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# **Annual Report of activities 2016**



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# President's Column

## Introduction:

Most of the Nineveh plains Areas that were occupied by ISIS since August, 2014 have been liberated in November, 2016 by the Iraqi army with support from the international coalition forces and the local forces including Nineveh Protection Unites (NPU). When we visited the area right after its liberation, we saw the colossal destruction that was caused by ISIS and the military operations to drive them out of the area.

It was obvious that the damage that was caused by ISIS to the infrastructure, Churches, Monasteries and even people houses was a deliberate act to eradicate and uproot the presence of the indigenous people of the area by destroying their history and heritage.

The crimes that were committed by this terrorist organization (ISIS) has been documented by many civil society organizations such as The Assyrian Aid Society-Iraq (AASI) with support from other organizations like the Knights of Columbus and others and because of that; many countries has recognized ISIS crimes against our people as genocide and ethnic cleansing.

The next stage will be crucial in the continuous presence of our people in this area therefore a special attention should be paid to the reconstruction and protection of the towns and villages in Nineveh plains. AASI is inviting all our friends and supporters to double their efforts in a reconstruction campaign for the devastated Nineveh region. In this regard, the AASI has already started a preliminary survey to document all the damages that took place in Nineveh plains and started few small projects in the liberated villages and towns to help bring some sense of normalcy in day to day life. The Village of Telsquf was the beginning point where a group of volunteers from Chaldo-Assyrian youth organization (with help and support from AASI, Iraqi Christian Relief Council and the Assyrian national council of Illinois) began a cleaning and painting campaign for the streets and public places of the village. This activity will continue to cover the northern and southern parts of Nineveh plains (Baghdida, Karmles and Bartela).

At the same time the AASI is continuing its efforts to support our displaced people. A residential camp for the IDP was constructed (Odrana Camp) in Sheyoz, Dohuk that sheltered forty four families. This camp was constructed wit help and support from many organizations as Salt foundation, The Lutheran evangelical church of Württemberg, The Assyrian Aid Society in USA, Iraqi Christian Relief Council, International Corporations Institute, Assyrian Aid Society-Canada and The Assyrian Aid Society-Australia. The AASI also continued its support to our own organizations like the Chaldo-Assyrian youth organization.

AT the twenty fifth anniversary of the AASI and because of the continuous humanitarian aid to our people; the AASI was nominated for the Noble peace price in a letter to the price committee from British MP Mr. Edward Leigh who is a member in the British House of Commons.



# President's Column

Despite the international and local economic recession and the increased numbers of crises in the world that caused large numbers of people to leave their homes and become refugees in many parts of the world especially the Middle East which caused a substantial amount of decrease in financial support for the AASI, despite all of that, the AASI continued its support for many programs such as the Assyrian Education Program which is getting help from the Assyrian Aid Society-USA, Assyrian Aid Society-Canada, Assyrian Aid Society-Australia and New Zealand, Assyrian National Council in Illinois, Iraqi Christian Relief Council in USA and the Assyrian Evangelical Church in San Jose. The Mobile Clinic which is serving our community in Dohuk province continued too with support from Assyrians without borders Organization in Sweden. Also AASI donated medicines to Saint Joseph medical center in Arbil with support from Christian Aid Organization in Britain. In the reconstruction field; the AASI has implemented many projects in the Assyrian areas to help them stay in their homes and villages, the Dutch "SALT Foundation" and the German Lutheran Evangelical Church played a big role in financing these projects. Besides that, the AASI has supported the Assyrian community in Khabour area with help from the Assyrian National Council of Illinois and the Assyrian Aid Society USA.

It is also necessary to evaluate the activities of the Assyrian Aid Society of America by organizing annually the (Mesopotamian Nights Event), which has been revived to preserve and protect our consciences and folklore, as well as to support our people in the homeland.

The AASI in 2016 participated in the United Nations Meeting of the indigenous people fifteenth forum meeting in New York. Delicate from Canada represented the AASI and in their speech they focused in the dangers that ISIS occupation of Nineveh plains poses on the existence of Assyrians in their historical homeland in Nineveh area.

An invitation was sent to the AASI to attend a town hall meeting in George Town University in Washington DC. Mrs. Mona Malik represented the AASI in the meeting. Also, in September, 2016 the AASI participated in Defense of Middle Eastern Christians forum that took place in Washington DC - USA where creating Nineveh plains province was suggested in the forum.

In Europe; on October 2016 the AASI took part in many meetings with its supporters in Sweden, Switzerland and Holland. And attended the foreign relations committee session of the European Union in Hague where we emphasized the importance of creating new province in Nineveh plains, the return of our people to their homes as soon as possible, starting the construction process and the participation of the indigenous in protecting their own areas.

At the end I would like to thank those who supported our people whether financially or morally, regardless if the support came through our organization or through other organizations because helping and supporting our people is the only way to keep us in our historical home land and finally I would like to thank all our AASI employee who took part in our humanitarian missions to complete our projects throughout the year 2016.

Ashur Sargon Eskrya

Dohuk, Iraq

January, 2017

# Departments of the AAS-Iraq:

- ❑ The President: Ashur Sargon Eskrya
- ❑ Administration & Finance: Evet Nevadimous Esho
- ❑ Secretary: Eramia Sargon
- ❑ Aid & Humanitarian Affairs: Patros Esho Gewargis
- ❑ Assyrian Education: Napoleon Yousif Youkhana
- ❑ Medical Projects: Shmaeil Hedo Dawood
- ❑ Construction & Projects: Younan Lazar Mirkhaeil
- ❑ Data Management & Media: Dr. Ibrahim Abd-Alghany



# Relief & Humanitarian Affairs Dept:

## Relief Programs:

In 2016 the AASI has implemented the following Relief Programs for IDPs:

1. Distribution of food baskets for 50 displaced families in Perozawa village on Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> 2016 - Supported by Mr. Wilfred Wong and Christian Aid Organization from UK.
2. Distribution of heating oil (Kerosene) for 300 displaced families in Ainkawa - Erbil on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> 2016 - Supported by Iraqi Christian Relief Council (ICRC).
3. Distribution of food baskets & hygiene kits for 52 displaced families from Sharanish village on Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> 2016 - Supported by Iraqi Christian Relief Council (ICRC).
4. Distribution of hygiene kits for 160 displaced families in Erbil on Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> 2016 - Supported by Iraqi Christian Relief Council (ICRC).
5. Distribution of food baskets for 160 displaced families in Sharafiya & Benwaya villages on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> 2016 - Supported by Iraqi Christian Relief Council (ICRC).
6. Distribution of hygiene kits for 45 displaced families in Sorka village on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> 2016 - Supported by Assyrian Aid Society of Australia (AAS-AU).
7. Distribution of hygiene kits for 205 displaced families in Zaiyona compound in Baghdad on Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> 2016 - Supported by Assyrian Aid Society of Australia (AAS-AU).
8. Distribution of Financial grant for displaced families in Dohuk province on Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 2016 - Supported by GlobalMedic & UMCOR from Canada.
9. Distribution of hygiene kits for 40 displaced families in Enishkee village on May. 16<sup>th</sup> 2016 - Supported by Assyrian Aid Society of Sweden (AAS-SW).
10. Distribution of hygiene kits for 212 displaced families in Erbil on Jul. 4<sup>th</sup> 2016 - Supported by Iraqi Christian Relief Council (ICRC).
11. Distribution of hygiene kits for 211 displaced families in Sapna region on Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> 2016 - Supported by Sign of Hope (SoH) from Germany.
12. Distribution of hygiene kits for 144 displaced families in Bakhitme village region on Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> 2016 - Supported by Sign of Hope (SoH) from Germany.
13. Distribution of hygiene kits for 60 displaced families in Sorka village on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> 2016 - supported by Iraqi Christian Relief Council, Project AWAKEN powered by Philos Project.
14. Distribution of hygiene kits for 290 displaced families in Sarsink and surrounding villages on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> 2016 - Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Württemberg - Germany.
15. Distribution of hygiene kits for 130 displaced families in Shiyoz village on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> 2016 - Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Württemberg - Germany.



# Relief & Humanitarian Affairs Dept:



Perozawa Jan. 2016



Baghdad Feb. 2016



Enishkee May. 2016



Erbil Jul 2016



Sapna Aug. 2016



Sapna Aug. 2016



Ainkawa Jan. 2016



Erbil Jan. 2016



# Aid & Assistance:

## AASI has been able to help many families by:

- Providing financial aid to displaced & low income families.
- Providing medicines to Mar Yousif Medical Center in Erbil with support of Christian Aid Organization, on May. 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016.



# Civil Society Organizations:

## Assyrian Women Union:

Supporting the Assyrian Women Union in Dohuk and Erbil as follows:

- The continuous support for the Day Care Centers in Erbil and Dohuk.
- Supporting the Assyrian Women Union in distributing Christmas gifts for the displaced children in Semel, Zakho & Sapna areas.
- Providing support for rehabilitate Assyrian Women Union Offices in Sharafiya village in Nineveh Plains region and Deralok in Dohuk Province.

## Chaldo Assyrian Youths and Students Union:

Supporting the Chaldo Assyrian Youth and Student Unions in their various activities, as cultural, educational, athletic, charitable, ..etc in Dohuk and Erbil.

## Other Civil Society Organizations:

Supporting many CSO in carrying out their activities either by financial support or logistical.



# 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 Dohuk and Erbil and other regions, where more than 9330 students in the academic years (2015-2016 & 2016-2017) were beneficiaries, along with the Society's support for the lecturers in Assyrian Education including monthly payments for lecturers, transportation for lecturers and other administrative expenditures of Assyrian Schools in Dohuk and Erbil. In addition to the distribution of stationery for students of our displaced people from Mosul and Nineveh Plain.

- Distribution of school supplies for 3200 Assyrian School's students & displaced students in Sapna area & Alqosh schools, on Jan 3rd & 4th 2016
- Distribution of school supplies for 850 displaced students in Erbil, on Jan 7th 2016
- Distribution of school supplies for 1140 students in the province of Dohuk and districts of Zakho and Aqra, on Feb. 6th 2016.
- Distribution of school supplies to 900 displaced students in Erbil on Feb. 16th 2016.
- Distribution of school supplies to 105 displaced students in Dohuk, on Feb. 19th 2016.
- Distribution of school supplies to 190 students of Assyrian schools in Nahla area on Oct. 1st 2016.
- Distribution of school supplies to 338 students of Assyrian schools in Sapna area on Oct. 8th 2016.
- Distribution of school supplies to 299 students of Assyrian schools in Diyana & Erbil, on Oct. 10th 2016.
- Distribution of school supplies to 1252 students of Assyrian schools in the city of Dohuk on Oct. 15th 2016.
- Distribution of school supplies to 308 students of Assyrian schools in Sapna area on Oct. 19th 2016.
- Distribution of school supplies to 447 students of Assyrian schools in Semel district on Oct. 19th 2016.
- Distribution of school supplies to 301 students of displaced students in Mar Gewargis school for IDPs in Mangesh, on Nov 1st 2016



Assyrian Schools / Erbil Jan. 2016



Assyrian Schools / Erbil Feb. 2016



Dohuk Nov. 2016



Kirkuk Oct. 2016

# Assyrian Education Dept.:



# Construction and Projects:

1. Construction of Odrana Camp of 44 caravans for displaced families in Shiyoz village, Semel district, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> 2016.
2. Implementation of the rehabilitation project for the ceilings, doors and windows for Gondikosa Assyrian school, Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016.
3. Implementation of maintenance project and repair for power generators in Sarsink district and villages of Sharafiya, Bakhitme and Korikavana, Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016.
4. Implementation of the rehabilitation project for the roof & ceilings of Assyrian School in Deralok, Mar. 18<sup>th</sup> 2016.
5. Holding the Advanced Trauma Healing Workshop for 15 participants in Dohuk, May 28<sup>th</sup> - Jun. 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016.
6. Implementation of maintenance project for power generator in villages of Gondikosa & Navkindala, Jul.17<sup>th</sup> 2016.
7. Implementation of the rehabilitation project for the building of Students' Union in Deralok, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> 2016.
8. Implementation of the establishing power network project and maintenance of power generator in Mosaka village, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> 2016.
9. Implementation of the rehabilitation project for dormitories buildings, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016.
10. Implementation of the rehabilitation project for the building of Assyrian Women Union in Sharafiya village Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> 2016.
11. Implementation of the rehabilitation project for Priest house in Sarsink, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 2016.
12. Implementation of the rehabilitation project for Gondikosa Assyrian school, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 2016.
13. Implementation of a project to delivering water to the inhabitants of Dooreh village in Barwar, Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016.



# Construction and Projects:



Mosaka village, Oct. 2016.



Dooreh Dec. 2016



Dohuk dormitories buildings, Nov. 2016



Gondikosa Dec. 2016



Priest House Sarsink Dec. 2016.



Deralok, Oct. 2016.

# Odrana Camp Project:

## Establishing ODRANA Camp project for displaced families

### Project Idea

After the occupation of the terrorist of Daesh (ISIS), the extremist fascist group to the city of Mosul, capital of Iraqi Nineveh province, thousands of civilian families were displaced including many families of our Assyrian Christian families, in which 40 families among them were living in the dormitories of AASI, and as a result of the evolution of events and the continuation of the situation till the present day without any solution, and depriving of our students of using the dormitories building, so our Society took initiative of demanding the supporters of our Society to set up a residential complex of prefabricated Caravans to accommodate these families and the reconstruction of the dormitories building to be used for the benefit of AASI again.

### Beginning of project

After the response of SALT Foundation from Holland to AASI demands in implementing the project, which was the reason for the beginning of the project and began the procedures for obtaining the official approval from the government (the directory of Dohuk Province), the board of relief & humanitarian of organizations, mayoralty of Semel district, municipality directory of Dohuk, Municipality of Semel, the Directorate of municipalities of Dohuk province, Semel Municipality, the General Directorate of Urban Planning for the cultivation of the province of Dohuk, Semel Agriculture Department, Directorate of Water Semel and since September 2015 until December 2015, where the AASI received the approval, as the AASI received additional fund from the Evangelical Lutheran Churches-Germany to increase the number of caravans, then after the intolerances of government to the costs of installing the water and electricity, we went also to the Assyrian Aid Society of America, in which we received support from our partners, IGE, ICRC and the final support was from AAS Au, as the AASI began the actual works after receiving the final approval by the end of 2015, on Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> 2016 it was initiated to the actual work which included the following actions.

1. Site preparation work: Provide materials & machines for cutting in all types of soil (including rock of all kinds) not less 20 cm depth, sprayed, compact and by compaction 95% of the dry density Great and the soil should be successful in laboratory testing = 6250m<sup>2</sup>
2. Cutting & Backfilling: providing all materials & machines for cutting in all types of soil (including rock of all kinds) and a width of (7,12) m and reduce the level of sub grade not less 30 cm, sprayed, compact not less than 95% of the dry density and should be well tested = 5400m<sup>2</sup>.
3. Provide materials & machines for brushes Sub base gravel Class A in the form of one layer thickness of 20 cm with spray and good compact and by compaction of not less than 95% of the dry density for streets and roads inside the compound leading up to the outside of the camp = 4000m<sup>2</sup>
4. Shelter prefab work for 44 caravans: Providing materials and labors and all needs to building point foundation by concrete block (40x40)cm and height according the land for each Caravans (7 points foundation for each caravan at the corners and center) (with W.C., Bathroom & kitchen, window, door 4 x 7) = 20m<sup>2</sup>
5. The works of digging, supplying and installing the wash water network including excavation of trench (30 x 25) cm in all type of soils, in length 1215 M.L, with (45) manholes.
6. Works of digging, supplying and installing sewage water network, including excavation of trench (30 x 25) cm in all type of soils, in length of 1500 M.L, with (45) manholes.
7. Constructing (3) septic tanks for sewage water, providing materials and build septic tank (8.5\*2.5) m inner dimensions, depth 2.5 m. The work includes excavations. Cast the floor (10\*3.5) m by ordinary concrete (1:2:4), 15 cm thick, construct side walls by solid concrete blocks 40 cm thick and cement mortar (1:3).

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## Establishing ODRANA Camp project for displaced families

8. Supplying materials and constructing camp administrations office which consists of hall & two administration rooms with (2) bathrooms, Provide materials and labors and all needs to building point foundation by concrete block (40x40) cm and height according the land for points foundation for the corners and center) using a proper way with all requirements to be in one level, including plastering outside concrete block.
9. Opening streets and compacting the soil layers and then supplying crushed stone and compacting again, and making pathways for rain water by using slope for draining water to the main channel that adjacent to the camp.
10. Supplying materials and installing main electrical network and providing transformer (400) Kv and delivering electric to all cabinets inside camp with installing interior lights in all camp streets.
11. Supplying materials and digging and installing internal water network and connecting with the main tank.
12. Supplying and installing GS (galvanized steel) the water storage tank (capacity = 30,000 m<sup>3</sup>), in dimension (3.4 Diameter, 3.35 height) 6 mm thickness for the walls and base, 4 mm for the cover, the work includes installing a steel stair case 2.5 " square pipe fixed to the elevated base, according to standard specifications of water directorate in Semel, as the work included installing tank's base and installing the other necessary

### End of project

On Sunday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> 2016, all the project works were finished.

### Duration

Project Duration = 48 days

### Official opening of project

On Monday, Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> 2016, the project was opened by the president of Assyrian Aid Society-Iraq Eng. Ashur Eskrya, and the representative of Dohuk governorate, with attendance of Fr. Werner Nijman, director of Iraq for SALT Foundation with the accompanying delegation, as well as clerics from different churches and representatives of many institutions of our people and other supporter organizations.



# Odrana Camp Project:



# Care for Childhood

- AAS-Iraq distributed (160) gifts to children of Childhood House Kindergarten in Ainkawa for the occasion of their graduation, May 27<sup>th</sup> 2016.
- AAS-Iraq distributed (350) Christmas gifts for the displaced children in Shiyoz village with the support of Assyrians Without Borders, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> 2016.
- AAS-Iraq in cooperation with Assyrian Women Union, distributed (388) Christmas gifts for the children in Jesus the child Kindergarten in Erbil with the support of Iraqi Christian Relief Council, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 2016.
- AAS-Iraq in cooperation with Assyrian Women Union, distributed (112) Christmas gifts for the children in Dameil Daycare in Erbil with the support of Iraqi Christian Relief Council, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> 2016.
- AAS-Iraq in cooperation with ChaldoAssyrian Students & Youth Union, distributed (470) Christmas gifts for the displaced children in Mesireke, Bakhitme & Sorka villages and Semel district with the support of Assyrians Without Borders, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 2016.
- AAS-Iraq in cooperation with ChaldoAssyrian Students & Youth Union, distributed (360) Christmas gifts for the displaced children in Zakho district and Bersiveh village with the support of Assyrians Without Borders, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> 2016.
- AAS-Iraq in cooperation with Assyrian Women Union, distributed (550) Christmas gifts for the displaced children in Sapna & Nahla villages with the support of Assyrians Without Borders, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> 2016.
- AAS-Iraq participated in ceremony held by Mar Gewargis Youth Committee for the Christmas and distributed (500) Christmas gifts for the children in Dohuk city with the support of Iraqi Christian Relief Council, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> 2016.
- AAS-Iraq distributed (286) Christmas gifts for the children in Kirkuk city, with the support of Assyrian Aid Society of America, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> 2016.
- AAS-Iraq distributed (261) Christmas gifts for the displaced children in Sarsink district and villages of Badarash & Sarderav, with the support of Assyrian Aid Society of America Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> 2016.
- AAS-Iraq distributed (315) Christmas gifts for the displaced children in Aqra district with the support of Assyrian Aid Society of America, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> 2016.



# Care for Childhood



Nahla



Aqra



Erbil



Erbil



Kirkuk



Kirkuk

Dohuk 24 / 1 / 2015



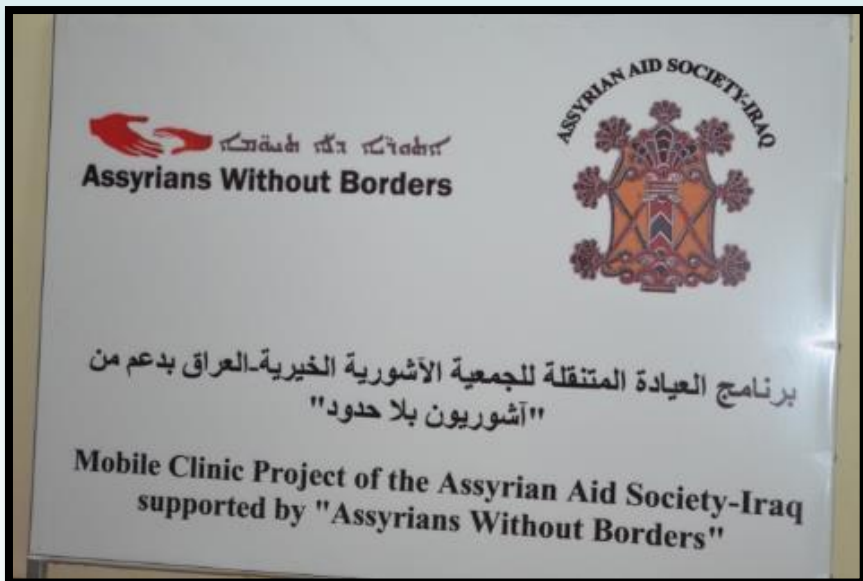
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Dohuk

# Mobile Clinic Project:

AAS-Iraq, with support of Assyrians Without Borders, implemented the project of mobile clinic in the areas of living for displaced people in province of Dohuk, the project mobile clinic provided medical assistance to more than (5816) beneficiaries of patients from Mosul, Nineveh Plain, and other regions in (109) visits, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> – Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 2016.

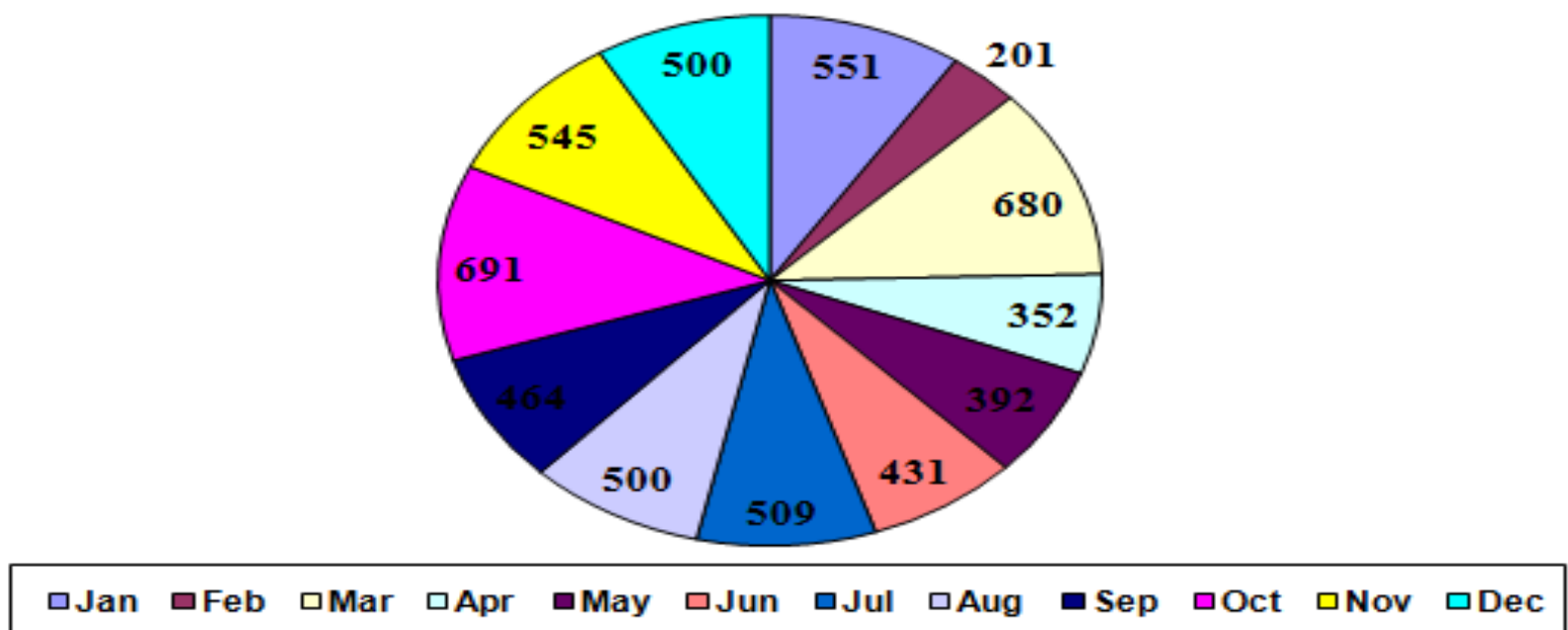


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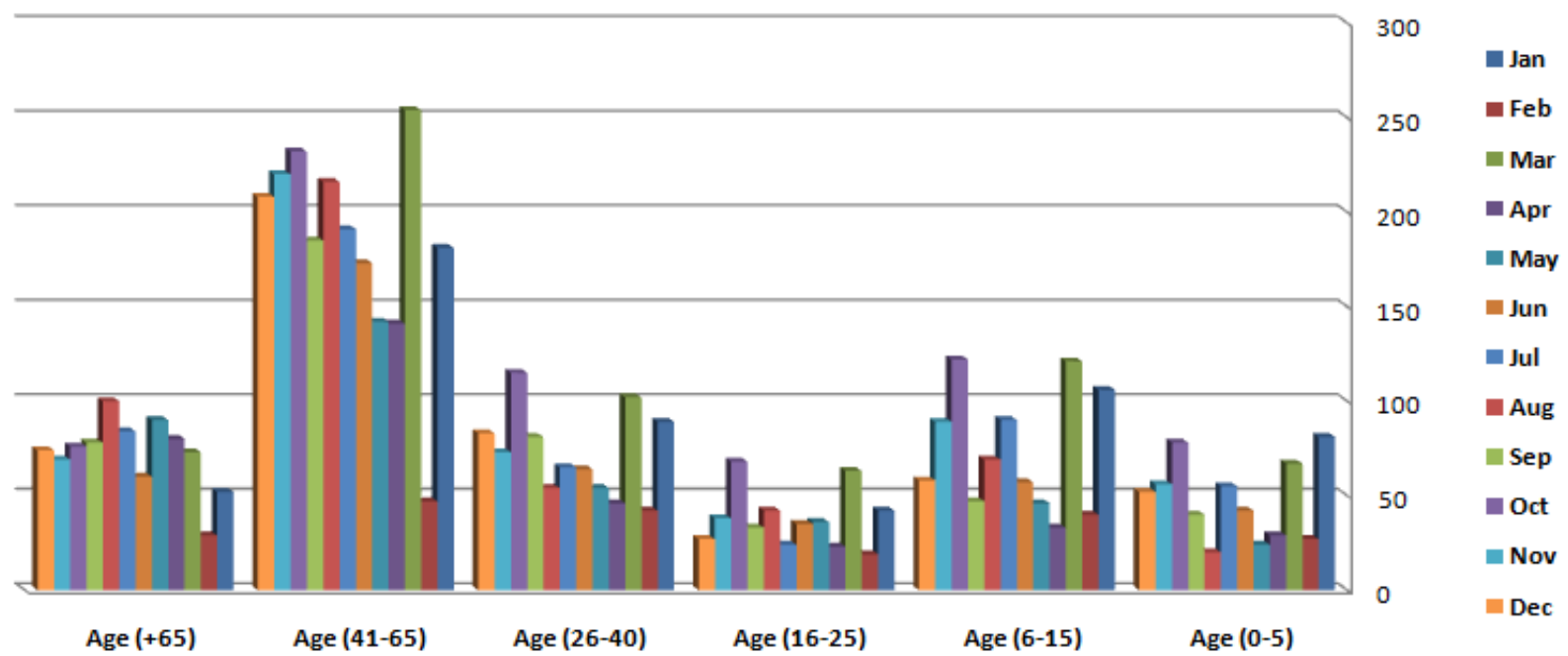


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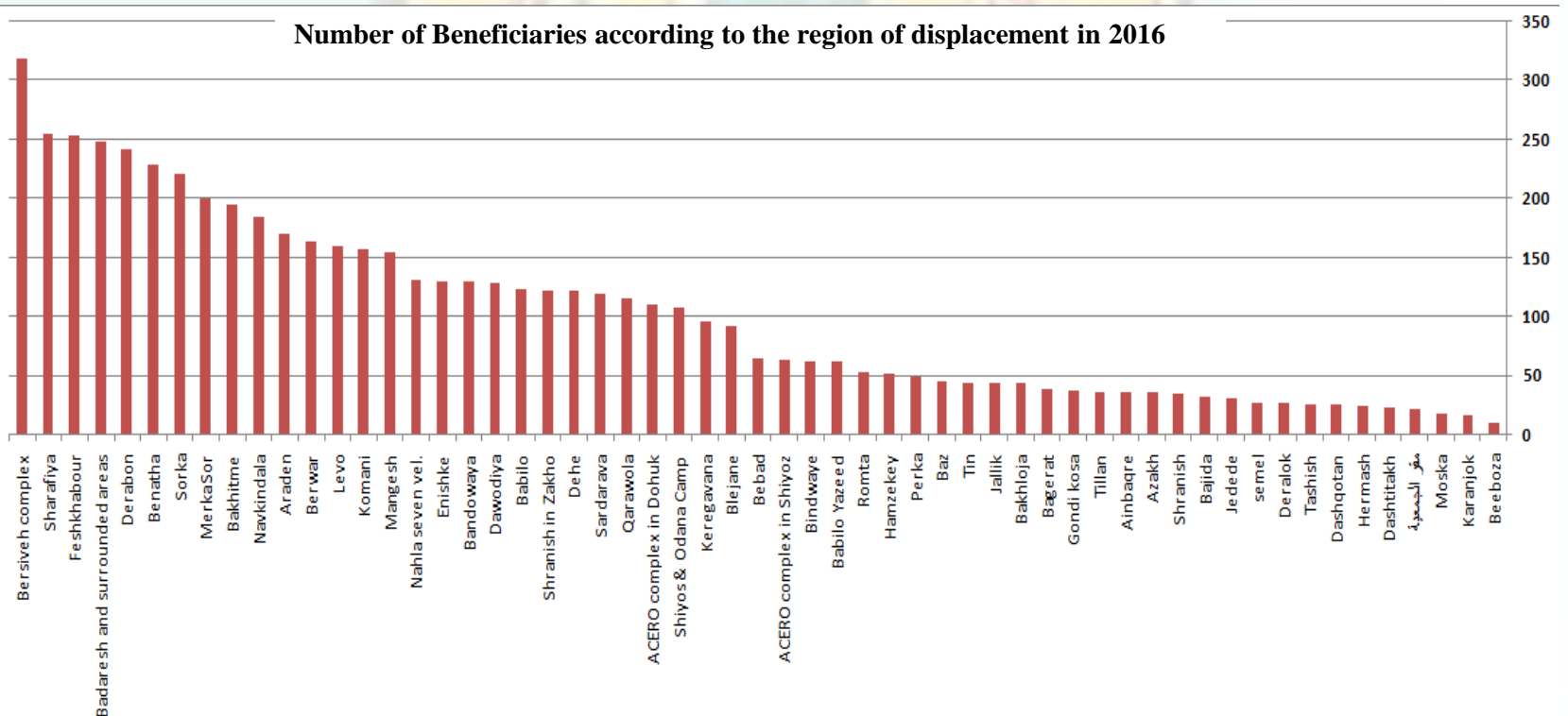
The beneficiaries according to Monthly visit in 2016



The beneficiaries according to the age in 2016



Number of Beneficiaries according to the region of displacement in 2016



# Visits & Activities:

- AAS-Iraq received a delegation from the Christian Aid Organization
- AAS-Iraq received delegation of People & Nations Organization (PNO) and the No Peace Without Justice Organization
- AAS-Iraq received delegation of ANB channel
- AAS-Iraq received delegation of Iraqi Christian Relief Council & Philos Project Organization in Erbil
- AAS-Iraq received delegation of Iraqi Christian Relief Council & Philos Project Organization in Dohuk
- President of AAS-Iraq met Mr. Knox Thames the Special Advisor on minorities in Erbil
- AAS-Iraq received the administrative board of the Assyrian Women Union
- AAS-Iraq received delegation of ecclesiastical from the United Kingdom
- AAS-Iraq received the president of IGE and priests delegation from China
- AAS-Iraq accompanied with delegation of IGE and priests from China visited His holiness Mar Gewargis III Saliwa in Erbil
- AAS-Iraq receives delegation from WEINSTITUTE and Sovereignty US Organizations
- AAS-Iraq receives a delegate from US companies
- AAS-Iraq meet Ms. Nuno Dihemo the in charge of political affairs at UNAMI in Iraq
- AAS-Iraq met with the Canadian delegate Mrs. Zaynab Alyouf and other members of the Canadian delegation
- AAS-Iraq received a delegation from the Christian Aid Organization
- AAS-Iraq's delegation visits the Bishop HG Mar Isaac Yousif
- AAS-Iraq received a delegation from the Assyrians Without Borders from Sweden in Dohuk



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# Visits & Activities of AAS-Iraq abroad:

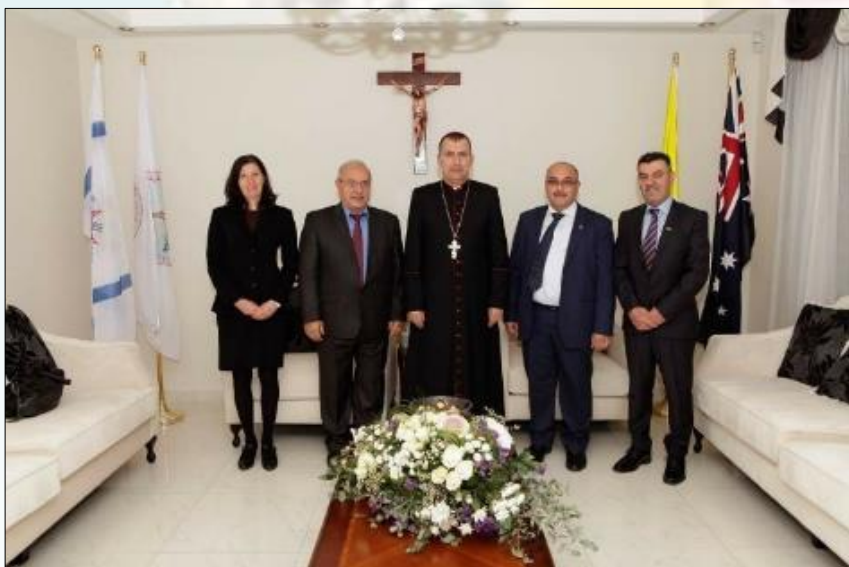
## Report on the visit of AAS-Iraq's President to Australia

The President of the Assyrian Aid Society-Iraq, Mr. Ashur Eskrya, arrived in Australia on Sunday, July 3, 2016. He was received at Sydney Airport by the members of the administrative board of the Assyrian Aid Society in Australia and attended by a number of representatives of parties and institutions of our people. The visit of AAS-Iraq's President included meeting with the Bishop Mar Yacoub Daniel Metabolite and the Patriarchal Vicar of the Ancient Church of the East in Australia and New Zealand, with attendance of the Bishop of Yusuf Yousef, patron of the Church of St. Mary of Tobay.

On July 6, Mr. Ashur met with Archbishop Mar Amil Chamoun Nouna, Patriarchal Vicar and Archbishop of St. Thomas of the Chaldean Church in Australia and New Zealand.

Also On July 9, Mr. Ashur met with the Archbishop Mar Miles Zia, Archbishop of Australia, New Zealand and Lebanon, visited the Assyrian Church of the East at his residence in Cecil Hills.

On Sunday, 10 July, Mr. Ashur Eskrya held a special public symposium in the presence of representatives of the Assyrian Chaldean Syriac institutions and parties in Australia. He then visited Melbourne, where he met with media organizations including Radio Sharara and Radio SBS.



# **Visits & Activities of AAS-Iraq abroad:**

## **AAS-Iraq President's tour to USA**

### **California Tour:**

On August 17th, 2016 Mr. Ashur Sargon President of AASI and Mr. Fred Jacob Educational supervisor of the Assyrian Education arrived in San Francisco, California. At the airport and they were greeted by Mr. Ashur Yousef, president of the Assyrian aid society in the United States of America and Mrs. Mona Malik, member of the administrative board of the society. On August, 19th Mr. Ashur attended the annual Mesopotamian Night that was organized by the Assyrian aid Society of America. This festival is one of the largest gathering of the Assyrian community in the United States to support AASI and highlights the Assyrian music and heritage.

On August 20th, 2016 Mr. Ashur attended the AAS of America meeting that took place in San Francisco. The meeting was attended also by Mr. Ashur Yousif president of the Society and members of the society Mrs. Mona Malik and Mr. Sargon Shabbas and Mr. Samuel Eshaya and others. While in California, Mr. Ashur met with many humanitarian organizations to discuss future coordination between them. On August, 22nd he met AASI supporters in Sacramento. He met the president of the Assyrian Evangelical Church in San Jose. On August, 25th he met with Mr. Narsai David the previous president of the AAS of America.

### **Tour in Illinois State:**

Mr. Ashur Sargon arrived in O'Hare airport in Chicago on August, 25th and was greeted by Mr. Peter Pethyo vice president of the AAS of America, Mrs. Rania Benjamin who is in charge of the Chicago chapter of the AAS, Mr. Hurmiz Tayro who is in charge of Chicago branch of ADM and a crowd of relatives and friends. During his visit to Chicago, Mr. Ashur accompanied by Mr. Fred Jacob met many representatives of the churches and humanitarian organizations. On August, 25th he met His beatitude Mar Paulus, bishop of the Assyrian Church of the East. On August, 26 he met with Mar Gewargis the bishop of the Ancient Church of the East. On August, 28th both Mr. Ashur and Mr. Fred organized a meeting with heads and representatives of the Assyrian organizations in Chicago. Also attended the meeting; Mar Gewargis of the ancient church of the east. Also they met Minister Taglat Humer Ashurian from the Evangelical Assyrian church in Chicago. Also he met the president of AUA foundation and the administrative committee. He also visited the ANCI and was greeted by Mr. Sheba Mando president of the ANCI and many of the board of directors where they discussed the current situation of the Assyrians in Iraq. Mr. Ashur also attended the special meeting of the AAS- Chicago chapter. Also, he met with Mr. Juliana Taimoorazy, director of the ICRC. Mrs. Violet Khamo attended the meeting too. Mr. Peter Pethyo and Dr. Rouel Gewargis attended most of Mr. Ashur and Mr. Fred Jacob meetings during their visits to Chicago.

### **Visit and Participation of AAS-Iraq's President in Assyrian-American Federation Convention in Arizona State:**

During his visit to Arizona Mr. Ashur Sargon met with the president and members of the AAS-Arizona Chapter. Both sides discussed the general conditions of the Assyrian people in Iraq especially the IDPs from Mosul city and Nineveh plains and the role that the AASI had played in supporting them during the last two and a half years since ISIS occupation on Nineveh.

# Visits & Activities of AAS-Iraq abroad:

## AAS-Iraq President's tour to USA

On September, 3rd Mr. Ashur took part in the opening of the Assyrian Federation Convention in Phoenix, Arizona. On September, 4th He participated in the seminar about the Assyrian Education Program in Iraq and in the diaspora that was organized by Ms. Mona Malik. Mr. Fred Jacob the Assyria Education Program director at the ministry of education in Erbil and Mr. Mikhail Mammo from Sweden attended the discussions too. At the closing of the convention Mr. Ashur attended the closing dinner of the convention. He congratulated Mr. Martin Youmaran and the new administrative committee for winning election.

## Visit of AASI' President to Washington DC and his participation in the third convention for the Defense of Christians.

During his tour in USA, Mr. Ashur Sargon visited Washington DC and met with many officials and representatives of the international organizations. The AASI participated in the Forum in Defense of Christians "Maintaining Christianity in the middle east after the genocide" that took part in Washington DC between Sep. 7th and Sep. 9th and was organized by the Defense of Christians, Philos project, the national Armenian-American Committee and the international corporation Institute. On Sep. 6th Mr. Ashur met in the state department building with Knox Thomas, the counselor for the religious minorities in the Far East, middle and south Asia. Mrs. Mona Malik attended the meeting.

Mr. Ashur also discussed the conditions of our IDPs that were forced out of their homes in Mosel and Nineveh Plains with Mrs. Catherin Koreky, president of the institute of world peace counsel. One the same day he met Dr. Nasseba Younis the senior researcher at the Atlantic institute that specializes in democracy studies in the Middle East.

On Wednesday September, 7th Mr. Ashur met Dr. Kenneth Hell, president of freedom of religions Institute. He also met Republican Congressman Frank Wolf from Virginia. At the White House, he met Mrs. Melissa Rogers the special councilor to President Obama.

On Wednesday Sep. 7th Mr. Ashur participated in the opening of the third forum of Defense of Christians. Many Christian representatives from Christian communities and civic and NGOs attended this forum. On the Morning Thursday Mr. Ashur attended the forum session and together with Mrs. Mona Malik they met Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi. They also met Congresswoman Anna Esho. He met Mrs. Barlin Ali the program coordinator at USAID. Also they met Members of Knight of Columbus. On the third and last day of the forum, the AAS took part in the forum where Mrs. Mona talked about the past and present genocide followed by Mr. Ashur speech regarding Nineveh plains people production. The IDPs suffering and AASI role in providing for the IDPs from Nineveh was explained as well the vision for the region after ISIS and the necessary work needed for this neglected area by all the consecutives governments of Iraq. The AASI delegates played a big and good role in voicing the suffering of our people and reaching out to the participants from members or the US congress to make them understand our conditions in our homeland and advocate for the idea of our right to establish new province in Nineveh plains. At night they attended the closing dinner of the forum besides many congressmen where they met Congressman Jeff Fortenberry. At the end of his tour in Washington DC area Mr. Ashur met Mr. Philip Davis from the International Orthodox Christian Charities.

# Visits & Activities of AAS-Iraq abroad:

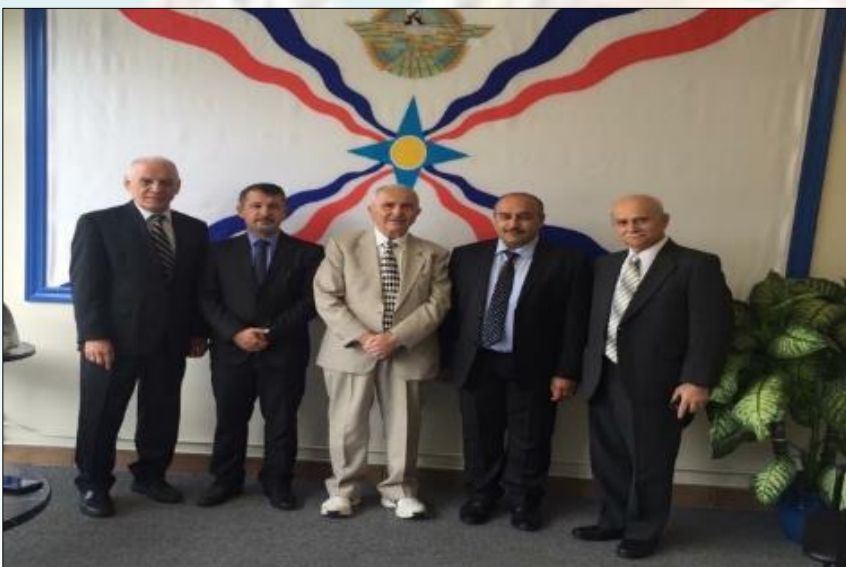
## Report on visit of President of AAS-Iraq to Europe

Mr. Ashur Eskrya, President of the Assyrian aid Society-Iraq (AASI) arrived in Gothenburg city, Sweden on Tuesday October, 4 2016. He was greeted at the airport by president of the Assyrian Democratic Movement (ADM), Scandinavian Chapter, Mr. Robert Shmoeil, a crowd of Assyrian people and representatives of the Assyrian organizations in Gothenburg. On the evening of October, 4 2016 Mr. Ashur met with members of the Gothenburg branch of the ADM at Hammurabi Assyrian Club. Also was present at the meeting representatives of different Assyrian church's denominations and Assyrian associations in the city. Mr. Ashur spoke of the activities of the AASI including supporting the Assyrian Education Programs and helping the internally displaced people in Nineveh plains from different ethnicities and religious in addition to implementing various humanitarian projects in our people's villages and towns, in corporation with international humanitarian Agencies.

Mr. Ashur Sargon met also with the Assyrian Federation in Gothenburg where he reviewed the last developments in Iraq with special attention to our internally displaced peoples from Nineveh plains and Mosul city. He also explained the role of the AASI in supporting the Assyrian Education Programs and humanitarian aids to all groups of people from Nineveh plains after ISIS occupation of their land. The logistic and humanitarian support of some of the international humanitarian organizations to the AASI was also mentioned in the meeting. After that Mr. Ashur answered all the questions that were presented during the Q&A. He thanked our people in Sweden in general for their generous support during the past difficult times that our people had after evicting them from their homes and lands in Nineveh plains and Mosul city.

At the end of his visit to Europe, Mr. Ashur Sargon visited the Kingdom of Holland where he participated on October 6, 2016 in a meeting of the foreign relation committee in Hague, the Dutch parliament. Present at the meeting also were delegates from Iraq that included Mr. Jacob Gewargis MP from Rafidain list, Mr. Suroud Saleem MP from Abna Al-Nahrain list and Hurmizd Isaac who is in-charge of ADM branch of Western Europe. The meeting was coordinated by Mrs. Attiya Gamri an Assyrian national activist who is in charge of women organization at the Dutch labor party. The meeting was designated to discuss our people situation in Iraq especially the IDPs and the developments of Nineveh liberation and the future of our people and Nineveh province. At the end, the meeting participants asked the Dutch government and parliament to help and support the legitimate aspiration of the small ethnic and religious groups in Iraq to maintain their existence in their lands. Also they called upon the international community to take its legal role to maintain the ethnic and religious diversity of the Iraqi society especially with the dangers that faces the small groups from the both religious zealots and ultra nationalist in the country. Mr. Han ten Broeke the chairman of the foreign relations committee and the committee members expressed their deep understanding and support for all the concerns and dangers that all ethnic groups has expressed in the meeting and they promised to continue their work toward achieving the goals of equal rights under the law for all the groups in Iraq.

# Visits & Activities of AAS-Iraq abroad:



## Visit of AAS-Iraq's delegation to the liberated areas of Al-Hamdaniya (Bakhdida) in the Nineveh Plains Region

On Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> 2016, a delegation from the Assyrian Aid Society-Iraq headed by Mr. Ashur Eskrya President of AASI, and accompanied by Mr. Imad Dadiza Representative of AASI in Erbil, Mr. William Esho responsible for Relief & humanitarian affairs of AASI, as well as Mr. Jacob Gewargis deputy in KRG Parliament, Mr. Idris Mirza head of Erbil branch for Assyrian Democratic Movement and Mr. Marqus Eramia the responsible for Kalih branch for the ADM, where the delegation went in an inspection visit to the liberated town of our people in Baghdida (Qaraqush) and Karmles village in Nineveh Plains region, and were received by the commander of Nineveh Plain Protection Unit, Gen. Behnam Abbush and Col. Jawad, in which the field visit of AASI president and the delegation to the liberated area comes in order to see the size of massive destruction suffered by churches, institutions and government buildings and houses of citizens in the region and estimating the time takes to bring life to the liberated areas and ways to return the displaced families to the Nineveh plain. where these areas for more than two years and 3 months have been largely destroyed by the terrorist organization of ISIS (Daesh). Where it is worth mentioning that Baghdida town and Karmles are located in the south-eastern side of Nineveh plains, one of the areas that have been liberated several days ago by the Iraqi army and with the participation of the Nineveh Plain Protection Unit.



# Visit of AASI to Liberated areas in Nineveh Plains Region





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# AASI's Participations

- AAS-Iraq participates through the AAS-Canada's representatives in the 14th session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues at the United Nations in New York - USA.
- AAS-Iraq participated in the ceremony of first session graduated of Syria literacy in Erbil.
- AAS-Iraq participated in the Conference of Washington on the reality of religious and ethnic minorities under ISIS (Daesh) in Washington DC-USA.
- AAS participated in the workshop on protection and conservation of cultural and religious heritage in Iraq – Erbil.
- AAS-Iraq President attended the annual Mesopotamian Night that was organized by the Assyrian aid Society of America - USA
- AAS-Iraq President attended the opening of the Assyrian American Federation Convention in Phoenix, Arizona and participated in the seminar about the Assyrian Education Program in Iraq and in the diaspora - USA
- AAS-Iraq participated in the third convention for the defense of Christians in Washington DC – USA.
- AAS-Iraq participated at the meeting of the foreign relation committee in Hague, the Dutch parliament to discuss our people situation in Iraq especially the IDPs and the developments of Nineveh liberation and the future of our people and Nineveh province – Netherlands.
- AAS-Iraq participated at the ceremony of official opening of the Department of Syriac Language - the College of Education at the University of Salahidin – Erbil.



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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.



By the support of the Christian Aid, the Assyrian Aid Society-Iraq distributes medicines and medical supplies to St. Joseph's Medical Charity Center in Mosul.  
بإيداع من منظمة كريستيان آيد، تقوم الجمعية الآشورية الخيرية-العراق بتجهيز مركز مار يوسف الطبي الخيري لمخصص للنازحين بالادوية والمستلزمات الطبية.

Assyrians Without Borders  
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With the support from the Intermissional Orthodox Christian Churches, the Assyrian Aid Society-Iraq distributes school supplies to displaced students.  
بإيداع من الكنائس الخيرية الأرثوذكسية، تقوم الجمعية الآشورية الخيرية-العراق بتوزيع القرطاسية الطلبة النازحين.

الجمعية الآشورية الخيرية-العراق  
AASI  
كه ميا عودرانه ناوهریان  
ODRANA Camp for IDPs  
مخيم عودرانا للنازحين

By the support of Sign of Hope e.V. from Germany, the Assyrian Aid Society-Iraq distributes humanitarian aids to the Assyrian refugees coming from Mosul and Nineveh Plain.  
بإيداع من منظمة سايغ أوف هوب، تقوم الجمعية الآشورية الخيرية-العراق بتوزيع مساعدات إنسانية لعمول النازحة من الموصل وسهل نينوى.

By the support of Assyrian Aid Society of America (AASA), the Assyrian Aid Society-Iraq distributes Christmas gifts to the Assyrian Children.  
بإيداع من الجمعية الآشورية الخيرية في أمريكا، تقوم الجمعية الآشورية الخيرية-العراق بتوزيع هدايا اعياد الميلاد للاطفال.



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