

## 17. Project: Providing access to the mental and psychosocial support services for the vulnerable populations in Duhok governorate

During the year 2021, Heevie organization started its new project to provide the mental health and psychological support services in the camps of the displaced through specialized centers. This was done after taking into account the high numbers of mental health cases and the increasing numbers of suicide in the camps, making the availability of specialized centers to provide the necessary support in this regard one of the basic requirements for any health intervention program targeting the IDPs and the other vulnerable population.

In order to provide the mental health services in an optimal way, these centers are provided with a specialized staff of psychiatrist's doctors, psychologists and social workers, from both genders. The centers operate and provide services six days per week on a regular basis and the service delivery time has been modified to be for noon and evening hours, from 1:00 to 6:00 pm, allowing sufficient privacy for patients, and on the other hand permits for a total allocation of facilities to the MHPSS activities.

The duties and responsibilities of the project staff are organized in a way allowing for a smooth work flow and for more effective case detection and management. As part of this process, the social workers perform tent-to-tent visits, they visit community and social centers and schools in the camp in order to pick up the suspected cases and then refer them to the MHPSS centers, where they are received by psychotherapists who organize and sort them to choose the cases that need the intervention of the specialist psychiatrists doctor. The treatment provided within these centers includes both psychotherapy sessions and medication therapy.

Heevie project of mental health services and psychosocial support includes six camps, which are Shariya, Kabarto2, Rwanda, Bersivy1, Mam Rash and Chameshku. During the year 2021, the total number of mental health consultations within these centers reached (6,936) Consultations. Below is a table with the breakdown of the cases according to the gender and age.

No.	Location	Subdistrict	District	Province	Number of Consultation	M	F	Adult	Child
1	Shariya Camp	Semel	Semel	Duhok	1054	252	802	842	137
2	Kabarto 2 Camp	Semel	Semel	Duhok	1103	236	867	851	252
3	Mamrash camp	Zilkan	Shikhan	Ninewa	812	163	649	702	110
4	Bersivy 1 Camp	Darkar	Zakho	Duhok	1285	312	973	1109	176
5	Rawanga camp	Bateel	Semel	Duhok	1119	226	893	850	269
6	Cham Mishko Camp	Zakho	Zakho	Duhok	1563	289	1274	1214	349
				Total	6936	1478	5458	5568	1293