

10- Italian Pediatrics Congenital Heart Diseases Team visiting Duhok (16.10.2011 to 18.10.2011)

Continuation to the efforts that Heevie is paying to upgrade, modernize and standardize the heart center in Kurdistan Region with similar counterparts in the world and an attempt to train the local staff by most sophisticated Italian teams, Heevie had invited an Italian delegation to Kurdistan Region Duhok Governorate representing institutions and NGO's that are working in field of pediatric heart surgery in coordination with General Directorate of Health and the Director General Dr. Abdullah Saeed.

The delegation is joint effort represented by:

- 1- Alessandro Frigiola, Heart surgeon, Director San Donato Hospital – Bambini Cardiopatici nel Mondo Founder
- 2- Marco Di Terlizzi, President bambini Cardiopatici nel Mondo Association
- 3- Cinzia Sasso, La Repubblica newspaper journalist
- 4- Donald Weber, European children heart organization

The visiting people are aiming to evaluate Azadi Center for Heart Disease that is newly built and equipped by health authorities in Kurdistan Region and Duhok Governorate, to start implementing the agreement that is signed among Heevie with San Donato Hospital in Milan – Italy, General Directorate of Health in Duhok, Duhok University, Children's Heart Organization, and Solidarity initiatives on September 2011, for conducting heart surgeries and training local health professionals on job by Italian Medical teams.

Heevie in plying the role of coordinator and focal point for the above mentioned institutions and organizations and Directorate General of Health in Duhok and the rest of Institutions and authorities in Kurdistan Region.



Heevie pays great efforts to keep the congenital heart diseases data all over Kurdistan Region updated for any future visit, mission or usage.

Heevie plays the role of the main contact and source of information and data for all Italian Medical Teams and Health institutions.

Heevie had contacted some congenital heart diseases patients to be inspected and evaluated by Italian team that had been hosted by Heevie in Duhok.



The Italian team with assistance of local physician that had been trained in Italy previously evaluated some cases and elaborated the future needs of the mission to provide treatment to the examined patients.

Such inspections are ultimately important for both patients and medical teams to conduct operations and provide treatment within scheduled future missions.



Heevie headed by Miss Bakhshan Ali, Heevie Manager, accompanied the Italian delegation and paid a visit to Directorate General of Health in Dohuk and met with Dr. Abdullah Saeed the Director General. During the meeting Professor Fregiola explained the main goal of his visit to Kurdistan Region that is assist the local patients to get proper treatment locally. Dr. Abdullah Saeed warmly welcomed the delegation and explained the urgent need for treatment for congenital heart diseases afflicted children and offered all the possible support to enhance the treatment and develop kinds of cure and services offered.

Professor Fregiola proposed assistance to conduct four future missions to operate local patients and train local physicians on the job. Dr. Abdullah Saeed, Bakhshan Ali and Professor Fregiola signed an agreement to conduct the mentioned number of the visits in the future.



The delegation had visited Azadi Heart Diseases center and made a tour in its section that will be used for future mission of conducting operation by the visiting delegation.

They met with center working personnel and explored the efficiency of the center. At the same time they checked some patients in the center and followed the various type of medical services offered to the resident patients.

11-Tow Italian Medical Delegation Visit Duhok to Cure Pediatrics Surgical Diseases and Plastic & Reconstructive Surgical Diseases, from 14th Nov. till 25 Nov. 2011.

With an invitation from Heevie Org. in coordination with SIA Org. and in cooperation with Kurdistan's Ministry of Health, Directorate General of Health- Duhok Governorate, two Italian medical teams from Siena – Italy visit Duhok to conduct interventions for a group of children.

Those children have been chosen by Italian doctors previously among the statistics that collected since 2005 by Heevie Organization in cooperation with SIA and from all governors.

This large number of patients has been examined by the Italian team and local doctors trained in Kurdistan on the job in Duhok Hospital.

Worthy to mention that since 2007 this team visits Kurdistan fifth times and they do till now:

- 146 operations for Pediatric Surgical patients have been done in Kurdistan and 49 in Siena-Italy.
- 54 operations for Plastic & Reconstructive Surgical have been done in Kurdistan.

Pediatrics Surgical Team

The team consisted of the following:

No.	Name	Profession and Institution	Gender	Nationality
1	Mario Messina	Head of Pediatric Surgery Dpt. Teaching Hospital of Siena (Italy)	M	Italian
2	Giovanni Di Maggio	Pediatric Surgery Dpt. Teaching Hospital of Siena (Italy)	M	Italian
3	Rossella Angotti	Pediatric Surgery Dpt. Teaching Hospital of Siena (Italy)	F	Italian

(175) Pediatrics Surgical Diseases patients have been Examined, (32) operations done in Heevie pediatric Hospital in Duhok and (38) local medical Staff trained on the job.



Pediatrics Surgical Team

12- Plastic & Reconstructive Surgical Team

- (184) Plastic & Reconstructive Surgical Diseases patients have been Examined
- (30) Operations done in Burn and Plastic Surgery Hospital in Duhok
- (21) local medical Staff trained on the job



The team consisted of the following:

No.	Name	Profession and Institution	Gender	Nationality
1	Luca Grimaldi	Plastic Surgeon:Head of Plastic Surgery Dpt.Teaching Hospital of Siena	M	Italian
2	Luca Rosato	Plastic Surgeon: Plastic Surgery Dpt. Teaching Hospital of Siena (Italy)	M	Italian



Plastic & Reconstructive Surgical