

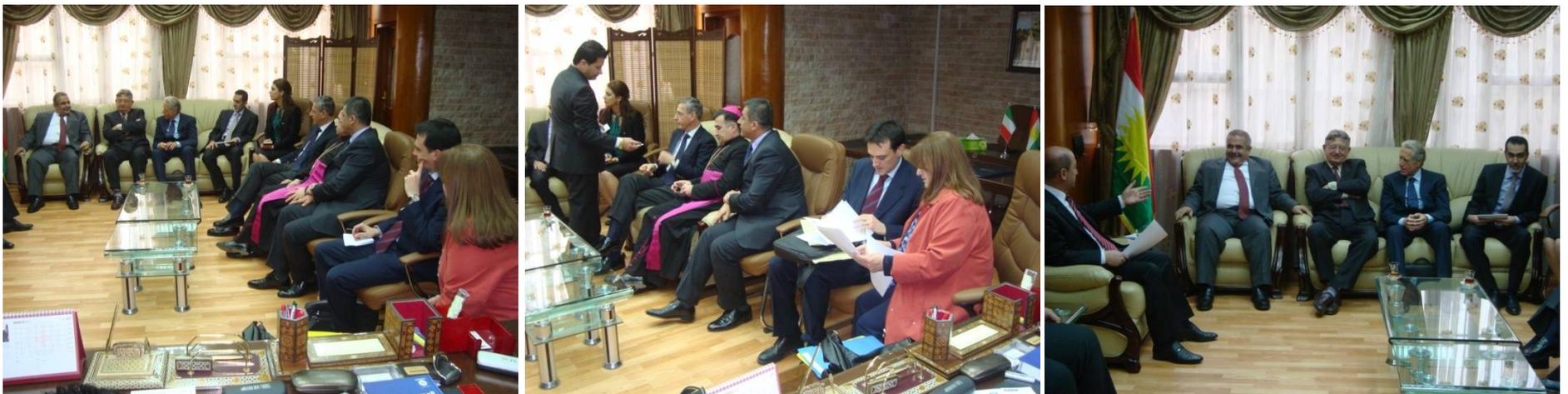
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11- COOPERATION AGREEMENT Between: Fondazione IME – Istituto Mediterraneo di Ematologia and Ministry of Health of the Kurdistan Region, Iraq (Erbil / 2.04.2012)



On April 2nd, in coordination with Heevie, The Minister of Health KRG Dr. Tahir Hawrami and Mr. Giancarlo Aragona Ambassador - President of (IME) Foundation signed a Cooperation agreement to provide long term training programs and to upgrade the capacity of healthcare professionals. The agreement was signed in the presence of Mr. Gerardo Carante Ambassador of Italy in Iraq, Mr. Massimo Bellelle HGAD Task Force Iraq and Mr. Simone Di Santi, Italian Consul in Kurdistan Region from the Italian side.

From the Kurdish side was attended by the governor of Erbil Mr. Nawzad Hadi, Archbishop Mr. Bashar Warda diocese of the Archbishop of Erbil, Dr. Bashtewan Bazzaz President of the University Medical Erbil, Dr. Maghdid Surji Erbil General Directorate of Health and Dr. Jameel Ali Rashid Director General of health matters in the Ministry of Health.





In light of the above, MoH and IME, hereinafter jointly referred to as “Parties”, agree as follows:

Training and Transfer of Know How Activities.IME hereby agrees to contribute to the human resource development in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq through training of healthcare personnel (physicians, biologists, lab technicians and nurses), according to a detailed timetable to be agreed between the Parties.

Training shall regard mostly clinical treatment, diagnosis, Bone marrow transplantation and management of patients affected by Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Anemia.

The foreseen activities are:

1. Training of physicians, nurses and lab technicians in Italy and in the Kurdistan Region in Iraq
2. Sharing of therapeutic protocols
3. on-the-spot and long-distance training of doctors, nurses and laboratory technicians
4. Advice on the purchase of equipment, drugs, chemical reagents and basic diagnostic instruments.

After signing the agreement Miss.Bakhshan Ali Manager of Heevie Org. met Mr. Giancarlo Aragona Ambassador - President of (IME) Foundation and Mr. Simone Di Santi, Italian Consul in Kurdistan Region in Rotana Hotel to organize and coordinate the work of this Convention.

12-Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Health Programme Representative visit to Duhok, 19 June 2012

On 19 June 2012, Dr. Renato Corrado Health Programme Representative at Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs paid a visit to Duhok Governorate after setting up coordination with Heevie. During his trip to Duhok he met with Miss Bakhshan Ali Aziz, Heevie Manager and Dr. Nezar Esmat, Director General of Health in Duhok.



Nezar Esmat, Director General of Health in Duhok

Dr. Corrado thanked both Dr. Nezar and Miss Bakhshan for receiving him and their willingness to coordinate and cooperate with various Italian agencies and NGOs working in Kurdistan Region. He illustrated the goal of his visit to Kurdistan Region which is to conduct an evaluation for the health situation and status of health facilities in the Region for specifying the urgent needs of such facilities and find out the possibility to provide help and support specially in the field of training local staff.

Dr. Nezar Esmat warmly welcomed Dr. Corrado and briefly explained about the health situation in Duhok Governorate generally and the specific needs and requirements that people of the governorate are in need to. He also made it clear that Duhok Governorate is holding the responsibility of taking care of people who administratively belong to Mosul, people of 140 article area, but due to security issues they prefer to receive treatment in Duhok, this leads to put health facilities under more pressure and increase its requirement.



Dr. Renato Corrado Health Programme Representative at Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs , Miss Bakhshan Ali Aziz, Heevie Manager and Dr. Nezar Esmat, Director General of Health in Duhok

At the same time Dr. Nezar and his assistants provided statistics about the types of the diseases and a diagram that illustrate the operation of health facilities in Duhok. Miss Bakhshan Ali expressed the readiness of Heevie to provide the necessary cooperation and assistance to promote health situation and facilities in Duhok Governorate and at the same time she made all the collected data of Heevie available to perform better evaluation. Many local and Satellite TV channels besides local radio stations and newspapers were present to cover the visit of Dr. Corrado and they conducted a group interview with Dr. Nezar, Dr. Corrado and Miss Bakhshan Ali ,such as Kurdistan TV, Zagros TV, TV Duhok, Speda TV, NRT television, newspaper Avro.



Dr. Renato Corrado, Dr. Majid Khmu Director of the blood bank, Dr. Raji Sulaiman Director of the Jin Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Center, Dr. Abdul Rahman Abdullah, Director of the Oncology Department



Dr. Renato Corrado, Miss Bakhshan Ali Aziz, Heevie Manager and Dr. Nezar Esmat, Director General of Health in Duhok

Dr. Corrado accompanied Dr. Bakhtiyar and other DG of Health representatives paid a visit to Duhok Oncology and Thalassemia Center, Thalassemia Association, Blood Bank and Central Laboratory. This visit aimed to evaluate and specify the urgent needs and actions that need to be taken care of.

The delegation met:

1. Dr. Majid Khmu, Director of the blood bank in Duhok
2. Dr. Raji Sulaiman Director of the Jin Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Center in Duhok
3. Dr. Abdul Rahman Abdullah, Director of the Oncology Department at Jin center and Mr. Juma Khalil Head of thalassemia association in Duhok.

After the meeting Miss Bakhshan received both Dr. Corrado and Dr. Nezar at her office to discuss more issues and plan to conduct programmes sponsored by Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kurdistan Region generally and Duhok Governorate specifically.

Dr. Corrado was very impressed by the hospitality and enthusiasm shown by Heevie and local Authorities in Duhok and promised to visit Duhok governorate again to draw details of future work plans.

13-Manatena delegation survey Visit Report, 13-16 July 2012

In coordination with Heevie Org. a delegation from Manatena Onlus Italia visited Kurdistan Region from 13-16 July 2012. The delegation consisted of the following gentlemen.

1. Ilja Gardi MD Health International Manager Manatena Onlus
2. Gianluca Oricchio MD Cardiovascular surgeon and Health Project Manager Manatena Onlus

The delegation aimed to meet with local officials and Ministers in the regional government to clarify the intentions of the European Committee through Manatena Onlus and Heevie the local partner, to implement the project of Child Citadel in the Kurdistan Region. The delegation wanted to make sure that all the related parties and authorizations are aware and ready to engage providing the necessary needs and the requirement to implement the mentioned project.

Manatena meets with Duhok Governor and General Director of Health in Duhok July 14th 2012



The delegation of Manatena NGO , Governor of Duhok Mr. Tamar Ramadhan, Dr. Nezar Esmat Director General of Health and Heevie Org. Manager Miss Bakhshan Aziz

on 14 July 2012, The delegation of Manatena NGO represented by Health Manager Professor MD Ilja Gardi, met with Governor of Duhok Mr. Tamar Ramadhan, Dr. Nezar Esmat Director General of Health and Heevie Org. Manager Miss Bakhshan Aziz at Governor guest house. Dr. Ilja and the delegation were warmly received by Mr. Tamar. Dr. Gardi discussed with Mr. Governor the ways of coordination and cooperation to conduct more missions to provide treatment for patient children affected with congenital heart diseases. Duhok Governor welcomed the initiative and expressed the readiness of Duhok authorities to provide the necessary help and support for such missions.

Dr. Ilja Gardi explained to the governor the efforts of Manatena Onlus to conduct and implement one of the most important projects in the region the Child Citadel by European Commission and the effects of such project to improve health capacities in the region specifically in the field of pediatric diseases. Mr. Governor thanked Dr. Gardi, Heevie and European Commission for such initiative and expressed his gratitude. At the same time Duhok Governor asked Dr. Gardi to include Duhok Governorate within that project and asked Dr. Nezar the DG of Health to cooperate with Dr. Ilja Gardi to implement a pediatric hospital in Duhok and connect it Child and Maternity Hospital that Kurdistan Region Government will build in Duhok city. At the end of the meeting Mr. Governor thanked Dr. Gardi and the delegation for their visit and wished all the success to his missions in Kurdistan Region.

Meeting Director General of Health in Duhok and Heevie Organization-14 July 2012



The delegation of Manatena NGO , Director General of Health in Duhok Dr. Nezar Esmat and Heevie Org. Manager Miss Bakhshan Aziz

Following the meeting with Duhok Governor, Dr. Ilja Gardi and his accompany delegation, Dr. Nezar Esmat and Miss Bakhshan met at Heevie to discuss the request of Duhok Governor to include Dohuk within Manatena-European work plan, i.e. to build a pediatric hospital in Duhok city. Dr. Nezar involved his assistants into the meeting and discussions went on the necessity of such project and the help that Manatena may provide to connect the Child and Maternity hospital in Duhok with pediatric hospital that Manatena may schedule to build and the best ways to train local staff in all aspects.

Dr. Nezar asked Dr. Ilja Gardi to provide help, as he is a health planner, to improve the connection among various health facilities in Duhok. Dr. Gardi in return promised to do his best to help the people of Duhok Governorate and asked Dr. Nezar to coordinate with Miss Bakhshan in such issues as Heevie is the local partner of Manatena.

Manatena Delegation signs Cooperation agreement with Kurdistan Region Ministry of Health and Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research in Erbil -15 July 2012



The delegation of Manatena NGO , Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Dr. Ali Saeed Mohammed ,Ministry of Health Dr. Rekawt Hama Rasheed , Erbil Governor Mr. Nawzad Hadi Mawlood and Heevie Org. Manager Miss Bakhshan Aziz

on 14 July 2012,Manatena NGO represented by Health Manager Professor MD Ilja Gardi ,signed an Cooperation agreement with Kurdistan Regional Government Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, represented by Dr. Ali Saeed Mohammed acting in his capacity as Minister of Higher Education and Scientific and with Kurdistan Regional Government Ministry of Health represented by Dr. Rekawt Hama Rasheed acting in his capacity as Minister of Health in presence of Erbil Governor Mr. Nawzad Hadi Mawlood and Heevie Org. Manager Miss Bakhshan Aziz.

MANATENA represent the project of (Child Care Citadel) In Iraq-Kurdistan Region funded by the European Economic Committee. This project offers a program to treat children affected with complicated diseases and train health care professionals technically and scientifically. The project will include construction in Erbil and run of the following facilities:

- General Pediatric Hospital which will specialize in treating children affected with heart diseases, vessels, oncology and complicated pediatric diseases.
- College of Medicine and surgery to enhance and support the cultural development inside the International Pediatric Health care where students will learn the standards of pediatric health care centers in the world
- Center of researches and biotechnology development to ensure the opportunities and resources for care and treatment of children.

Any and all the above mentioned activities and facilities shall be pursued and carried out by means of support by the European Economic Community ("EEC") in favor of the Iraq Country under the European Neighborhood and Partnership Instrument – known as the ENPI. To give effect to said Project, Manatena Italia ONLUS has signed a collaboration agreement for operational and logistical support with Heevie Org. which undoubtedly is the main Kurdish NGO with experience and quality of activities performed in this field over the years in Iraq and Kurdistan.

The project will be implemented in the City of Erbil after the administration of Erbil Governorate had allocated the required land as per the instructions of European Economic Committee. Worth to mention that this project is the first in Iraq and Middle East that would provide advanced health care services to the patient children and will provide training to the local medical staff. Both Ministers of Health and Higher Education highly appreciated the efforts of implementing such project in Kurdistan region and its benefits to the patient children and training local staff on modern techniques and ways of treatment. Local media in Kurdistan Region widely covered the minuets of signing the agreement and came out with reports and headlines that Europe is funding a Pediatric Health Complex Hospital. This drew the attention of population and they showed positive reaction for such initiative and highly appreciated the efforts of Manatena Onlus and Heevie.

Meeting the Italian Consuls in Erbil -15 July 2012



The delegation of Manatena NGO, Italian Consulate in Erbil Dr. Simone De Santi

Dr. Ilja Gardi, Manatena Delegation and Miss Bakhshan Aziz visited the Italian Consulate in Erbil as per the request of Dr. Simone De Santi the Italian Republic Consul in Erbil. During the meeting Dr. De Santi thanked the delegation for their efforts and initiatives in Kurdistan Region and highly appreciated the humanitarian efforts of Manatena and Heevie which brings better health care services to the children of Kurdistan Region and results to a strong friendship between people of Italy and Kurdistan. Dr. Gardi narrated all the meetings he had conducted during his visit and efforts that Manatena is paying to convince European Community to pay more attention to this part of the world.

Also he talked about the signed agreement with both Ministries of Health and Education and the importance of training local staff bring in modern health techniques and theories into the process of pediatric treatment.

Meeting Representative of Directorate General of Health in Kirkuk -15 July 2012

Dr. Ilja Gardi and Miss Bakhsan Ali met with the representative of Directorate of Health in Kirkuk Dr. Shaswar Ali and Dr. Eman Hesin in Erbil city. Dr. Shaswar Ali asked Dr. Gardi to put Kirkuk in consideration for any future plans and asked for coordination among all the activities of Italian NGOs and entities in Kirkuk to avoid duplication and concentrate on the health and pediatric needs of Kirkuk population. Dr. Ilja Gardi made it clear that the future programs will cover Kirkuk as well and all the efforts will be joint not to duplicate types of the services offered by Italian entities. More discussions went on the health issues in Kirkuk and the problems facing pediatric section particular. At the end of meeting the representative thanked Dr. Ilja Gardi for the help and support he is offering to the people of Kurdistan Region.

14-Italian Ambassador in Iraq and Consul General in Erbil visit Heevie



27.9.2012: Mr. Gerardo Carante Ambassador of Italy to Iraq & Mr. Simone Di Santi, Italian Consul in Kurdistan Region in a visit to the Heevie Organization

On 27th of September Mr. Gerardo Carante Italy Republic to Iraq and Dr. Simone De Sante Italian Consul General Erbil visited Heevie Office. They have been received by Miss Bakhshan Ali Aziz.

Besides the diplomatic officials the Italian community in Duhok was invited to attend the event. Both the Ambassador and the Consul General had chosen Heevie to be the place where all the Italian community can meet and introduce to each other because Heevie represents number of Italian NGOs and entities working in Kurdistan Region.

Heevie is the first NGO that started offering help and assistance to the Italian NGOs working in KRG since 2000.



27.9.2012: Mr. Gerardo Carante Ambassador of Italy to Iraq & Mr. Simone Di Santi, Italian Consul in Kurdistan Region in a visit to the Heevie Organization

Mr. Gerardo expressed his thanks to Miss Bakhshan and Heevie for all the great work they have conducted with Italians and considered Heevie as the Consulate of Italy in Duhok and added that he is really impressed by the activities. Dr. Simone the Consul General in Erbil praised the efforts of Heevie and particularly the great efforts that Miss Bakhshan pays to keep up things together and facilitates the work issues of the Italian people even if they are not working in the field of health.

Miss Bakhshan thanked the visitors and expressed her gratitude to have them at her office in Duhok and took the guests in a tour in the building of Heevie showing them the sections, how work is conducted, introduced Heevie employees and pointed out to the guests the photo gallery which is considered like a précised history of the activities achieved by Heevie and Italian NGOs, Doctors and entities.

Worth to mention that the Italian community in Duhok were invited to the event who are working in several fields such as archeology and private business.

At the end of the visit and reception both Mr. Gerardo the Ambassador and Dr. Simone the Consul General thanked Miss Bakhshan for her generosity and promised to keep in contact and conduct more visits to Heevie in the future.

15-Italian Medical Delegation Visited Duhok to Cure Paediatric Surgical Diseases Patients, from 18th Nov., till 30 Nov., 2012



Italian Medical Paediatric Surgical Diseases in Duhok Nov.2012

With an invitation from Heevie Org. in cooperation with Directorate General of Health- Duhok Governorate and the support of KRG Government Prime Minister His Excellency Nechirvan Barzani, an Italian medical team from Siena – Italy, in cooperation with the Italian Organizations SIA arrived Duhok to conduct operations for a group of children and contribute to promote health sector through training local medical staff and Doctors on the job in Kurdistan for the period 18-30 November 2012.

The Medical team consisted of the following persons:

- 1-Mario Messina - Pediatric Surgeon: Head of Pediatric Surgery Dpt. Teaching Hospital of Siena (Italy)
- 2-Giovanni Di Maggio- Pediatric Surgeon: Pediatric Surgery Dpt. Teaching Hospital of Siena (Italy)
- 3-Anna Lavinia Bulotta- Pediatric Surgeon: Pediatric Surgery Dpt. Teaching Hospital of Siena (Italy)



Italian Medical Paediatric Surgical Diseases in Duhok Nov.2012

These children has been selected by Italian doctors within the statistics of all the provinces that have been collected by the organization since 2005 and patients has been examined by Italians and local doctors who had been trained with the Italian team in Kurdistan , worth to mention that this is the sixth visit to Kurdistan. Since 2007 to 2011 this team conducted 146 surgeries in Kurdistan and 64 surgeries in Italy, examined 964 patients and trained 38 local medical staff.

In this mission (52) patient children affiliated with Paediatric Surgical and Urological Diseases have been operated in Heevie pediatric hospital in Duhok, those children have been chosen by Italian doctors previously among the statistics that collected since 2005 by Heevie Organization and Directorate General of Health-Duhok. This large number of patients had been examined by the Italian team and local doctors who were trained in Italy, also (212) patients were been examined in this mission,(26)patients has been chosen for treatment in Italy and (31) local medical Staff trained on the job.



Italian Medical Paediatric Surgical Diseases in Duhok Nov.2012

Worth to mention that all the visiting Italian medical delegations since 2006 by Heevie are volunteers and provide free health care and treatment services to the local patients who are receiving such services in both Kurdistan and Italy. On the last day, the Director-General of health Dr.Nezar Esmat distributed certificate and appreciation letters for the Italian team.

16-Manatena and Heevie Delegation visited Kurdistan Region Government Prime Minister H.E Nechirvan Barzani



Manatena and Heevie Delegation meeting Kurdistan Region Government Prime Minister H.E Nechirvan Barzani

On 27th November 2012 Manatena delegation composed of Dr. Ilja Gardi, Dr. Cianluca Oricchio and Sardar Ali Aziz besides Heevie Manager Miss Bakhshan Ali Aziz and Vaheil Amedi were received by H.E Nechirvan Barzani Prime Minister of Kurdistan Region Government with presence of Dr. Ali Sindi, Minister of Planning and Mr. Falah Mustafa Head of Foreign Relations Department in Kurdistan Region Government.

H.E Nechirvan Barzani warmly welcomed the visitors and reminded them with last time they met which back in 2006. Dr. Ilja Gardi thanked the Prime Minister and started illustrating the massive and enormous work that had been conducted in Kurdistan Region since 2006 and in coordination with Heevie and made it clear the work that had been done and the mission started in Kurdistan Region should be finalized through some specific mechanism and actions. Dr. Ilja Gardi presented to Prime Minister some statistics about the number of new born in the region, mortality rates of infants and mothers, congenital diseases rates and the necessity of planning to handle such cases and treat them.

Excellency of Prime Minister thanked the efforts of Heevie, Manatena Onlus and the rest of Italian NGOs and stressed on the necessity of continuing spending efforts to help patient children in Kurdistan Region at the same time stressed on the coordination with governmental institutions. He expressed the readiness of Kurdistan Region Government to spend the necessary efforts and overcome the obstacles that face treatment of pediatric in coordination with Italian NGOs, benefiting from their experience to develop the health sector in the region and training the local medical staff.