

## 13-Italian NGOs Visits Kurdistan –March 2011

In this month the Italian NGOs visited Kurdistan, consisted of the following Specialization:

No.	Name	Profession and Institution	Gender	Nationality
1	Ilja Gardi	Cardiologist	M	Italy
2	Sardar Ali Aziz	Secretary of the Kurdish-Italian Cultural Association	M	Italy



Iraqi Minister of Health, Kurdistan Region Minister of Health, Dr. Ilja Gardi , Bakshan Ali, Sardar Ali

On March 19 Th., In coordination with Heevie represented by Dr. Bakshan Ali, both Ministers of Health, Central Government of Iraq Dr.Majeed H.Amin and KRG Dr.Tahir Hawrami have nominated Dr. Ilja Gardi, as Project Manager, responsible of the coordination with the Italian Institutional bodies such as the Italian Ministry of Foreigners Affairs, Universities, Hospitals and any party that may be expedient to achieve the Health projects. The appointment has duration of 3 years since the formal acceptance by the Manager.



Duhok Cardiac Surgery Center/ Dr. Ilja Gardi and Director of the Hospital Dr.Ashur Youhanna



Bile Hospital / Dr. Ilja Gardi and the Director of the Hospital Dr.Rebwar Navdary

Dr. Ilja Gardi former Government Commissioner of IME foundation and CEO of Medchild foundation now International manager GVM Italian Health Trust Group, Advisor of Manatena Onlus and promoter of the Health By Italy Health Cluster, has been Project Manager of institutional health project between Iraq and Italy from 2006-2010 and have proved organizational capacity and direct knowledge of planning and organization of Health Services; has acquired during the missions a deep knowledge of main health infrastructure and of Health organization of the Region; and being Italy Team Leader to the IRAQ Health Conference in Washington on may 2008.During his visit Dr. Ilja Gardi met with General Director of Health –Duhok Government Dr.Abdullah Saeed and visits the new Duhok Cardiac Surgery Center. Also Dr.Gardi visits the new Hospital of Bile in Erbil and Met the Director of the Hospital Dr.Rebwar Maeen Tahir Navdary.

## 14-Manatena Onlus delegation visit Heevie Organization

A delegation from Manatena Onlus Italia visit Kurdistan Region of Iraq Sep.2011. The delegation consisted of the following gentlemen.

1. Ilja Gardi MD Health International Manager Manatena Onlus; Head delegation
2. Gianluca Oricchio MD Cardiovascular surgeon and Health Project Manager Manatena Onlus
3. Aziz Sardar: International relations Advisor Manatena Onlus



26 Sep. 2011, Duhok - Heevie Org.

The Italian delegation visited Heevie and met with President Bakshan Ali. Heevie had prepared a presentation that included all the activities and projects conducted by Heevie since 2006. The main purpose behind the presentation was to enlighten the Italian delegation with kind of activities, hard work and difficulties that had faced Heevie during its efforts helping people of Kurdistan and Iraq.

The presented information was empowered by numbers and justification. Heevie NGO made it very clear that collecting data and going wide allover Kurdistan Region and Iraq is an extreme difficulty for the lack of data, infrastructure, census and financial capabilities. Dr. Ilja Gardi and Dr.Orrichio admitted that what Heevie had conducted is an amazing effort that no any other NGO all over the world could conduct. The ultimate aim behind the meeting and presentation was to strength and empower coordination, cooperation and partnership between Manatena Onlus Italia and Heevie especially in the future plans in which Heevie due to its expertise can offer a lot facilitates. After a while of discussions and exchanging ideas and raising questions, both sides agreed to sign a letter of Intent, which is a basic a path way for future MoUs and agreements that would specify the roles and responsibilities of each side. Dr. Ilja Gardia and Miss Bakshan Ali Aziz signed the letter of Intent and expressed their readiness for better cooperation and coordination on all the related fields in the future.

## Meeting Erbil Governor:



25 Sep.2011 Erbil – Erbil Governor Mr. Nawzad Hadi Mawlood

On 25.Sep. in accompany and coordination with Heevie , both parties paid a visit to Erbil Governor Mr. Nawzad Hadi Mawlood in his office at Erbil Governorate building.

Mr. Nawzad Hadi received the delegation and expressed his gratitude to the visitors; Mr. Nawzad Hadi expressed thanks of Kurdistan Region people to the Italian efforts in helping to cure the children.

Erbil governorate media was available to cover the visit. Manatena delegation shakes hands with Governor and took photos in an indication for the cooperation between all parties.

## Visiting Sulaymania Cardiac Center:



25 Sep.2011 Sulaymania- Cardiac Center

Same day afternoon the delegation headed to Sulaymania City and visited Sulaymania Heart Diseases Center. They were received by Dr. Shikar Raouf Saeed and Alan Abdullah Abdulrahman started a tour in the different sections of the center to evaluate the general conditions and the possibilities to conduct future operations and training missions. Dr. Ilja Gardi and Dr. Orrichio gained a negative impression on the center and recommended the administration of the center the ways of improving the situations and services to better serve patients and society.

## Visiting Duhok Cardiac Center:



26 Sep.2011 Duhok - General Director of Health

On September 26th Dr. Gardi, Dr. Orrichio and Sardar Ali accompanied with Miss Bakshan Ali, Heevie Manager visited Directorate General of Health in Duhok Governorate and received by Dr. Abdullah Saeed the General Director. During the visit Dr. Ilja Gardi introduced Dr. Orrichio and explained the purpose behind his visit to Kurdistan Region that is helping to improve health capacity in Iraq and Kurdistan Region and estimating the possibilities of using the current heart centers for future missions. Dr. Abdullah Saeed welcomed the delegation and expressed the readiness of health authorities in Duhok providing all the necessary facilities for future visits.



Sep.2011 Duhok - Azadi Heart Center

The delegation headed to Azadi Center for Heart surgery and diseases. They were received by Dr. Ashour Yohana head of the center and some other working personnel in the center. The delegation made a tour in all the parts of the center and detected the newly built and equipped heart center. They asked questions and raised inquiries to the management personnel in an attempt for actual assessment to conduct heart surgeries and training local staff and other professions operating in the mentioned center.

#### Meeting with the University of Duhok:



26 Sep.2011 Duhok – Duhok University Presidency

A meeting was arranged for the delegation to meet with Duhok University presidency represented by Dr. Rund Hamoudy, Dean of college of Medicine Dr. Arif Younis and some other academics in the building of Duhok University Presidency. Dr. Rund started the session welcoming the guests. Dr. Ilja Gardi gave an overview of the services that he, Italian NGOs and institutions had provided for people of Kurdistan since 2006. Then Dr. Gardi revealed his future plans and the purpose of meeting the academics of Duhok University that is cooperation between both sides through Heevie Org. to train doctors, professionals and other health sector working personnel on job locally and in Italy and transfer know-how and knowledge. The local meeting attendants raised some questions and finally thanked Dr. Gardi and the delegation for their visit and the help they are trying to provide.

## Visiting Erbil- Hawler Cardiac center:

On September 27th the delegations visited Hawler Cardiac Center in Erbil city and were received by Dr.Kamil Namiq the head of the center.

The visitors made a tour in visit similar to what they did in Duhok and Sulaymania to assess the center for future missions and training. Dr. Gardi, used to work in the mentioned center before and almost know a lot about the center, seek possibilities of using the facilities of the center for some future missions that Italian medical teams may conduct in the future, but yet he got some points and recommendations to the center management to standardize the procedures and regular steps followed in any cardiac center. Dr. Kamil Namiq thanked the visiting delegation and explained the difficulties, specially the technical ones that are facing the regular procedures.



27. Sep.2011 Erbil- Hawler Cardiac center

## 15- Italian Consul paid a visit to Heevie Dec.2011



On December 11 Dr. Simone De Santi Italian Consul in Erbil paid a visit to Heevie office in Duhok. The Italian Consul was received by Miss Bakhshan Ali Aziz, Heevie Manager who warmly welcomed the guest and highly evaluated such a visit. During the visit Miss Bakhshan made a tour with Italian Consul in the various sections and explained the nature of the work that is conducted by Heevie starting with registration of patients throughout the procedures taken after.

Miss Bakhshan presented an overview to the Italian Consul about the history of starting the mission in Kurdistan and Iraq since 2005, type of the services presented, difficulties and obstacles and the needs of developing types of the services to the pediatric patients.

Miss Bakhshan explained the role and involvement of Italian NGOs and Entities into the process of providing free volunteer services to the children of Kurdistan and Iraq, specially the massive role of Dr. Iole Pinto from Solidarity Initiatives Association and Professor Ilja Gardi, Cardiac physician and Head of Italian Cluster for Health and Health Planner. Pro. Gardi was the first Italian who arranged for transferring patient children to be treated in Italy.

Miss Bakhshan presented a precise report to the Consul that included statistics of the number of patients been treated and checked in Kurdistan and Italy.

Dr. Simone De Santi Italian Consul in Erbil expressed his happiness being in Duhok and visiting Heevie and said " I am very Impressed by what is achieved by Heevie specially when there are volunteer Italian health personnel involved in the process of develop the health situation in Kurdistan Region"

Dr. Simone De Santi Described his visit as an introductory one and asked for direct contact and cooperation between Heevie and Italian Consulate in Erbil and offered to exchange visits in the future.

Duhok TV local channel was present to cover the visit and interviewed the Italian Consul who expressed his pleasure visiting Duhok Governorate and specifically Heevie and expressed his happiness to the type of cooperation that is existing between Heevie and Italian entities and wished to have more Italian presence in working in various fields working in Kurdistan Region.

Both Italian Consul and Miss Bakhshan emphasized on the future cooperation and expressed readiness to offer assistance to help people of Kurdistan and Iraq.