

22.Project: Health Capacity Building

Due to the rapid progress in the health and medical field, continuous educations and development for the medical staff is needed. In an attempt to fill the existing gaps in the capacity building programs in the region, Heevie Organization is supporting Duhok General Directorate of Health in a long term program to maintain and improve the necessary resources for provision of the quality health care services in various facilities, hospitals and specialized centers belonging to the directorate.

This program comes after Heevie teams performed the required assessments to determine the shortages and needs existed within different DOH Duhok facilities. Heevie project is aiming to improve the skills and abilities of the health staff, and also develop and improve the interference mechanisms and the treatment and management protocols within different health facilities according to the below mechanisms:

1. Training and capacity building of the health care service providers from different branches and specialties.
2. Filling the gap regarding the shortage of staff of the health facilities which is done in coordination with the DOH through various mechanisms to respond to the increasing needs especially of the newly established facilities.
3. Management of patients with congenital anomalies, especially the congenital heart diseases, through providing the required medical care and management in addition to the special surgical treatment for selected cases who are in need for delicate surgical intervention in Italy.

The implementation of this project started early in 2018, and continues in this year through the below mentioned activities:

- 1- Supporting the staff of the Neonatal ICU of Heevi Pediatrics Teaching Hospital and ICU and CCU of Azadi teaching hospital.
- 2- Training courses for the medical staff in Italy.
- 3- Training courses for the doctors in both Cardiac Catheterization and Vascular Surgery.

The number of health staff supported/ trained: **(56)** persons.