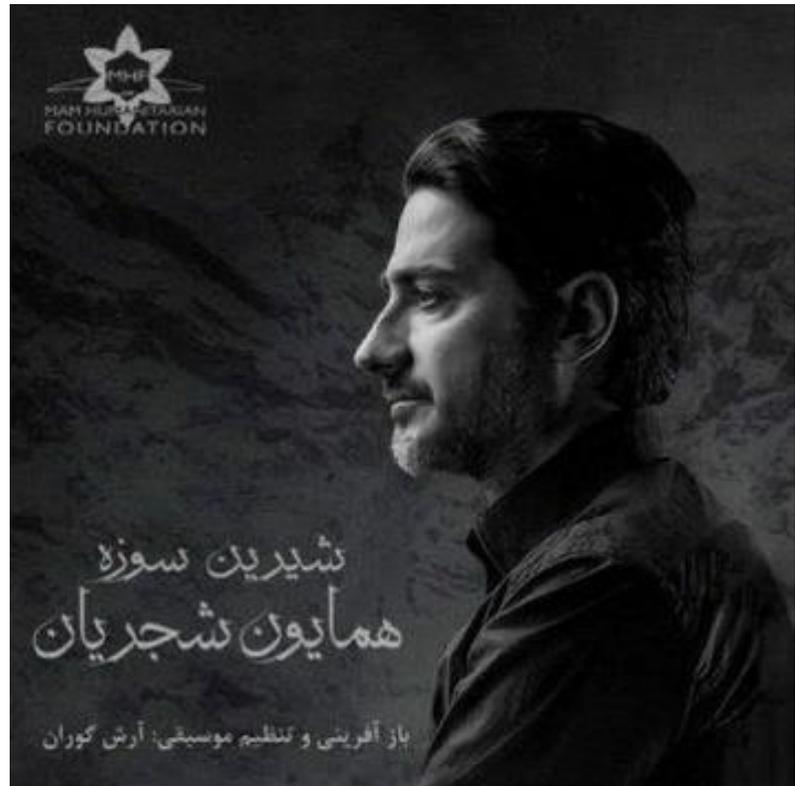
Various different areas were looked into by the four specialized in mountain sports to be able to find potential areas to start new mountain sport activities, such as Climbing, Canyoning, Cross-Country Skiing and Boating. Some of the areas included, the valley of Chami Rezan, Sahra Cave, Qzkapan Cave, Jasana Cave, Peramagrun Mountain, Hartal Village, Harzna Village, Qaladzi City, Kani Rash Village and the lost city of the Alexandra the great.

The project seeks to potentially lay the foundations for an independent economic activity that can function and be maintained without the need for aid or economic systems that are beyond the control and reach of the local population. In the long-term if a location for such sport activities is set up it would fill in the demand for cultural tourism, Ecotourism and Active Tourism, also known as "adventure tourism", which would attract visitors from within and outside of Kurdistan.



Sponsoring the production of the songs Mina and Shirina Sawza covered by Homoyon Shajarian

To be able to introduce Kurdish music to other nations and expand the audience and listeners. MHF sponsored the recording, mixing, orchestrating and all of the post editing work including the publishing process. The project contained two songs under the title of “Mina” and “Shirina Sawza” covered by Homayoun Shajarian. Both of these songs are two of the most traditional and popular songs of Kurdish society and history. The song was officially published on 22/08/2022.



Distribution of food baskets

On 28/06/2022 MHF started the activity of providing food baskets to 10 families whom had a low income. Each food basket included 9kg of rice, 2 bags of dry beans at 500g each, 2 bottles of tomato paste at 800g each, 900g lentil, tea 450g, 2 bags of chickpeas 500g each, 1l of sunflower oil.

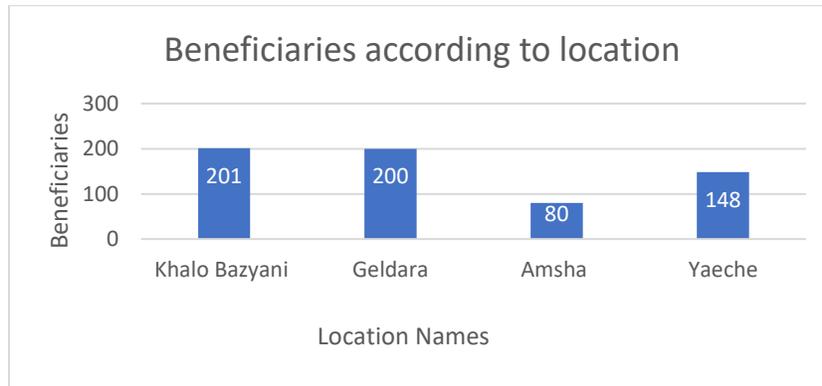
Itinerary Medical Care Project

MHF on 30/07/2022 started the Itinerary Medical Care project which included multiple medical cities in different locations such as (Khalo Bazanyi, Gerdala, Amsha , and Yaeche) all the locations selected for this project were hard-to-reach areas based on the governance of the city of Kirkuk, all locations also did not have any hospitals available within their area. The project not only provided free consultations and medications to the citizens of the area, but it was also able to hand out over 4 leaflets on different topics such as Breast Cancer, First Aid and Cholera. In total a number of **(629)** patients were treated in all locations combined by over 45 Doctors. This project was completed in coordination with the Free Doctors Organization, Miran Health NGO and Pioneer (pharmaceutical company).





Beneficiaries of each location



Provision of medicines to public and private hospitals

The hospitals within this region have constantly had issues with the lack of supplies of medicines and medical tools. To be able to assist the hospitals within the region MHF started the provision of medications to private and public hospitals within the region, for example the hospital of Shahid Kharib Haldanaye in Dukan and the hospital of shahid Hamma Ghafour Akhjaraye in Akhjar. This project was completed in coordination with Pioneer Pharmaceutical company and Diwan Storage. Over 8 different medications was provided to the mentioned hospitals with the quantity of over 2000.



Providing assistance to the families of prisoners of war at the hands of ISIS

In order to assist the families of ISIS prisoners MHF took on the responsibility of renting a hall to help resolve the case of finding family members of ISIS on 14/08/2022.

Sponsoring a theater act of “The memories of a joker”

MHF has constantly aimed to assist and aid with the development of all sectors specifically Arts, while focusing on young and new talents, for this reason on 22/08/2022 MHF sponsored a theater act of “The memories of a joker”, written by Omed Kamal and directed by Gevara Jabar. This theater act was performed for two days in the city of Sulaymaniyah.



Holding a ceremony to honor Dr. Saad Salum

On 25/09/2022 MHF organized a ceremony to honor the respected Professor Dr. Saad Salum on the occasion of receiving the Ibn Rushd Prize for Free Thought in Berlin 2022. In the event the representatives of all different religions in Iraq participated, such as Muslims, Christians, Yazidis, Zoroastrians and Kakais. The event included a lecture on religious and ethnic diversity within Iraq and the dimensions of this diversity were discussed by the attendees. Such events are extremely important for the Iraqi society as it gathers all within society to be able to promote co-existence and co living. Iraq and the Kurdistan region is an overwhelmingly Muslim country and region, it is both religiously and ethnically diverse.



International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

MHF was able to participate in the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on the 17th of October 2022. This international day was set by the United Nations according to UN “The observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty can be traced back to 17 October 1987”. MHF participated by providing a meal to 150 families, the meal provided was able to feed a family of 6. This was distributed in the district of Hawari Shar. This area has hundreds of housing slums (informal settlements), that are mostly unsafe, have limited access to basic services and no secure tenure.



Sponsoring an Art Gallery

In order to support the art sector and encourage artists further, MHF sponsored an exhibition of paintings depicting Middle Eastern graphic design. These paintings were created by Artist Ari Mohammed Nuri. The exhibition included more than 30 different paintings, which highlighted and focused on Middle Eastern alphabets and Middle Eastern design patterns.



Providing stationary and school supplies to an orphanage home

MHF provided school supplies (stationery) to the State House for boys, with the advent of the new academic year. This included 35 boxes of stationery which were distributed to the students (orphans). This activity took place on 26/10/2022.



Providing stationaries to the Salsabile Educational Center for orphans

On the 22/11/2022 MHF visited the Salsabile Educational center for orphans in the city of Kirkuk and distributed 70 stationary boxes to the children within this center. This is extremely important as MHF understands the importance of creating a safe environment specially orphans to be able to motivate and assist them further with their studies and education.



Sponsoring a Theater Festival

MHF on 8/11/2022 sponsored the 6th theater festival under the name of “Streets”. This theater festival is one of the most important festivals that takes place in the city, it also rewards hard working and inspirational artists to be able to further encourage the production of theater acts. Theatre is a important aspect of society as it encourages its viewers to open up to different perspectives that the viewer previously might have not considered. Theater can also promote social discourse, dialogue and potential social change.

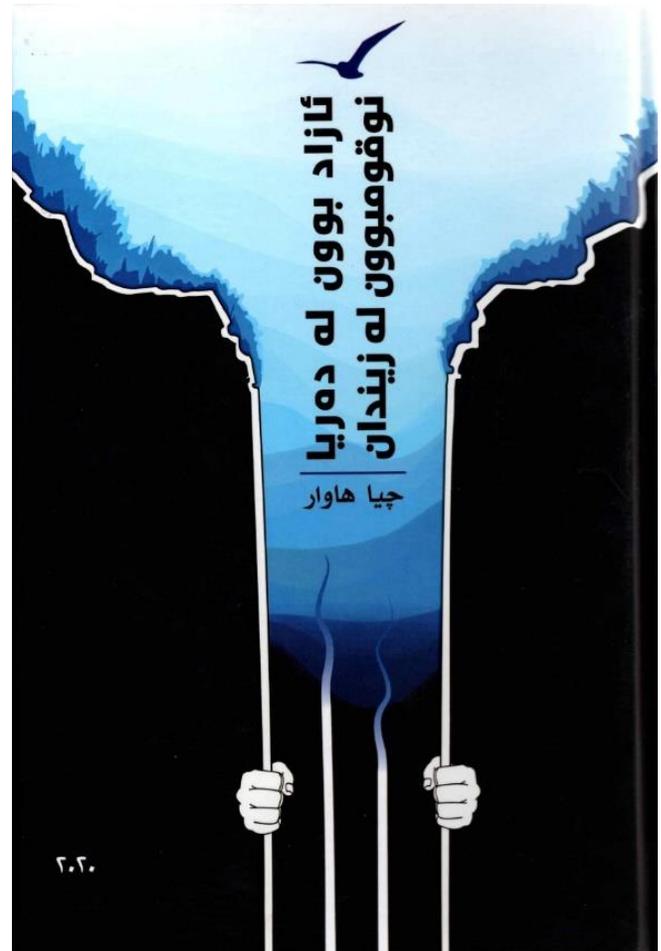


Book publications

Books can be used as a vital source of information to learn about the history, culture and traditions of a region. They can also be used as an education tool to be able to expand the knowledge of people on various different topics such as education, science, history and many more. Books can introduce society to a world of imagination, providing knowledge of the outside world, as well as boosting memory and intelligence. Therefore, MHF on 2022 sponsored the publication of multiple books as discussed and mentioned below.

1. Sponsoring the publication of a book under the title of “Freedom from the Sea, Drowning in Prison”.

MHF on 04/01/2022 sponsored the publishing of 500 copies of the translated version of the book “Freedom from the Sea, drowning in Prison”, written by Chia Hawar Jalal and translated by Negin Hosseini Syed Hashim. The book is based on a true story of a young Kurd living in the Kurdistan region of Iraq, whom wants to go abroad during a civil war that is occurring. Whilst on his journey, 28 of his friends drown in the Aegean Sea. The story follows the struggles this young man faces in his attempt to go abroad.



2. Sponsoring the publication of “The Future of Russia in the Shadow of the New World Order”

MHF on 18/04/2022 started the publication of 200 copies of the book under the title of “The future of Russia in the shadow of the new world order”. This book due to the political climate at the moment is extremely useful and can expand the knowledge of readers and educate them on the history and potential history of Russia’s politics. A book publication event was also held for this book in the City of Sulaymaniyah, where over 50 people attended whom were the managers of majority of the private and public nurseries within the city. Copies of the book were also sent to Garmiyan, Halabja, Ranya and Dukan public and private nurseries. A book publication event was also held for this book in the city of Kirkuk on the 26th of September 2022. In this event over 60 people attended. The attendees included university lecturers and students.



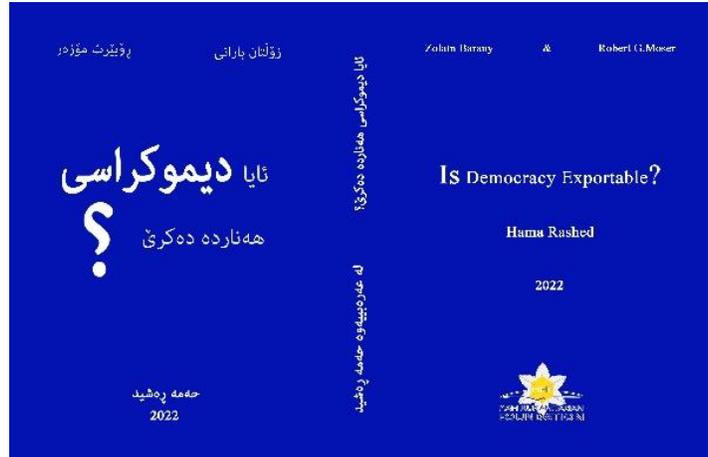
3. Sponsoring the publication of “The years of infancy” by Remo Largo, translated by Chira Khan Sheet Abdul Aziz

On 05/07/2022 MHF sponsored the publication of 500 copies of the translated version of the book “The years of infancy” by Remo Largo, Translated by Chira khan Sheet Abdul Aziz. The book The Years of Infancy, was originally published in German in 2007 by pediatrician Remo Largo, it is especially useful for nurseries and parents whom want to gain extra knowledge and experience. This book was also given to various nurseries around Sulaymaniyah and Raparin, this included private and public nurseries.



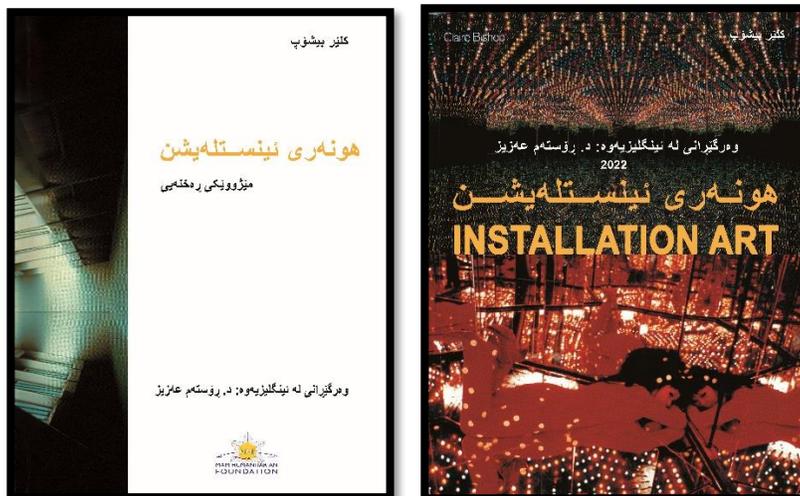
4. Sponsoring “Is Democracy Exportable” by Zoltan Barany, Robert G Moser, Robert G. Moser, translated by Hamma Rashid

Is Democracy Exportable was published in 2009 by Cambridge University Press. The book focuses on politics, comparative politics and some aspects of international relations. The book also aims to answer some of the important questions of Can democratic states transplant the seeds of democracy into developing countries? What have political thinkers going back to the Greek city-states thought about their capacity to promote democracy? and How can democracy be established in divided societies? MHF published 300 copies of the translated version of this book into Kurdish language, the book was translated by Hamma Rashid. This was finalized on the 27/11/2022.



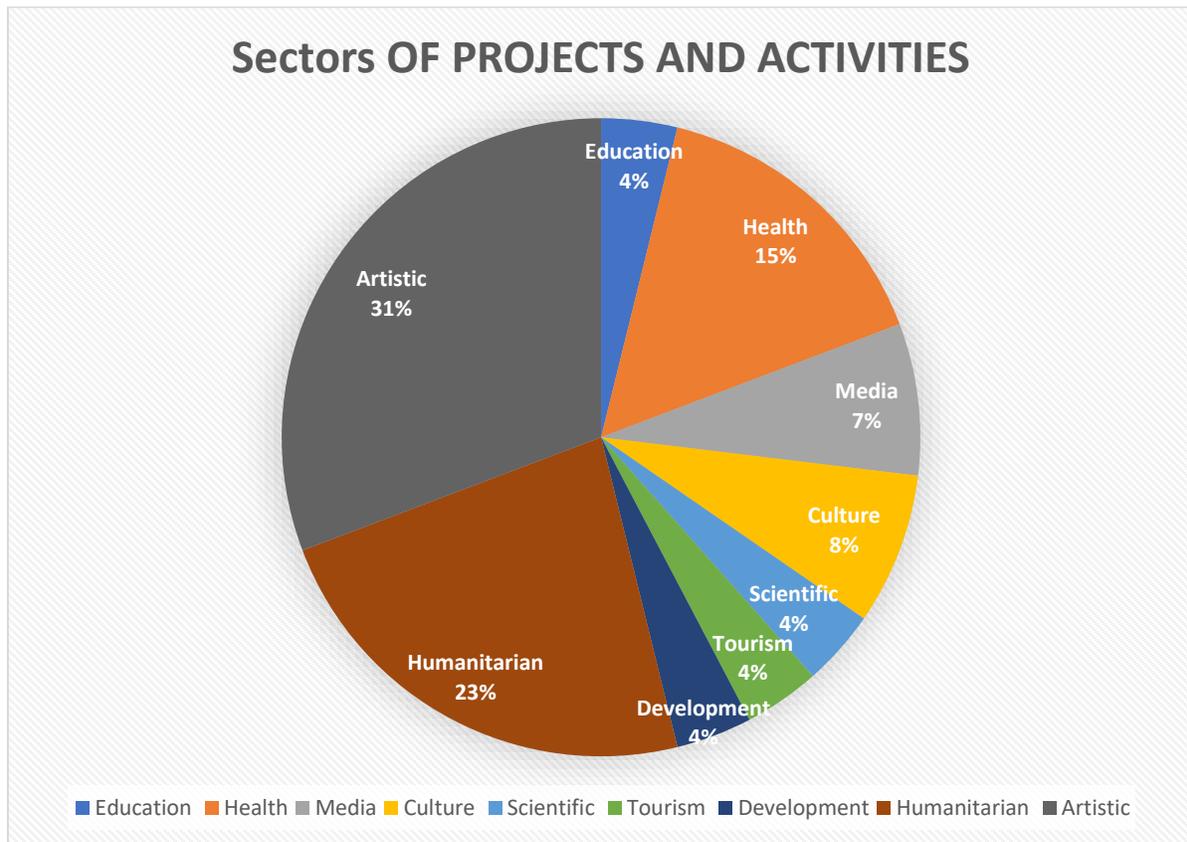
5. Sponsoring the publication of “Installation Art: A Critical History” Written by Dr. Clair Bishop, translated by Dr.Rostam Aziz

MHF on the 27/11/2022 sponsored the digital publication and designing of a translated version of Installation Art: A Critical History. This book provides a history and full critical examination of the challenging area of contemporary art. It focuses on the years of 1960 until the present day. The book shows various different case studies to argue that installation requires its audience to physically enter the artwork in order to experience it. This book was published in 2005 and until the present day is used for Art and Architecture bachelors and master students. Due to the importance of this book for the education system MHF decided on publishing the translated version digitally to provide a useful source of information for the mentioned students.



Conclusion

This report is comprised of all the activities of MHF in year 2022 with the limited source of funding available. In the year of 2022 MHF has a total of 16 activities and 10 projects. The main sectors MHF focused on included Education, Health, Media, Culture, Scientific, Tourism, Development, Humanitarian and Artistic. MHF for the year 2023 will aim to receive funding to be able to further advance and create new projects that continue to serve the people of Iraq and Kurdistan Region of Iraq.



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