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President's column:

The relative stability and positive transformation after years of forced displacement of thousands of people was the main feature of 2019, despite the difficult circumstances and political tensions, the process of the return of IDPs to their areas of origin was continuous, therefore our Society has continued its directed activities at supporting stability in the liberated areas and planting confidence and reassurance in different communities, especially the Nineveh Plain regions, and included several service projects that mainly included encouraging the local economy through the reconstruction of the affected shops, as well as opening businesses stores for professionals, as well as organizing various vocational courses for youth. On the other hand, the Society's persistent programs which support Syriac Education continued for its great importance in continuing the process and ensuring its success despite the continuous challenges, after the absence of government employing for several years since 2014, as the number of lecturers increased to more than 80 lecturers per month in addition to the fees and costs of transportation for some of the teaching staff whom are attending the schools in different villages and regions.

Despite the general decline in humanitarian support during the year, our Society was able, because of the efforts made by our supporters, continuous partnerships and solid confidence, to implement the mobile clinic program in order to provide prescriptions and necessary medicines for many areas in Dohuk and Nineveh Plain.

On the side of supporting agriculture and farmers, our society has been able to construct the irrigation channels and cover it with concrete in several villages in order to ensure water conservation and reduce the load on the shoulders of farmers and to encourage farmers to settle on their land.

In the field of defending human rights and consolidating the principles of advocating the rights of indigenous peoples, AAS-Iraq participated in the permanent forum for human rights (session 40th), and the participation in the permanent forum of indigenous people (session 18th), as well as the Universal Periodic Review, and the AAS-Iraq organized a dialogue session in March 2019 on the occasion of the International Year of Indigenous Languages. The aim of these participations and activities came within the framework of our AAS-Iraq's endeavor to work continuously to support culture and preserve the cultural and civilizational heritage of the indigenous peoples.

In order to mobilize more support and communication, AAS-Iraq also participated in several abroad activities in the field of defending religious freedoms, including the Ministerial Religious Freedom Conference in Washington, as well as the 2nd International Conference on Christian Persecution in Budapest, Hungary, and the Annual Human Rights Conference, in Tallinn, Estonia.

Also in 2019, our Society worked on building and developing the capabilities of workers in the Society through a program with the support of the Sign of Hope from Germany, which aims to set up special courses in the field of civil society institutions to raise the AAS-Iraq to levels comparable to advanced organizations by relying on International standards for humanitarian organizations.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all of our Society's supporters, whom, without their continued support, we would not have been able to provide services and programs that were implemented last year and throughout the work of the AAS-Iraq that was full of achievements and service and humanitarian work, as well as I thank the supporter workers and volunteers of AAS-Iraq who worked long hours with dedication in the service of humanitarian work and spreading a smile on faces of children, the elderly and the rest of community.

We are pledge to you that we continue to give for the good and peace of all.

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Ashur Sargon Eskrya
President AAS-Iraq

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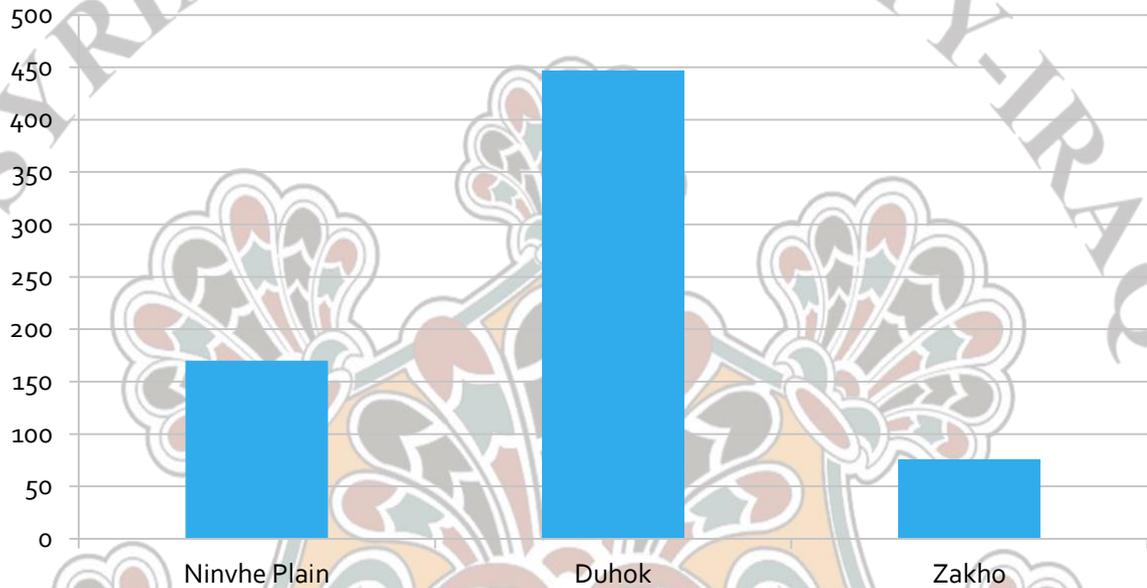
Relief Programs:

In 2019, the AASI implemented relief projects to the displaced families in different region of Duhok and Zakho, as well as the returnees in their liberated areas of Nineveh Plain, more than (693) of food baskets and hygiene kits were provided and distributed.



Relief & Humanitarian Affairs Dept.:

Beneficiaries: according to the areas of residence



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Assyrian Education Dept.:

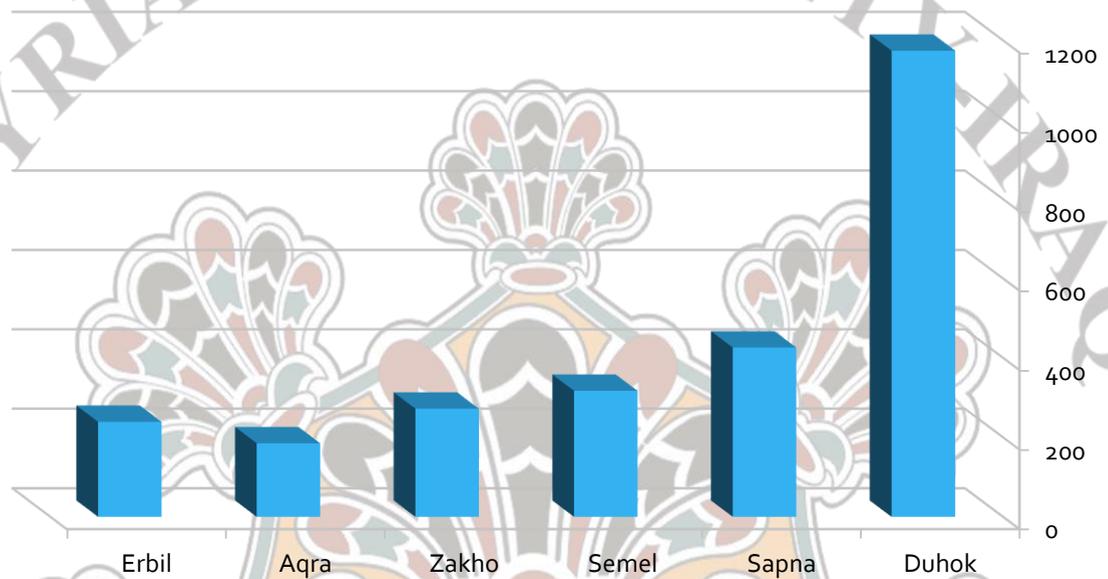
AAS-Iraq has continued, consistently, to provide the needed support for the Assyrian Education Process, where the AASI provided support through the distribution of school supplies to all students of Assyrian Education in Duhok, Erbil and other regions, as well as the students of displaced and returned families in Nineveh Plain, where more than 2613 students in the academic years (2019-2020) have been beneficiaries of school supplies program, along with the Society's support for the lecturers in Assyrian Education including the monthly payments for (89) lecturers, transportation for lecturers and other administrative expenditures of the Assyrian Schools in governorates of Duhok and Erbil.



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Assyrian Education Dept.:

BENEFICIARIES; STUDENTS ACCORDING TO AREA



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Christmas gift project

- Distribution of the Christmas Gifts to kids of (Rameil daycare, homes in Dohuk district, Shiyoz) in Duhok.
- Distribution of the Christmas Gifts to kids of (Diana) in Erbil.
- Distribution of the Christmas Gifts to kids of (Bersiveh) in Zakho.
- Distribution of the Christmas Gifts to kids of (Sarsink, Enishke, Nahla, Sorka, Semele).
- Distribution of the Christmas Gifts to kids of (Bakhdida) in Nineveh Plain.



Christmas gift project



Mobile clinic project

The AAS-Iraq, implemented the project of mobile clinic in the areas of living for displaced people in Duhok province and Nineveh Plain, the project mobile clinic provided medical assistance to more than (1750) beneficiaries of IDPs and returnees of Mosul, Nineveh Plain, and other regions in (30) field visits.



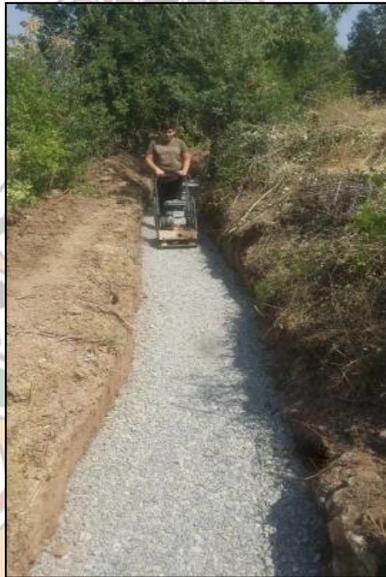
Mobile clinic project



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Construction - Irrigation Channel Project

The AAS-Iraq, in 2019, implemented many projects of constructing the irrigation channels in the villages of Baz in Barwar region and in the villages of Kashkawa and Belmend in Nahla region.



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"Supporting waste management in Hamdaniya" project with support of the USAID:

With the support of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and its Iraqi Community Resilience Initiative ICRI, the Assyrian Aid Society - Iraq implemented a project of distribution of household trash containers to 5000 houses of Bakhdida (center of Hamdaniya district) and Karmles village as well as the handing over of the garbage collection truck to the Municipality of Bartella sub district, and supplying of other materials to the support of municipality efforts in the Nineveh Plain, April 30th – June 12th 2019.



Empowering Assyrian Youth Project

The AAS-Iraq, with the support of the Swedish organization FORUMSYD and in cooperation with the Assyrians Without Borders Organization, implemented a project of developing the capabilities of the youth on the right of the Assyrian People. The project targeted 45 – 50 Assyrian Youth, and included providing of series of lectures and seminars that dealt with several issues related to Assyrians as Indigenous People.



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“Support the community stabilization in Hamdaniya district – livelihood courses for youth in Hamdaniya” project

With the support of the International Organization Migration (IOM) Iraq, the Assyrian Aid Society-Iraq implemented the project **Support the community stabilization in Hamdaniya district – livelihood courses for youth in Hamdaniya**, included livelihood and educational training courses that targeted the women and youth groups of different communities in Hamdaniya district, September to December 2019.

The trainings and workshops of project included:

1. Training course for making sweets and cookies for (45) women beneficiaries.
2. Training course for making pickles for (15) men beneficiaries.
3. Training course of for carpentry (10) men beneficiaries.



“Back in Business: Repairing Shops in Hamdaniya” project with support of the USAID OTI/ICRI-Ta’afi program

With the support of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), OTI/ICRI-Ta’afi ICRI Ta’afi program, the Assyrian Aid Society - Iraq implemented a project of rehabilitating 30 shops in Bakhdida, Hamdaniya district, Sep. 29th 2019 – Feb. 15th 2020.



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Other Projects for AAS-Iraq

- Opening and supplying of pharmacy in Karmles village in the Nineveh Plain, April 29th 2019.
- Supplying fuel (30,000 liters of Diesel) for (19) generators in villages of our people in Duhok governorate, June 2019.
- Strategy workshop for an improved quality of humanitarian aid of Assyrian Aid Society-Iraq, June 2019.
- Rehabilitation of Alqosh Primary school for boys in Alqosh sub district, Sep. 26th 2019.



Projects for supporting Youth and Women Groups

- Conducting of the training course for Microsoft Office programs for youth for a period of one month in Bakhdida – Hamdaniya, with participation of 13 beneficiaries of both genders July 2019.
- Supporting the ChaldoAssyrian Students and Youth Union in holding the Narsai David 12th Football Tournament in Duhok with participation of 28 teams from all areas and regions of Duhok governorate, March 2019.



Panel discussion event on the international year of the languages of Indigenous Peoples 2019

AAS-Iraq organized and conducted a panel discussion on the occasion of the International Year of the Languages of Indigenous Peoples 2019, titled "The language of the Assyrians, the indigenous people, the current situation, challenges and future strategies for preserving them". March 2nd, 2019, the panel was

The panel discussions were managed by Mr. Ashur Sargon Eskrya, President of the Assyrian Aid Society-Iraq, with the participation of the writer Mr. Benyamin Haddad, the Academic researcher Dr. Odisho Malko, Mr. Farid Yacoub, Dr. Nicholas Al-Jeloo Professor at Kadir Has University in Turkey and Mr. Akkad Saadi, head of the Beit Kanu Foundation in Qamishli - Syria, with the presence and participation of many representatives of civil society organizations of our people.

The discussions included presenting of many axes, including the stages of the development of the Syriac language and the means available to preserve and revive it as a precious cultural heritage that our people inherited as one of the indigenous peoples, and was discussed by proposing many ideas and opinions to preserve it as the language of the indigenous people of the region for centuries, as well as the extent of its importance for our Chaldean people Assyrian Syriac and discussion of modern and technological means to preserve the Syriac language in its eastern and western branches.

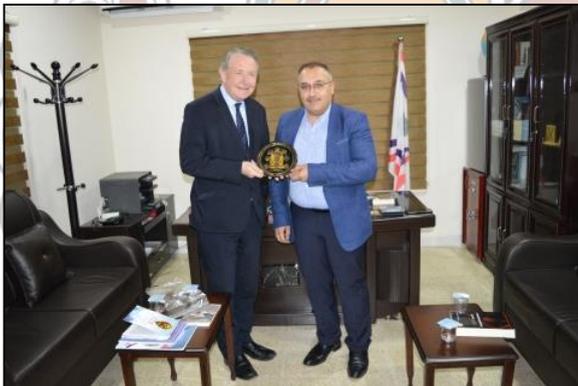


Visits & Activities:

- President of the AAS-Iraq inspects the conditions of our people in Telsqof and Batnaya, Jan. 7th 2019.
- President of the AAS-Iraq meets the USAID Special Representative for Minority Assistance Programs in Iraq at US Consulate in Erbil . Feb. 18th 2019.
- President of the AAS-Iraq receives the delegation of the Iraqi Christian Relief Council. Mar. 30th 2019.
- President of the AAS-Iraq meets the USAID Special Representative for Minority Assistance Programs in Iraq, Erbil. May 30th 2019.
- Members of the AAS-Iraq participates in a meeting for signing the project agreement with USAID at the US General Consulate in Erbil. Sep. 30th 2019
- President of the AAS-Iraq receives the South Korean Consul General in its headquarters in Duhok. Sep. 10th 2019
- President of the AAS-Iraq receives the Director General of the NGOs Department. Nov. 18th 2019
- President of the AAS-Iraq receives Mr. Shiba Mando, President of the Assyrian National Council of Illinois. Dec. 1st 2019.
- President of the AAS-Iraq receives the Lord David Alton. Member of Parliament of the United Kingdom. Dec. 7th 2019.



Visits & Activities:



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AASI's Participations abroad

- ❖ President of the AAS-Iraq participates in the 40th session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva. Feb. 25th – Mar. 22nd 2019.
- ❖ President of the AAS-Iraq participates in the 18th session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York. Apr. 24th – May 3rd 2019.
- ❖ President of the AAS-Iraq participates in the celebrations of the US Independence Day, July 4th 2019.
- ❖ President of the AAS-Iraq participates in the Second Annual Ministerial Conference to Advance Religious Freedom in Washington on Jul. 16th - 18th 2019.
- ❖ The AAS-Iraq board member participates in GEF Extended Constituency Workshops in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, Oct. 28th - Nov. 3rd 2019
- ❖ President of the AAS-Iraq participates in the 2nd International Conference on Christian Persecution, in Budapest, Hungary, Nov. 26th - 28th 2019.
- ❖ President of the AAS-Iraq participates in the Annual Human Rights Conference, in Tallinn, Estonia, Dec. 10th, 2019.



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- ❖ The Assyrian Aid Society- Iraq participates in a deliberative meeting with a joint US delegation. March 9th, 2019.
- ❖ The Assyrian Aid Society- Iraq participates in a workshop to protect and preserve the cultural heritage of ISIS-affected communities in Iraq. April 11th, 2019.
- ❖ The Assyrian Aid Society - Iraq participates in events of the Nineveh Investment Forum, December 3rd, 2019.



The Supporters in 2019

To those whom worked hard to provide support to our Society and our People, we would like to extend our thanks and appreciation for the tremendous support we got from:

- ❖ Assyrian Aid Society of America
- ❖ Assyrian Aid Society of Australia
- ❖ Assyrian Aid Society of Canada
- ❖ Assyrian Aid Society of Sweden
- ❖ Assyrian Universal Alliance Foundation
- ❖ Assyrian American Association of Modesto
- ❖ Assyrian Evangelical Church
- ❖ Assyrian Federation Netherlands
- ❖ Assyrians Without Borders
- ❖ Assyrian Church of Nineveh / Rev. William Nissan
- ❖ Eagle Watch Foundation
- ❖ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Wurttemberg
- ❖ Gishru
- ❖ International Christian Concern
- ❖ International Organization for Migration - IOM Iraq
- ❖ Iraqi Christian Relief Council
- ❖ Sign of Hope
- ❖ USAID / OTI
- ❖ Varani Smile of Turlock, California - USA

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Summary of projects

#	Donors	Details	No of Beneficiaries
1	Varani Smile of Turlock	Mobile clinic project	465 people
2	Assyrian Federation Netherlands	Christmas gifts	800 kids
3	Assyrians Without Borders	Empowering Assyrian Youth Project	45 youth
4	Assyrian Aid Society of America	Narsai David football tournament	28 teams
5	Assyrian Aid Society of Australia	Opening pharmacy in Karmles village Nineveh plain	125 families
6	Iraqi Christian Relief Council	Providing food baskets and hygiene to returnees in Telkief	50 families
7	Assyrian Evangelical Church	Mobile clinic project	1285 people
8	Assyrian Evangelical Church	Supplying Diesel for generators of 12 villages	12 villages
9	USAID / OTI	Supporting Waste management in Hamdaniya (distribution of household garbage containers in Bakhdida)	5000 families
10	Evangelical Lutheran Church in Wurttemberg	Construction of irrigation channel in Baz village	35 families
11	International Christian Concern	Computer course training in Bakhdida - Nineveh Plain	13 people
12	Assyrian American Association of Modesto	Providing humanitarian aid to families of Sharanish village	64 families
13	Assyrian Aid Society of Australia	Roof repairs Alqosh school	230 students
14	Sign of Hope	Disaster preparedness: Capacity building for improved humanitarian responses	25 AASI staff
15	International Christian Concern	Rehabilitating of damaged houses in Nahla region	4 families
16	USAID / OTI	Back in Business: Repairing shops in Hamdaniya	30 shops
17	Iraqi Christian Relief Council	Water borehole in Nineveh Plain	100 families
18	IOM Iraq	Livelihood training workshops and courses	70 families
19	Assyrians Without Borders	Providing food and hygiene for IDPs	100 families
20	Assyrians Without Borders	Providing humanitarian support for IDPs in Iraq	85 families
21	Assyrian Aid Society of America	Christmas gift project	1000 kids
22	Assyrian Evangelical Church	Christmas gift project	715 kids
23	Assyrians Without Borders	Providing school supplies for students of Assyrian schools	1075 students

Work Plan and Program of the AAS-Iraq for 2020

The Assyrian Aid Society with the fund of its supporters and partners around the world, works to complete its annual program that has persevered to implement since it was founded; This year we aspire to implement the following work and programs:

- The continuation of support for the educational programs, in specific the concentration on the Syriac Education schools through provide of school supplies, and the contribution in transportation of students in rural areas, as well as the support for the volunteered lecturers in Syriac schools.
- The work to gain support for the rework of mobile clinic which has served thousands of IDPs and inhabitants of rural different villages.
- The Relief and Humanitarian Aid Department of the AAS-Iraq will continue its programs of distributing the food baskets and hygiene kits to the displaced and vulnerable people.
- The Construction Department of AAS-Iraq will continue to implement the projects of reconstruction homes of people in the liberated areas especially in Nineveh Plains region, as well as the work to implement projects of support for the farmers through casting and cleaning of irrigation channels to preserve and reduce of wasted irrigation water.
- The AAS-Iraq works to provide the necessary support to open development projects of capacity building and support the youth in gaining job opportunities.
- Providing the support for university students in Syriac language department and providing of needs of shelter and other daily needs.
- The AAS-Iraq works on taking care of the children and organizes annually Christmas project that includes thousands of children and planning to continue the project for this year.
- The AAS-Iraq works to coordinate with various civil society organizations to encourage the voluntary return of displaced people, as well as to provide the necessary needs for the areas that been affected by the military operations and genocide that suffered by the different components of Nineveh Plain.

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Conclusion

Through this report, we would like to express our appreciation and thankfulness to all of our supporters:

Assyrian Aid Societies worldwide, Assyrian Humanitarian Organizations, Friends and Partners Organizations and Holy Churches, who tried, and still trying, to assist our Nation to stand and be powerful, despite the calamities that pass on this Nation.

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