



Winterization Project

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Project background and Summary:

As winter season approaches to Kurdistan region of Iraq, the main concerns for the Internally displaced people and refugees remain protecting themselves and their children from the coldness that severely covers the camps while families have very limited resources that enables them to purchase necessary items to protect them during this difficult time of the year.

In 2020 and with the spread of COVID-19, many service providers phased out from the camps and ceased their support to IDPs and refugees due to lack of fund. Additional to this, a lot of families lost their income and jobs and were put into harsh financial hardships due to lockdown and curfew that was imposed on camps during the months of March to June 2020. This situation has made it very difficult for many families within the IDP and refugee communities to afford needed winter supplies for their families and most importantly provide essential clothing for their kids to protect them from being sick under their torn tents during snowy and rainy days.

As the people are being through difficult financial problems and the NGOs (Non-Government Organisations) have limited their assistance, this has made it even more necessary for Lotus Flower to fund raise with its partners, Operation Hope Australia and Zarok (NGO based in Germany) to provide emergency support and distribute winter jackets, socks and shoes among the poor families in Essyan and Rwanga camps for Internally displaced people and Domiz 2 camp for Syrian refugees as well as target a number of poor families inside Duhok city. The distribution process was held during the end of December to mid of January 2020 by the Lotus Flower team in the camps and Duhok city after receiving needed financial support from Operation Hope Australia and Zarok. Throughout the process of distribution and based on the beneficiary sheets record by the Lotus Flower team, we were able to target over 1000 children in the four mentioned locations. The classification of beneficiaries was as following;

Table of beneficiaries:

Location	Number of children reached	Items distributed
Essyan camp	370	Winter Jackets, shoes and socks
Rwanga camp	282	Winter Jackets, shoes and socks
Domiz 2 camp	263	Winter Jackets, shoes and socks
Duhok city	165	Winter Jackets, shoes and socks
Total of direct beneficiaries	1080	

Photos:







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