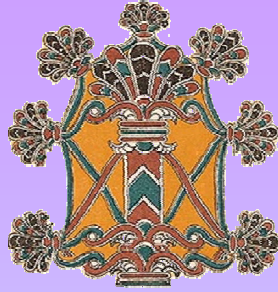


**ASSYRIAN AID SOCIETY-IRAQ**



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# Annual Activity Report 2011

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# Introduction

As it is known, founding of the Assyrian Aid Society in Iraq in 1991 was a result of the tragic conditions that our people gone through, and because of the economic embargo imposed on Iraq in general and the blockade imposed by the former regime on the northern region in particular, the bad economic situation, unemployment and poverty. As a result of these and other reasons, the idea of establishing the Assyrian Aid Society was necessary as a supportive society to our people, especially in the northern region of the country.

It is worth mentioning that the role of the Assyrian Aid Society of Iraq increased more and more in supporting our people after the fall of Saddam regime in 2003, and as determined result for other needs due to the security and economic circumstances that Iraq is going through, in addition to the expansion of the geographical patch to include most of the governorates that our people are centralize: Nineveh Plain, Baghdad and Kirkuk.

## **Departments of the Assyrian Aid Society of Iraq :**

- Administration and Financial
- Aids and Humanitarian Affairs
- Health (Medical and Therapeutic Aids)
- Assyrian Education
- Dormitories
- Construction and Projects



# President's Column



AASI had presented in the past year to achieve more educational and humanitarian services to support youth and students organizations, women, construction projects in some areas, and distributing gifts to children in other areas. AASI has succeeded to develop its services, as well as to increase its support through programs that have achieved remarkable success, and therefore during the last year, we could evaluate the activities of AASI as being "Good", and covered many areas and categories of our People, and for different segments.

As shown in details in this report, which documents the Society's projects and events during 2011, we have achieved through the solidarity among the employees of our Society, who have done everything in their power to complete what is required from them, all in harmony with the need of work, and also because the underlying desire and the love of helping the others. AASI staff has managed to increase their capacity through participation in developmental courses in order to take advantage of the expertise acquired for the development of the Society.

The past year had witnessed a shortage of resources compared to previous years, especially the support we got from AAS worldwide, but even though, we were able to reduce the effects on AASI and its activities, where we able to accomplish significant activities and services characterized by the good results.

One of the most prominent achievements on global level of the Society was to consider AASI one of the Assyrian Organization recognized by the United Nations officially, and allowing its president and representatives to participate in activities and events related to civil society organizations in all meeting and conferences held by the United Nations. We expect that this achievement will reach the milestone development more on the Society's activities in the next year.

My visit to the United States and Sweden during the last year had a big impact on the development of relations between our society and other organizations and associations that are interested in our national affairs, and in serving our People. So we look forward next year to increase our resources and to suit the volume of services provided by the Society in various humanitarian, cultural, social and public services.

AASI seeks, during the coming year, to increase the support that targets Nineveh Plain area and the establishment of a University in Baghdida to increase the number of students of the Syriac Language in various parts of Iraq. All what was done of achievements and services provided by the Society during the last year, was done through the support of our people in Diaspora, as well as many friendly humanitarian organizations, churches, and persons, and we can only thank them and salute the spirit of giving and helping the others, through our Society, and we hope that their support will continue so that our services will flourish more and more to reach areas that we could not reach in the past in the different areas where our people are living.

I also would like to thank all members of AAS worldwide for their significant role that they are making for our People inside and outside Iraq, each according to his job, whom without, no activity or project, could be implemented.

Long live our Nation,  
And may God protect you.

# Aids and Humanitarian Affairs Dept.:

## Relief Programs:

In 2011, the Assyrian Aid Society of Iraq implemented the following relief programs:

1. A relief program for (60) families in Erbil Governorate: in Erbil city center and Ankawa, by the support of the Iraqi Christian Relief Council (ICRC) from USA, for the period Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> , 2011
2. A relief program for (15) families in Zakho, by the support of Iraqi Christian Relief Council (ICRC) from USA, for the period Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> , 2011.
3. A relief program for for (100) families in Nineveh Plain: in Qaraqosh Orphanage, and in Duhok Governorate: in Zakho, Sapna and Semel, by the support of the Iraqi Christian Relief Council (ICRC) from USA for the period March. 19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> , 2011.
4. A relief program for (240) families in Duhok and Barawari Bala by the support of the Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Württemberg in Germany, for the period March 22<sup>nd</sup>., 2011.
5. A relief program (distributing bags and blankets) for (41) families in Duhok Governorate: in Sapna (Romta village) and Barwar (Baz village), by the support of the (PRT), for the period July 6<sup>th</sup> , 2011.
6. A relief program (distributing wheel chairs and walkers) for (312) persons in Duhok, Erbil, Nineveh Plain and Kirkuk Governorates, for the period July, Aug. and Sep. 2011, by the support of the (PRT).
7. A relief program (distributing wheel chairs and walkers) for (77) persons in Duhok and Nineveh Plain, by the support of Knights of Malta, from Malta, for the period Oct. and Nov. 2011.

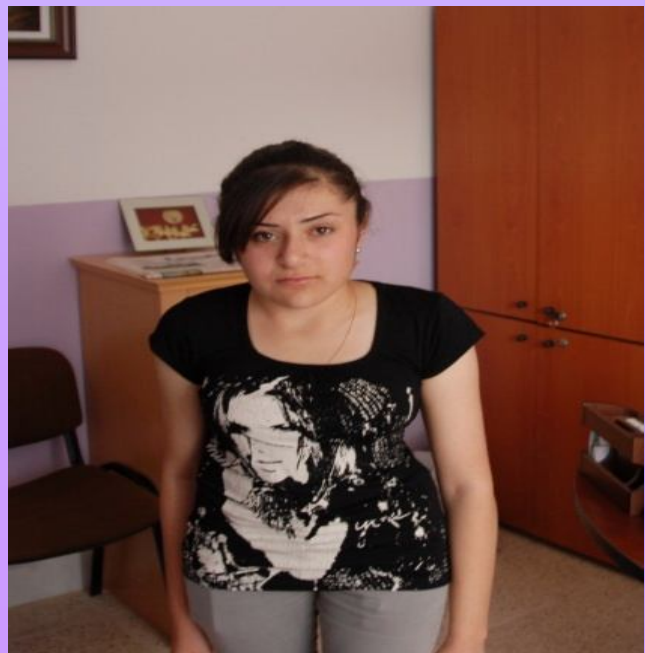
It's worth mentioning that our society will continue implementing these programs for 2012 to help needy families and refugees.



## Aids:

**Assyrian Aid Society of Iraq was able to help many people as:**

- Offering financial aids for (258) cases and buying medicines for them.
- Sending some patients outside the Homeland for treatment, by the support of the Assyrian Medical Society of America.



## Medical and Therapeutic Aids:

Assyrian Aid Society of Iraq Pharmacies continue to offer their medical services to the people living in Nineveh Plain and Sarsing, at very low prices, and sometimes free of charge especially to needy people.

These pharmacies are located in:

- Sarsing
- Alqush
- Tellisquf
- Batnaye
- Karemles



## Civil Society Organizations:

### Assyrian Women Union:

Supporting the Assyrian Women Union in Duhok, Erbil and Nineveh Plain as follows:

- Continue supporting the Day Care Centers in Erbil and Duhok.
- Contributing in supporting the elections of the Assyrian Women Union in Duhok, Erbil and Nineveh Plain.
- Contributing in the Charity Market.
- Supporting the Assyrian Women Union in distributing Christmas gifts for the children in Sarsing and Badarosh Villages, Duhok Governorate.





## Chaldoassyrian Youths and Students Union:

**Supporting the Chaldoassyrian Youth and Student Unions in Duhok, Erbil and Nineveh Plain as follows:**

- Contributing in furnishing some of the Union's offices.
- Contributing in holding Mezalta Championship.
- Holding the Fifth Narsai David Football Championship for the students of the AASI Dormitories, with the participation of (22) Teams.
- Supporting their activities during Kha B'Nisan celebrations.
- Supporting the Union through hosting The Iraqi Symphony Orchestra.
- Supporting Hamorabi Scout activities.
- Holding Ashur Football Championship in Sarsing village.
- Holding Marathon in Duhok City.
- Holding commencement for the University Students in Duhok City
- Holding Martyr Samir Football Championship in Deralok village
- Holding Ping-pong Championship in Sarsing village.
- Honoring the winning teams in the annual championships.
- Supporting the Union in covering the expenses of their meetings and convention through the year.
- Supporting the Union through holding study courses for the final stages.
- Buying a volleyball net to the Union in Barwari Bala area.



## Other Civil Societies:

- Supporting Hoyathan Cultural Society in holding its cultural activities in Tellisquf.
- Supporting Baybon kindergarten in Baghdeda.
- Supporting Ashur Satellite Channel.
- Buying water cooler and electricity heater for the kindergarten in St. Zaya Church.
- Supporting Nineveh Center for Research & Development.
- Supporting Um Al-Rahma Church in Sheyoz village.

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# Assyrian Education Dept.:

## **Assyrian Primary Schools in Duhok, Erbil, Nineveh Plain and Kirkuk :**

1. AASI bears paying transportation expenses of the lecturers who give lectures outside their living areas in the schools which are outside Duhok Governorate.
2. AASI bears supplying the schools of some of their needs (buying computers, printers and copy machines) and giving petty expenses to the administrations of the schools according to our capabilities.
3. AASI bears Paying salaries for (5) cleaners in the primary schools for the academic year 2011-2012
4. AASI bears paying transportation expenses for the teachers in Duhok and Erbil Governorates and surrounded areas.
5. Honoring all the superior pupils in all the Assyrian Primary Schools.
6. AASI bears the expenses of transporting the Assyrian Education curriculums and distributing them to the Assyrian Schools.
7. AASI bears the expenses of copying the Assyrian Education curriculums which are changed by the Ministry of Education.
8. AASI bears paying salaries of the teachers who give lectures in the Assyrian schools and who are not officially employed by the Government.
9. Rehabilitating Hezanke school in Nahla Area.
10. Buying a bus for transporting the students of Kore Gavana, Bagere and Romta villages in Duhok to Akad school in Duhok City Center.
11. By the support of a Jornalist from Germany, we were able to distribute computers to the schools in Duhok and Nineveh Plain.
12. Distributing stationary for the primary schools in Baghdeda and Bartella.
13. Supporting the schools of Nineveh Plain in buying heating oil and carpet.
14. AASI bears the differences in transportations expenses after paying some of them by the Government.
15. In coordination with the Assyrian Education Directorate, Holding the Assyrian Education Festival for the Primary Schools.
16. In coordination with the Assyrian Translation Curriculum Committee, and Mr. Adwar Hanna Meshko (Manager of Ashur Hall), AASI held an honoring ceremony for the teachers of the Assyrian Primary Schools.



## **Assyrian High Schools in Duhok and Erbil:**

1. AASI bears paying transportation expenses of the lecturers who give lectures outside their living areas in the schools which are outside Duhok Governorate.
2. AASI bears supplying the schools of some of their needs (buying computers, printers and copy machines) and giving petty expenses to the administrations of the schools according to our capabilities.
3. AASI bears paying salaries for (2) cleaners in the high schools for the academic year 2010-2011.
4. AASI bears paying the transportation expenses for the students of the high schools till Ministry of Education pays them.
5. AASI bears paying all the transportation expenses for three months and a half for the academic year 2010-2011.
6. AASI bears paying transportation expenses for the teachers of the high schools in Duhok Governorate and surrounded areas.
7. Honoring all the superior students in all the Assyrian High Schools
8. AASI bears paying lectures fees for the lecturers of the high schools.
9. AASI bears the expenses of transporting the Assyrian Education curriculums and distributing them to the Assyrian Schools.
10. AASI bears the expenses of copying the Assyrian Education curriculums which are changed by the Ministry of Education.
11. AASI bears paying salaries of the teachers who give lectures in the Assyrian schools and who are not officially employed by the government.
12. Supporting Hezanke high School in Nahla Area in rehabilitating its building.
13. Holding session for the teachers of Shameil school in Sheiz and Feshkhabour school in Feshkhaour for (15) days.
14. By the support of a Jornalist from Germany, we were able to distribute computers to the schools in Duhok and surrounded villages.
15. Supporting Bahra school in Kirkuk by buying a generator for the building.



# Universities:

- Paying transportation expenses for the students of Languages college\ Assyrian Language Department in Baghdad University.



# Dormitories:



- AASI covers the expenses of Housing (78) students in Duhok, most of them are Internally Displaced People (IDPs), especially from Nineveh Plain, including the Assyrian Education students, for the academic year 2010-2011 (till the end of June).
- AASI covers the expenses of Housing (5) teachers and (5) employers, for the academic year 2010-2011.
- AASI covers the expenses of housing (105) students in Erbil, Zakho and Baghdad Dorms.
- AASI covers the expenses of feeding the students of the Dorms in Duhok and Zakho for (6) months in 2011.
- AASI undertakes the expenses of Medication, Comforts and also giving financial aids to some needy students according to their requests.
- AASI covers the expenses of repairing of the Dormitories in Duhok.
- Rehabilitating Baghdad Dorms.



# **Construction and Projects:**

## **1. Construction:**

- Opening the way that leads to the graveyard in Sardarava village in Sapna.
- Rehabilitating the water net project in Jam Rabatke village in Nahla.
- Establishing water net in Sardarava village in Sapna.
- Establishing water net in Beboze village in Aqra.
- Buying materials and maintaining water pump of Bakhitme village in Semel.
- Buying a generator for Babilo village in Sapna.
- Rehabilitating St. George Church in Shiyos village in Semel.
- Supplying and constructing the base of a water drink storage in Bebad village in Sapna.
- Constructing an irrigation channel in Bebad village in Sapna.
- Constructing a fence for the graveyard in Blejane village in Sapna.
- Rehabilitating the old channel in Joly village in Nahla.
- Contributing in rehabilitating some houses in Zakho, Dawodiya and Duhok.
- Contributing in repairing the electricity cables in Kani Mase village in Barwari Bala.
- Paving a sub-road in Sarsing village in Sapna.
- Rehabilitating a school in Dawodiya village in Sapna.

## **2. Projects:**

- Buying wheels for tractor of Rekan village in Rekan.
- Contributing in cleaning the old village of Ein None in Barwari Bala.
- Assyrian Font Project.
- Sheep project in Deralok village in Sapna.
- Buying a tractor for Tin village in Sapna.
- Buying a tent for Sarsing village in Sapna.
- Christmas Gifts Project as follows:  
Distributing Christmas gifts for (11,000) kids, funded by the Assyria Foundation in Holland, Mr. Matay Arsan and Christine Faulkner and others in USA, in coordination with the Assyrian Aid Society, the project was implemented in the following places:
  - Nineveh Plain: 6250 Gifts in: (Baghdeda, Bartella, Karemlis, Ba'ashiqa, Maghara, Merke, Bahzane, Telkeif, Tellisqof, Batnaye, Baqofa, Alqosh, Sharafiya, Ein Sifni, Pirozawa).
  - Mosul: 1000 Gifts.
  - Kirkuk: 750 Gifts.
  - Dohuk: 3000 Gifts, in: (Dohuk Center, Semel, Zakho, Barwari Bala, Enishke, Sarsing, Deralok and Nahla).





# Visits:

**The visit of AASI's President to the Kingdom of Sweden on May and June 2011, which included:**

- AASI's President met Ms. Anneli Aino Huhne, the member of the Swedish Parliament for the Christian Democrats in the Swedish Parliament.
- AASI's President met Ms. Aiwa Jansson, responsible for the Law and Refugee Department in the Swedish Red Cross
- AASI's President met Mar Audisho Aourahim, The Bishop of Europe for the Assyrian East Church.
- AASI's President met Mar Julius Abdul Ahad shabu, the Bishop of Scandinavia for the Syriac Orthodox Church.
- AASI's President met Dr. Hussain Mahdi Al-Amiri, The Ambassador of the Republic of Iraq in the Kingdom of Sweden.
- AASI's President met with Swedish Organization for Christians (SKA) and Assyrians Without Borders organization in Stockholm .
- AASI's President met the administrative board of Ishtar Association, the Assyrian Clubs Union, the Assyrian Democratic Organization, the Assyrian Aid Society of Sweden, and the Assyrian Women Union in Sweden.



# Visits:

**The visit of AASI's President to the United States of America on August and September 2011, which included:**

- AASI's President met the Senator Anna Esho and other members of the Congress and House of representatives.
- AASI's President met Mr. Peter Boody, the ambassador in the US Affairs.
- AASI's President met the deputy of International Medical Cooperation (IMC).
- AASI's President met Mr. Qubath Jalal Talbany, the representative of Kurdistan region in the USA.
- AASI's President met Mr. Sheba Mando, the President of the Assyrian National Council of Illinois.
- AASI's President met the members of Assyrian Aid Society in Chicago.
- AASI's President met His Holiness Mar Dinkha IV Catholicos Patriarch of the Assyrian Church of the East.
- AASI's President met Mr. Homer Ashurean, the President of the Assyrian Universal Alliance Foundation (AUAF).
- AASI's President met Father Awikam, the pastor of the Church of Saint Odisho of the Assyrian Church of the East.
- AASI's President met the Board of the Assyrian Aid Society of America, in California.
- AASI's President met with Assyrian Aid Society in San Diego, as well as the representatives of the Assyrian Democratic Movement and Chaldoashur Association.
- AASI's President met Mar Awa in Modesto.
- AASI's President met Dr. Sargon Issa, the President of the Assyrian Aid Society in the city of Los Angeles and the members of the Assyrian Aid Society.
- AASI's President met Mr. Albert Davidoo, the Chairman of the Assyrian Medical Society (AMS), and a number of patients who were sent from Iraq for treatment by the support of the (AMS).
- AASI's President visited some churches of our People.



# Supporters for 2011:

- Assyrian Aid Society of America.
- Assyrian Aid Society of Australia.
- Assyrian Aid Society of Sweden.
- Assyrian Aid Society of Canada.
- Assyrian Universal Alliance Foundation (AUAF)
- Assyrian Union Clubs in Goteborg in Sweden.
- Ishtar Society in Goteborg in Sweden.
- Assyrian Kultur Center in Botkyrka in Sweden
- Assyrian Without Borders.
- Assyrian National Council of Illinois.
- Father Horst Oberkampf.
- Solidarity Group of Turabdin & Northern Iraq.
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in Württemberg in Germany.
- Swedish Committee for Assyrians (SKA).
- SALT Foundation from Holland.
- Assyrian Cultural Center in Sweden.
- Assyrian Medical Society in USA.
- Stichting Assyrie from Holland.
- Foundation Assyria from Holland.
- Iraqi Christian Relief Council (ICRC).
- Marianne Bruckl, Journalist from Germany.
- Knights of Malta Organization from Malta.
- Mr. Younadam Youkhanna, USA
- Mr. Sargon Lazar Slewo, Minister of Environment



On November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the Assyrian Aid Society celebrated the occasion of its twentieth establishment (in March 1991), where the event included a speech of Mr. Ashur Sargon, the President of the Society in which he mentioned the most prominent activities of the Society at the present time and future projects, followed by a speech of Mr. Kanna, the member of the Iraqi Parliament and General Secretary of the Assyrian Democratic Movement, in which he talked about the beginnings of the Society and its founders since 1991.

The celebration was attended by Mr. Salem Kako and Dr. Gihan Ismail, the member of parliament of the Kurdistan region of Iraq from Mesopotamia list, and Mr. Younan Hozaya, Mr. Nizar Hanna, Director General of the Assyrian Education in the Kurdistan region of Iraq, as well as representatives of the institutions of our People.



## **Conclusion:**

Through this report, we, as Assyrian Aid Society of Iraq, would like to present our appreciation and thankfulness to all of our supporters (Assyrian Aid Societies worldwide, non-Assyrian Friends, Organizations and Churches), those who tried and are still trying to assist our Nation to stand and be powerful through its Education and Culture.