



Heevie Health NGO

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Heevie Monthly Report February 2026



Total Number of Direct Beneficiaries: 3,322 individuals

1. Projects and Activities

1. Project: Treating Patients and Training Local Medical Staff (in cooperation with Italian organizations)

Heevie continues to strengthen its partnership with leading Italian hospitals and medical institutions to ensure specialized treatment for patients and ongoing professional development for local healthcare staff.

- **1 patients with congenital heart disease traveled for cardiac surgery at San Donato Hospital in Milan.**
- **1 hematology patient continues to receive advanced treatment at IRCCS Burlo Garofolo Hospital in Trieste, Italy.**
- **10 patients underwent surgical operations during medical mission conducted in the Kurdistan Region.**
- **3 Doctors Participate training at San Donato Hospital in Milan.**

2. Project: Registering and Examining Children with Congenital Heart Diseases

During this reporting period, a total of **32** children were examined and registered as part of Heevie ongoing program for early detection and referral of congenital heart disease cases.

3. Project: Physiotherapy and Medical Rehabilitation Services for People with Special Needs

Heevie provided **1,689** physiotherapy sessions, supporting individuals with disabilities and those requiring rehabilitation therapy to improve mobility and daily functioning.

4. Project: Heevie Center For Sports Activities, Physiotherapy And Medical Rehabilitation For Yazidi IDP Women And Children – Shariya Camp, Duhok Governorate

Heevie provided **1,596** Sports Activities, Physiotherapy And Medical Rehabilitation aimed at enhancing both the physical and mental well-being of Yazidi women and children residing in Shariya Camp.

5. Establishment of the Galavezh Center for Pediatric Hemato-Oncological Diseases – Duhok Governorate

Heevie continues the establishment of this specialized medical center, which aims to provide diagnostic, treatment, and follow-up care services for children suffering from hematological and oncological diseases.

6. Heevie Medicines Supply Support Project for IDP Camps and Public Health Facilities – Duhok Governorate



Introduction – February

During February, Heevie Organization continued its humanitarian and medical mission to support vulnerable populations in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq through life-saving medical care, rehabilitation services. A key focus of the month was the treatment of children with congenital heart diseases and incurable illnesses, implemented in close cooperation with specialized Italian hospitals and medical partners in Italy.

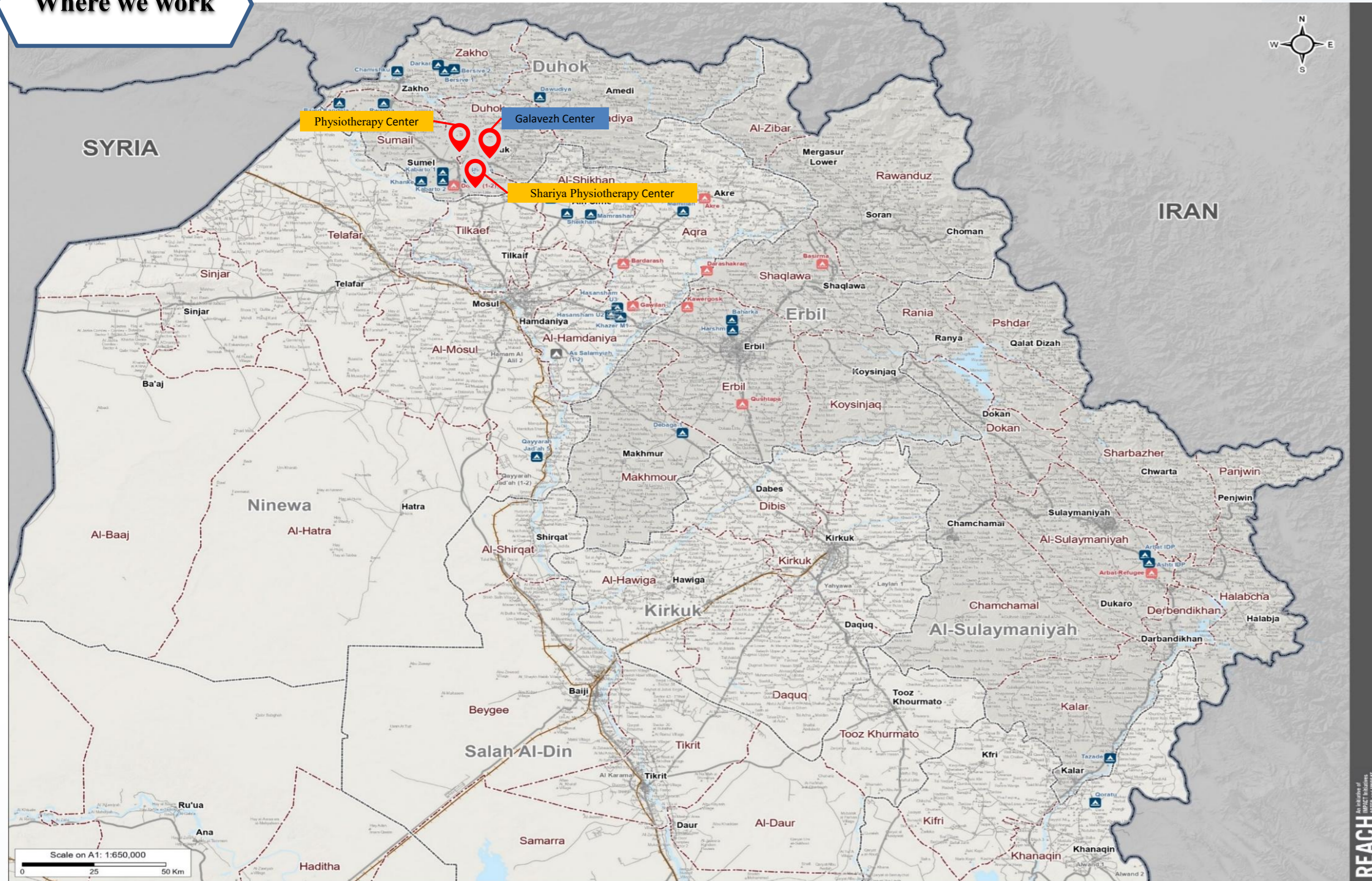
In parallel, Heevie sustained its physiotherapy and medical rehabilitation services through its two specialized centers, providing essential support to people with disabilities, individuals with special needs, and Yazidi women and children in IDP camps. These services aimed to improve physical mobility, functional independence, and overall mental well-being.

Heevie also continued to provide primary health care services in several IDP camps in Duhok Governorate, delivering medical consultations, maternal and child health services to displaced families. However, January marked the final month of Heevie’s direct support to IDP camps, following the cessation of funding from international organizations—bringing to a close more than a decade of continuous assistance since 2014.

Despite these challenges, Heevie remained committed to maintaining high-quality medical services and advancing long-term healthcare solutions, including the ongoing establishment of the Galavezh Center for Pediatric Hemato-Oncological Diseases in Duhok.

Total Number of Direct Beneficiaries during February: 3,322 individuals

Where we work



Human resources and staff

Total: 31

17 Male

14 Female

• 10 Administration and management staff

• 1 Engineer

• 3 Doctors

• 7 Physiotherapist

• 10 Service Staff

Heevie Cooperation

In order to give the children a chance to have a normal life and to ensuring that children in Kurdistan receive the essential medical treatment they need, Heevie in a collaboration with **Associazione Iniziative di Solidarietà ODV** and various humanitarian agencies and hospitals in Italy, has become a vital lifeline for many young patients, granting them access to specialized medical care that may be unavailable in their home region.

The objective of this collaboration not only to provide immediate medical assistance to children in need but also to equip local healthcare staff with the necessary training and expertise. By collaborating with expert teams from Italy, local medical professionals can enhance their skills, leading to improved healthcare outcomes in the long term.

In year 2026, Heevie continued to cooperate with the following organizations:

- **Cuore Fratello – ETS :**

Heevie and Cuore Fratello – ETS with SIA Join Forces to Provide Life-Saving Heart Care for Children in Kurdistan For children suffering congenital heart disease in Kurdistan, Since 2006, Cuore Fratello – ETS, in partnership with Heevie, has been working tirelessly to provide crucial medical care.

Cuore Fratello – ETS is a foundation that embraces the cause of the right to health of the weakest, and is committed to concretely guaranteeing this right first of all to children, with particular attention to those with heart disease in developing countries Partnering with the renowned San Donato Hospital in Milan, they established a program that brings children to Italy to undergo life-saving operations.

The impact of this partnership has been profound. From 2006 to 2025, a remarkable **103** patients with congenital heart disease have been treated at San Donato Hospital thanks to Cuore Fratello – ETS. This year, the commitment remains unwavering. Cuore Fratello and Heevie are continuing their vital work, **selecting 10 children** with congenital heart diseases for treatment in Italy. These young patients will receive advanced medical attention aimed at improving their health outcomes and offering them a brighter future free from the constraints of their condition.

- **IRCCS Istituto Giannina Gaslini :**

This vital project is part of Heevie's ongoing commitment to enhance pediatric cardiac care by providing specialized medical services to children who often face limited access to advanced heart surgeries. CHD is a significant health challenge worldwide, and access to timely and appropriate surgical intervention can dramatically improve the health and overall quality of life for affected children.

The cooperation agreement signed in 2024 for a period of two years between Heevie, with IRCCS Istituto Giannina Gaslini, and SIA to organized two a special medical missions in year to bring life-saving surgeries to children suffering from congenital heart diseases (CHD) in the Kurdistan Region.

The success of this mission hinges on strong collaboration. Heevie, working alongside its Italian partners, has joined forces with the Kurdistan Region's Ministry of Health and the General Directorate of Health in Duhok. This collaborative effort ensures the seamless organization and execution of the medical mission, allowing for the identification and treatment of children in need.

It's worth to mention that a successfully two mission was carried out in 2025.

- **Bambini Cardiopatici nel Mondo Association :**

The Enduring Partnership Between Heevie and Bambini Cardiopatici nel Mondo extend for over a decade, beginning in 2008, (in addition to the participation of other organizations) many missions have been accomplished in Kurdistan and many congenital heart diseases children's have been treated at the San donato Hospital in Milan

Beyond providing immediate medical care, the partnership has recognized the critical importance of sustainable solutions.

A significant component of their work involves a comprehensive program dedicated to training local medical staff, both in Italy and Kurdistan. This investment in the future ensures that the region gains the expertise and resources necessary to continue providing high-quality cardiac care for generations to come.

The success of this enduring collaboration is a Shared Vision Between Heevie and Bambini Cardiopatici nel Mondo share a fundamental belief in the right of every child to access quality healthcare, regardless of their location or socioeconomic background.

Heevie Cooperation

▪ IRCCS Burlo Garofolo, Trieste:

In collaboration aimed at improving the lives of children with complex medical needs, IRCCS Burlo Garofolo, a leading children's hospital, is partnering with Heevie and SIA to provide specialized healthcare services to children in Iraqi Kurdistan. This cooperation began with the signing of an agreement in 2024 for a period of two years, In addition to training program for doctors and medical staff by accompany the patients in this treatment process in Italy and as a result, two sick children were sent to undergo a bone marrow transplant operation.

IRCCS Burlo Garofolo is committing to providing specialized services designed to treat complex clinical cases that are often beyond the scope of treatment available in Iraqi Kurdistan. This collaboration encompasses a wide array of medical specialties, bringing expertise and resources to areas where they are critically needed.

The breadth of the collaboration is impressive, covering crucial areas like:

- Bone marrow transplants: Offering renewed chances at recovery for children with blood diseases.
- Oncology: Providing advanced treatment for pediatric cancers.
- Neuropsychiatry: Addressing neurological and psychiatric conditions in children.
- Rare diseases: Bringing expertise to diagnose and manage rare pediatric conditions.
- Allergology: Diagnosing and treating allergies and related conditions.
- Orthopedics: Providing specialized orthopedic care for children with musculoskeletal issues.
- Functional rehabilitation: Helping children regain function and independence after illness or injury.
- Metabolic pathologies: Addressing metabolic disorders affecting children.
- Pediatric surgery: Offering advanced surgical interventions for various pediatric conditions.
- Neonatology: Providing specialized care for newborns, particularly those with complex medical needs.

This year, **Four** children experiencing severe hearing loss have been selected to receive life-changing cochlear implant surgery. This surgery promises to restore their hearing by directly stimulating the auditory nerve. Following the procedure, these children will embark on a comprehensive rehabilitation program, including speech therapy and auditory training, to help them effectively adapt to their newfound hearing abilities.

Furthermore, two patients have been nominated to receive bone marrow transplants, offering them a significant chance at recovery and improved well-being.

▪ Cooperation with the Chinese Consulate

Heevie Organization collaborated with the Chinese Consulate to support the **Heevie Center for Sports Activities and Physical Rehabilitation for Yazidi IDP Women and Children – Shariya Camp, Duhok Governorate.**

1. Project: Treating Patients and Training the Local Medical staff in cooperation with Italian organizations

Since its inception in **2005**, **Heevie Organization** has adopted a comprehensive approach to healthcare, combining the treatment of diverse medical conditions—particularly childhood diseases, including complex cases such as **congenital heart disease (CHD)**, **onco-hematological diseases** (leukemia and thalassemia), **pediatric surgical conditions**, **ear, nose, and throat (ENT) disorders**, and **urological diseases**—with the strategic training of local medical personnel. This multifaceted initiative reflects Heevie’s strong and sustained commitment to strengthening healthcare infrastructure across the region.

The initiative has been implemented in close collaboration with several highly respected Italian medical and humanitarian organizations. Through these efforts, **(507) patients** received advanced medical treatment in Italy, while **(876) patients** underwent surgical operations performed by highly qualified Italian medical teams in the **Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI)**. Equally important has been Heevie’s emphasis on capacity building. A total of **(96) doctors** were trained in Italy, acquiring advanced skills and practical experience to be applied within their professional practice upon return. Additionally, **(926) local doctors and medical personnel** benefited from continuous on-the-job training provided by Italian medical teams in Kurdistan, ensuring the immediate application of newly acquired skills and contributing to sustainable improvements in healthcare service delivery throughout the region.

Congenital heart disease represents a significant global health challenge, affecting countless children worldwide. In Iraq, the need for specialized cardiac treatment is particularly acute. The **Heevie CHD Program** addresses this critical issue by facilitating regular medical missions carried out by expert Italian cardiac teams. These specialists not only perform surgical and interventional procedures but also transfer knowledge and expertise to local medical facilities, empowering Iraqi healthcare providers through hands-on training and professional mentorship.

The program adopts an integrated treatment approach. In addition to providing direct surgical interventions during field visits, Heevie coordinates the transfer of complex cases to specialized hospitals in Italy for advanced care. This dual approach ensures that children from various Iraqi governorates receive timely, appropriate, and individualized treatment.

The Heevie CHD Program has been continuously implemented since 2005. Over the past **nineteen years**, a total of **11,268 CHD patients** have been recorded in the Heevie database. During this period, the number of surgical operations performed by Italian medical teams for congenital heart anomalies in the Kurdistan Region is **(556)**, while the number of children transferred to Italy to receive treatment and surgical interventions reached **(321) operations**.

- In this month, **(1) patient with congenital heart disease** were referred to Italy and for cardiac surgery at **San Donato Hospital in Milan**, **(1) hematology patient** continues to receive advanced treatment at **IRCCS Burlo Garofolo Hospital in Trieste, Italy** and **(10) CHD patients** underwent surgical operations during medical mission conducted in the **Kurdistan Region**.





Mission

2026 First Italian Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Mission from IRCCS Istituto Giannina Gaslini, Genoa, in Duhok Governorate (7–15 February): A Life-Saving Initiative



Heevie Organization continues the implementation of the **Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Program** in close cooperation with its Italian medical partners, the **Ministry of Health**, and the **General Directorate of Health in Duhok Governorate**, with the generous support of His Excellency **Mr. Nechirvan Barzani, President of the Kurdistan Region**.

In line with its long-standing humanitarian mandate to support children affected by **congenital heart diseases (CHD)**, Heevie Organization remains committed to delivering specialized pediatric cardiac care. This vital program has been actively implemented since **2005**, contributing significantly to saving children's lives and strengthening the regional healthcare system.

Within this framework, an **Italian medical team specialized in pediatric cardiac surgery** from **IRCCS Istituto Giannina Gaslini, Genoa**, has arrived in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq to provide advanced cardiac care for children with CHD. This humanitarian mission represents a continuation of Heevie Organization's sustained efforts to enhance access to specialized healthcare through international medical cooperation.

The mission is implemented under a **formal cooperation agreement** between **Heevie Organization, Associazione Iniziative di Solidarietà ODV (SIA), IRCCS Istituto Giannina Gaslini**, and the **General Directorate of Health in Duhok Governorate**. All medical activities are being carried out at the **Azadi Cardiac Center in Duhok**.

The visiting Italian team consists of **six highly specialized professionals** in pediatric cardiac surgery and interventional hemodynamics. The mission will span **eight days**, during which the team will deliver both surgical interventions and advanced diagnostic services.



Outcome of the Mission

- Performed **10 pediatric cardiac surgical interventions** for children with complex congenital heart conditions.
- Examined **24** pediatric patients, assess their medical conditions, and register eligible cases on the waiting list for future surgical missions.
- Identified children with particularly complex cardiac conditions who required referral to Italy for advanced treatment when clinically indicated.
- Provided **hands-on training and capacity building** to **30** local medical staff through direct collaboration, contributing to the strengthening of local technical capacities in pediatric cardiac surgery.

This mission forms part of Heevie Organization's comprehensive healthcare strategy, which integrates **direct medical service delivery** with **structured capacity building** and continuous training of local healthcare professionals. Heevie's medical interventions have consistently focused on complex and life-threatening conditions, including congenital heart diseases, onco-hematological disorders (leukemia and thalassemia), pediatric surgical conditions, ENT disorders, and urological diseases.

The members of the medical team

#	Names	Profession	Gender
1	FRANCESCO SANTORO	HEART SURGEON	M
2	ELENA RIBERA	HEART SURGEON	F
3	RICCARDO MOSCHETTI	ICU Doctor	M
4	GIADA BOGGI	OR Nurse	F
5	HASAN ISMAIL MAHMOUD EMAR	ANESTHESIST	M
6	AHMAD HASAN MOHAMMAD AJAYEB	ICU NURSE	M



First Case of Operation

Name : Iqbal Barakat Qinni

Diagnosis : Large ASD with Short rims and nasty aneurysmal membrane

D.o.B : 9.9.2013

Gender : Female

Adress : Duhok - Essian Camp

Weight : 33 Kg

Height : 146 cm



پروگرام ههڤی یو چارساترکنا زاروکن توښووبین نهخوشین دلی بین زکماکی
 ل دویف ریکهفتنا ههڤاری د ناڅیرا :

- ریکخراوا ههڤی - دوهوک
- ریکخراوا SIA - سینا
- پهمانگهها چیتینا گزلیتی I.R.C.C.S - جنهوا
- ریڤهیریا گشتی یا ساخلمهیا پاریزگهها دوهوک - 2026

نهنکی تهنهصت ب نشترگهرا دلی بین زاروکن زپهمانگهها چیتینا گزلیتی I.R.C.C.S - جنهوا
 ل ساختر دلی ل نهخوشخانا نازادی نشترگهیریا نهنجام دن
 ز 15-07 ای شویات 2026

Programma Heevie per il Trattamento dei Bambini con Cardiopatie Congenite
 In base all'Accordo di Cooperazione tra:

- Heevie Organization - Duhok
- Associazione Iniziative di Solidarietà OdV (SIA) - Siena
- I.R.C.C.S. Istituto Giannina Gaslini - Genova
- Direzione Generale della Sanità di Duhok - 2026.

Un team specializzato di cardiocirurgia pediatrica dell'I.R.C.C.S. Istituto Giannina Gaslini - Genova effettuerà interventi chirurgici presso l'Azadi Cardiac Center.
 Periodo di svolgimento: dal 7 al 15 febbraio 2026

Heevie Program for the Treatment of Children with Congenital Heart Diseases
 According to the Cooperation Agreement between:

- Heevie Organization - Duhok
- Associazione Iniziative di Solidarietà OdV (SIA) - Siena
- I.R.C.C.S. Giannina Gaslini Institute - Genoa
- General Directorate of Health, Duhok - 2026.

A specialized pediatric cardiac surgery team from the I.R.C.C.S. Giannina Gaslini Institute - Genoa will conduct surgical procedures at the Azadi Cardiac Center.
 Implementation Period: February 7-15, 2026

Website: www.heevie.org
 Facebook: Heevie Organization
 Instagram: HeevieOrganization
 X: Heevie



Day Two : 8 February 2026

Second Case Of Operation

Name : Khawla Khafar Yousif

**Diagnosis : Large ASD with volume overload
and short rims**

D.o.B : 20.12.2022

Gender : Female

Address : Duhok _Qasrok

Weight : 13 Kg

Height : 91 cm



Day Three : 9 February 2026

First Case of Operation

Name : Khalaf Karim Khudida

**Diagnosis : Subaortic VSD, Subaortic ridge,
RVOTO**

D.o.B : 8.2.2021

Gender : Male

Address : Duhok-Shariya

Weight : 21 kg

Height : 104 cm



Day Three : 9 February 2026

Second Case Of Operation

Name : Sangar Rebar Hameed

**Diagnosis : Restrictive Subaortic VSD + Sever
infandibular stenosis (DCRV)**

D.o.B : 1.3.2016

Gender : Male

Address : Duhok_Zakho

Weight : 34 kg

Height : 130 cm





K24 TV produced a special feature highlighting the patient reception process prior to surgery. The report documented the patient's arrival at the center, hospital admission procedures, medical preparation, and the patient's dressing before being transferred to the operating room.

The feature also included footage from inside the operating room while an Italian medical team was performing the surgery, as well as scenes of patients in the recovery room following the operation.

Finally, the broadcaster conducted an exclusive interview with Dr. Mohammed to discuss the details of the medical care and services provided.

Day Four : 10 February 2026

First Case of Operation

Name : Sipan Walat Muhamed

Diagnosis : Tetralogy of Fallot

D.o.B : 27.8.2015

Gender : Male

Address : Duhok_Zakho

Weight : 22 kg

Height : 131 cm



Day Four : 10 February 2026

Second Case Of Operation

Name : Aydin Farhad Salih
Diagnosis : Tetralogy of Fallot
D.o.B : 9.09.2014
Gender : Male
Address : Duhok
Weight : 34.5 kg
Height : 142 cm



Rudaw TV Conducts Live Interview with the Italian Medical Team at Duhok Heart Center

Rudaw TV conducted a live interview from the Heart and Surgery Center in Duhok Governorate with the Italian medical team, featuring Dr. Riccardo Moschetti, an intensive care specialist and a member of the Italian medical mission.

During the interview, the Italian team outlined their work program and explained the procedures for organizing patient examinations and scheduling surgical operations at the Duhok Heart Center. The discussion also covered the stages of patient admission and the essential medical preparations required prior to surgical intervention.

Dr. Moschetti responded to the channel's questions regarding the nature of the medical interventions and healthcare services provided to children with heart conditions. He emphasized the importance of delivering treatment within the Kurdistan Region, noting its positive impact in reducing the burden on families and ensuring continuity of care.

He further highlighted that the Italian medical team works in close coordination with local healthcare staff, with a focus on transferring expertise and strengthening the capacities of doctors and medical personnel in the region. This collaboration contributes to the long-term development and sustainability of specialized cardiac services.

The interview was accompanied by on-site footage documenting the medical team's activities inside the center, along with interviews conducted with several patients and their families.



Duhok Health Directorate and Italian Medical Team Discuss Expansion of Pediatric Care Cooperation



Duhok – Within the framework of ongoing health cooperation between Heevie Organization and Italian medical partners, a coordination meeting was held in Duhok between the Head of the Italian Medical Team Dr. Francesco Santoro and the Director General of Health in Duhok Governorate Dr. Afrasiab Musa.

The meeting focused on strengthening joint efforts in the treatment of children with complex and congenital diseases, reviewing the progress of current medical missions. Both sides emphasized the importance of sustained collaboration to ensure access to advanced and life-saving healthcare services for children who cannot receive specialized treatment locally.

Discussions also highlighted the long-standing partnership between Heevie Organization and Italian medical institutions, which has enabled the referral of pediatric cases for advanced treatment abroad, as well as the organization of medical missions inside the Kurdistan Region. This cooperation reflects a shared commitment to humanitarian values and to supporting the local health system through expertise exchange and capacity building.

The Director General of Health in Duhok welcomed the Italian medical team and praised the role of Heevie Organization in facilitating this cooperation, noting its positive impact on improving healthcare outcomes for vulnerable children. In turn, the head of the Italian team reaffirmed the team's commitment to continuing medical support and professional collaboration with local institutions.

The meeting concluded with a mutual agreement to maintain close coordination during the current mission and to explore future opportunities for expanding medical cooperation and training programs in the Kurdistan Region.

Post Operation physiotherapy

The Importance of Physical Therapy After Heart Surgery for Children

Physical therapy (physiotherapy) plays a critical role in a child's recovery following heart surgery. While the surgical intervention corrects the underlying cardiac condition, structured rehabilitation ensures that the child regains strength, functional capacity, and confidence in a safe and gradual manner.

After heart surgery, children often experience shallow breathing due to post-operative pain, the effects of anesthesia, or fear of movement. Without appropriate intervention, this can increase the risk of respiratory complications. Early physiotherapy helps to:

Prevent lung infections and pneumonia

Improve oxygenation and lung expansion

Facilitate airway clearance

Teach safe and effective breathing exercises

Early respiratory physiotherapy is particularly essential during the first days following surgery.

1 Improves Breathing and Lung Function

Targeted breathing exercises and guided mobilization enhance lung capacity, improve oxygen levels, and reduce the risk of post-operative respiratory complications.

2 Restores Strength and Physical Activity

Surgery and hospitalization often lead to muscle weakness and reduced endurance. Structured physiotherapy programs help children gradually rebuild strength, improve mobility, and safely return to normal daily activities.

3 Prevents Post-Surgical Complications

Early mobilization and therapeutic exercises reduce the risk of complications such as blood clots, chest stiffness, poor posture, and delayed functional recovery.

4 Supports Emotional and Psychological Recovery

Physical rehabilitation also contributes to emotional well-being. Gentle, child-friendly exercises help reduce anxiety, rebuild confidence, and support a positive recovery experience.

5 Educates Families for Safe Home Care

Physiotherapists provide guidance to parents on safe movement, activity progression, and monitoring warning signs, ensuring continuity of care after hospital discharge.

Mr. Alan Idrees Ahmed, a physiotherapist at the Heevie Physiotherapy Center, actively participated in the project activities. He previously received hands-on training alongside the visiting Italian medical team in Duhok and later completed specialized training in post-operative pediatric physiotherapy in Italy. This advanced training significantly strengthened his professional capacity to deliver specialized rehabilitation services for children following cardiac and other surgical procedures.

It is worth noting that the Heevie Physiotherapy Center has been providing comprehensive rehabilitation services for various medical conditions since 2019. Many pediatric heart surgery patients are referred to the center for post-operative physiotherapy, particularly in cases where hospital-based rehabilitation is limited or insufficient. This ensures continuity of care and supports optimal recovery outcomes for children.



Day Five : 11 February 2026

Second Case Of Operation
Name : Saad Bilal Mustafa
Diagnosis : Tetralogy of Fallot
D.o.B : 29.3.2022
Gender : Male
Address : Duhok-Barderesh
Weight : 16 kg
Height : 102 cm



Post Operation physiotherapy

During this surgical mission, physiotherapy services were officially initiated alongside the ongoing cardiac operations. The integration of physiotherapy into the treatment plan marked an essential step in ensuring comprehensive post-operative care for children undergoing heart surgery.



Rudaw TV Covers Fifth Day of Italian Medical Mission in Duhok

On the fifth day of the mission, Rudaw TV conducted a series of interviews with Dr. Afrasiab Musa, Director General of Health in Duhok, representatives of Heevie Organization, and Dr. Sardar Ghazi. The Director General spoke about the agreements established between Heevie Organization and the Italian NGO “SIA,” as well as with several hospitals in Italy, aimed at treating sick children—not only those with heart conditions, but also children suffering from complex and long-standing incurable diseases.

He also highlighted the importance of mutual training programs for medical staff, both in the Kurdistan Region and in Italy. These initiatives contribute to strengthening professional capacities, enhancing medical expertise, and ensuring the sustainable development of specialized healthcare services in the region.

Dr. Sardar spoke about the surgical cases performed during the mission and outlined the patient selection process, emphasizing the key role of the local physician as well as the close coordination and collaboration with the Italian medical team. Dr. Francesco Santoro also provided an overview of the team’s program during their time at the Heart Center and explained the criteria used in selecting cases for surgery.

The day’s activities concluded with an interview featuring a patient who had undergone heart surgery one year earlier. In addition, a video report was presented documenting the patient’s preoperative preparation, postoperative recovery, and transfer to the intensive care unit, highlighting the comprehensive care provided throughout the treatment process.



Day Six : 12 February 2026

First Case Of Operation

Name : Aven Farhan Kli
Diagnosis : ASD SV, RPVAR
D.o.B : 21.4.2016
Gender : Female
Address : Duhok-Khanke Camp
Weight : 30 kg
Height : 135 cm



Day Six : 12 February 2026

Second Case of Operation

Name : Tabarak Hajar Salih

Diagnosis : ASD

D.o.B : 26.9.2022

Gender : Female

Address : Duhok-Semel

Weight : 11.8 kg

Height : 93 cm





On the final day of the medical mission, Ms. Bakhshan Ali, Executive Director of Heevie Organization, conducted a field visit to the hospitalized patients who had undergone surgical and medical interventions during the mission. The visit aimed to closely monitor their recovery progress, assess post-operative conditions, and ensure that all aspects of care were proceeding smoothly.

During her visit, Dr. Santoro confirmed that all patients were in stable and good health condition. He further noted that several patients are expected to be discharged very soon, following the completion of routine post-operative monitoring and the necessary medical evaluations.

Ms. Bakhshan Ali also met with members of both the Italian and local medical teams to review the overall implementation of the mission and discuss preparations for the upcoming medical mission, scheduled to arrive in the near future as part of the ongoing international medical cooperation program.

During the meeting, she invited the medical staff to share feedback on any operational, technical, or logistical challenges encountered throughout this mission. The objective was to identify areas for improvement, avoid similar challenges in future missions, strengthen coordination, enhance efficiency, and further improve the quality of healthcare services provided to patients.

As part of the media coverage accompanying the medical mission, the Media Department of the Duhok Public Health Directorate conducted an interview with Dr. Alaa Salem Bahgat, Director of Azadi Heart Center.

During the interview, Dr. Alaa highlighted the importance of the ongoing medical cooperation between the Italian cardiac team and the local healthcare staff. He emphasized the positive impact of the mission on strengthening local capacities, enhancing surgical skills, and providing advanced cardiac interventions to patients who would otherwise face significant financial and logistical barriers to treatment abroad.

Dr. Alaa also praised the effective coordination between Azadi Heart Center, Heevie Organization, and the visiting Italian medical team, noting that such partnerships contribute to improving the quality of specialized cardiac services in Duhok. He further underlined the role of these missions in transferring medical knowledge and fostering professional exchange between international and local specialists.

The interview concluded with a message of appreciation to all supporting institutions and medical teams, reaffirming the commitment to continuing this humanitarian and professional collaboration in future missions.



Post Operation physiotherapy



The physiotherapist resumed his work at the hospital, continuing to provide specialized physical therapy services to patients as part of their post-operative recovery. Since the beginning of his assignment, he has been closely supporting patients to ensure a smooth and safe rehabilitation process. In accordance with the doctors' recommendations, any child who requires continued physical therapy after discharge will be referred to the Heevie Physiotherapy Center to complete their treatment and follow-up care.

The Seventh and Final Day of the Mission : 13 February 2026

On the seventh and final day of the mission, the Italian medical team continued their intensive clinical activities at the hospital, ensuring that all medical responsibilities were completed before concluding their visit. The team conducted final patient consultations, carefully reviewed medical records and diagnostic results, and assessed newly referred cases for potential future intervention.

In addition, coordination meetings were held with local medical staff to discuss treatment plans, post-operative management, and detailed follow-up protocols, reinforcing alignment and ensuring continuity of care after the team's departure.

The Italian specialists thoroughly reviewed the medical records of all admitted patients and conducted comprehensive examinations of the ten children who had undergone surgery during the mission. All ten patients were reported to be in good and stable condition. Following these examinations, the team documented clear medical recommendations and post-operative care guidelines for the local medical staff to implement in the coming weeks.

The final day reflected the team's unwavering commitment to high-quality patient care, strong professional collaboration, and a compassionate approach throughout the mission. Their dedication ensured not only successful surgical outcomes but also a structured, safe, and sustainable follow-up plan in close coordination with local healthcare providers.

In addition, the team completed the distribution of gifts to the remaining children, bringing joy and comfort to the young patients and their families. This thoughtful gesture reflected the humanitarian spirit of the mission and the team's compassionate engagement beyond medical care.



Post Operation physiotherapy



At the conclusion of the medical mission, and following the successful completion of procedures for 10 patients, the role of the physical therapist remains essential throughout the patients' hospital stay. Post-operative physical therapy is a critical component of recovery, supporting improved mobility, respiratory function, and overall rehabilitation outcomes.

The assigned physical therapist has resumed his duties at the hospital, ensuring that all patients receive the necessary rehabilitative care from the early stages of recovery.

Furthermore, any child requiring continued physical therapy after discharge will be referred to the Heevie Physical Therapy Center in Tanahi to complete their treatment and receive regular follow-up care.

This coordinated approach ensures continuity of care and supports each child's full recovery beyond hospitalization.

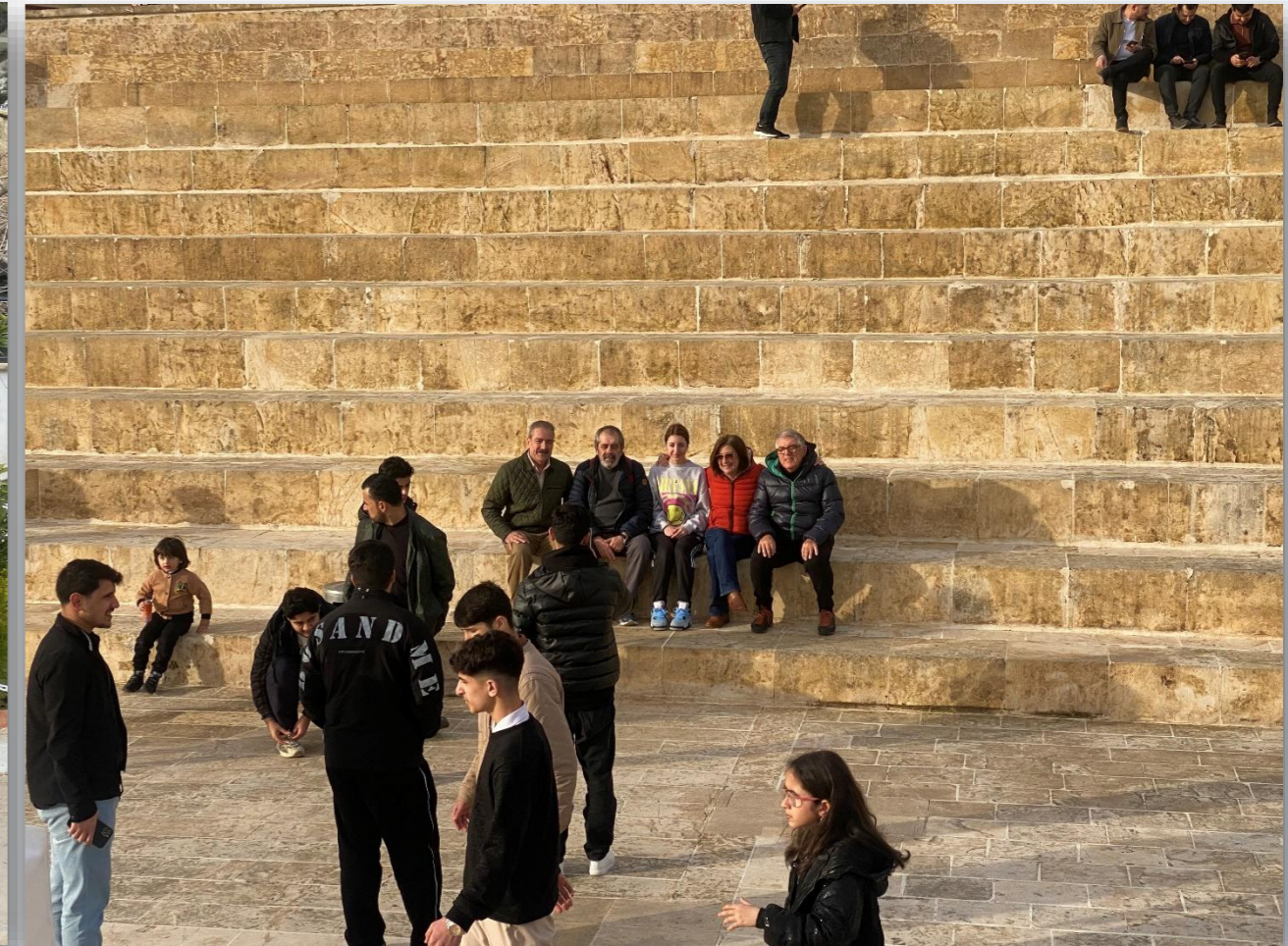
Conclusion of the Italian Medical Mission and Courtesy Visit to Heevie Organization

At the conclusion of the medical mission, the Italian medical team paid a courtesy visit to the headquarters of Heevie Organization, where they were warmly welcomed by Ms. Bakshan Ali, Executive Director of the organization.

During the meeting, both sides reviewed the mission's key achievements, emphasizing the large number of patients treated, the successful surgical interventions performed, and the valuable exchange of medical knowledge and expertise between the Italian and local healthcare teams. The date for the next mission was also confirmed.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Italian team expressed their sincere appreciation to Ms. Bakshan Ali and the entire Heevie Organization team for their outstanding coordination, logistical support, and continuous assistance throughout the mission.

Before departing for Erbil, the team visited the city of Zakho for a brief sightseeing tour. They expressed their delight with the visit, and several families who had recognized them from television approached to convey their heartfelt gratitude for the team's medical efforts in saving and improving the lives of children.



List of Ten Children Who Have Undergone Surgery During Mission



Participation of Duhok DoH Doctors in “Advanced Medical Training: The Aesculapius Project” – Italy



Duhok Cardiac Doctors Complete Advanced Aesculapius Training in Italy

As part of Heevie Organization’s commitment to strengthening healthcare capacity in the Kurdistan Region, and in coordination with the Duhok Directorate of Health, three doctors from Azadi Teaching Hospital / Azadi Heart Center — **Dr. Aras Ahmad Sayib, Dr. Hasan Haval Haji, and Dr. Jasim Mohammed Ibrahim** — successfully completed the prestigious “Advanced Medical Training: The Aesculapius Project” in Italy.

The program was held from **02–06 February 2026** at the Training Centre of IRCCS Policlinico San Donato under the supervision of **Prof. Alessandro Frigiola**. Designed for young cardiac surgeons and interventional cardiologists from developing and emerging countries, the course combined advanced theoretical instruction with intensive practical training.

Program Highlights

- ✓ Advanced training in **cardiac surgery and interventional cardiology**
- ✓ Hands-on practice using **3D-printed heart models**
- ✓ Simulation-based training with **pediatric echocardiography simulators**
- ✓ International supervision by leading European cardiac specialists
- ✓ Participation of doctors from developing and emerging countries

A key feature of the program was the use of high-fidelity simulation tools, allowing participants to safely perform complex surgical and interventional procedures in a realistic and controlled environment. This innovative approach accelerates skill development and enhances clinical precision.

Upon successful completion, the three doctors gained valuable expertise that is expected to directly strengthen specialized cardiac services and improve patient care at the Azadi Heart Center.

This achievement reflects the strong partnership between Heevie Organization, the Duhok Directorate of Health, and international collaborators including European Heart for Children and GKSD Healthcare Group.

Building on this success, additional specialized training initiatives are planned to further enhance cardiac care services and address the growing need for qualified specialists in the region.

2. Project: Registering and examining the Children with Congenital Heart Diseases

Since 2001, Heevie Organization has been dedicated to documenting and providing comprehensive support to individuals with congenital heart defects across the Kurdistan Region. Heevie conducted the first survey of children with congenital heart diseases, establishing an integrated database that remains a cornerstone of the organization's long-term medical assistance program.

This extensive database includes detailed information on more than 11,500 patients, covering their medical history, treatment received, and treatment outcomes. The data serve as a vital tool for coordinating care, research, and medical referrals.

Heevie works in close collaboration with cardiac centers across the Kurdistan Region, ensuring that patients are regularly referred for assessment, evaluation, and necessary medical interventions. This coordination has significantly improved timely access to specialized care for children suffering from congenital heart defects.

The documentation and support program has had a profound impact on patients' lives by:

- Facilitating early detection and treatment, thereby improving health outcomes.
- Enhancing living conditions through access to continuous medical care.
- Increasing the chances of life-saving interventions via partnerships with specialized national and international cardiac centers.

Despite remarkable progress, Heevie acknowledges the tragic loss of 1,682 patients due to the lack of available treatment opportunities. This underscores the ongoing challenge of ensuring equitable access to healthcare for all patients in need.

Through continuous efforts, Heevie remains steadfast in its commitment to supporting this vulnerable population, advancing medical documentation, and advocating for universal access to specialized healthcare services for children with congenital heart diseases.



During this month, Heevie Examined and registered (32) cases of children with congenital heart disease. The project is being implemented in collaboration with the Directorates of Health in various governorates and SIA Italian Organization.

3. Project: Heevie center for Physiotherapy and Medical Rehabilitation/ Semel district - Duhok Governorate



The **Heevie Rehabilitation Center** was established with support from the **World Health Organization** in November 2019 and operated through March 2022, after which Heevie continued to support the center, extending its commitment beyond financial aid. Recognizing the importance of a holistic approach to health, the organization also provides essential equipment, including sports gear, to enhance rehabilitation outcomes.

The center offers a comprehensive range of services aimed at improving **physical function, independence, and quality of life** for individuals with disabilities and special needs. With a specialized team of doctors, physiotherapists, nurses, and support staff, Heevie provides a holistic rehabilitation approach. Key services include:

- **Medical Consultation:** Expert guidance and diagnosis, including rheumatological and rehabilitation care.
- **Physical Rehabilitation Halls:** Advanced equipment and experienced therapists to improve mobility and recovery.
- **Massage & Laser Therapy:** Complementary treatments for pain management and tissue healing.
- **Supportive Devices:** Provision of wheelchairs, crutches, and other mobility aids.
- **Special Needs Support:** Tailored programs and assistive devices for individuals with visual impairments.
- **Administration & Management:** Ensuring efficient operations and quality service delivery.

Through these services, the center empowers individuals to overcome challenges, regain functional abilities, and lead more fulfilling lives. The dedicated staff fosters a supportive and welcoming environment, ensuring patients receive comprehensive care.

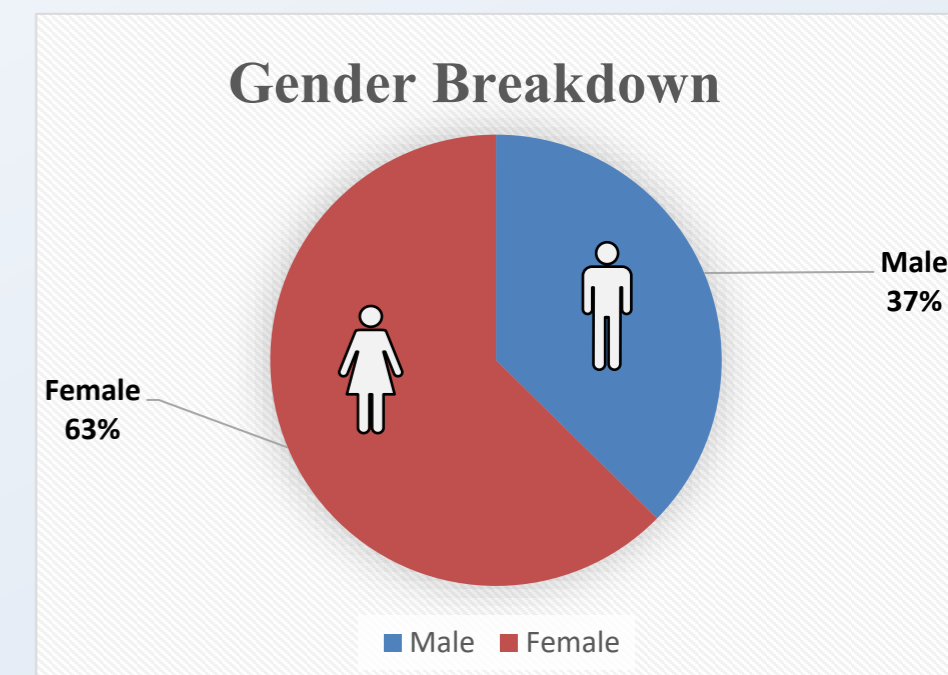
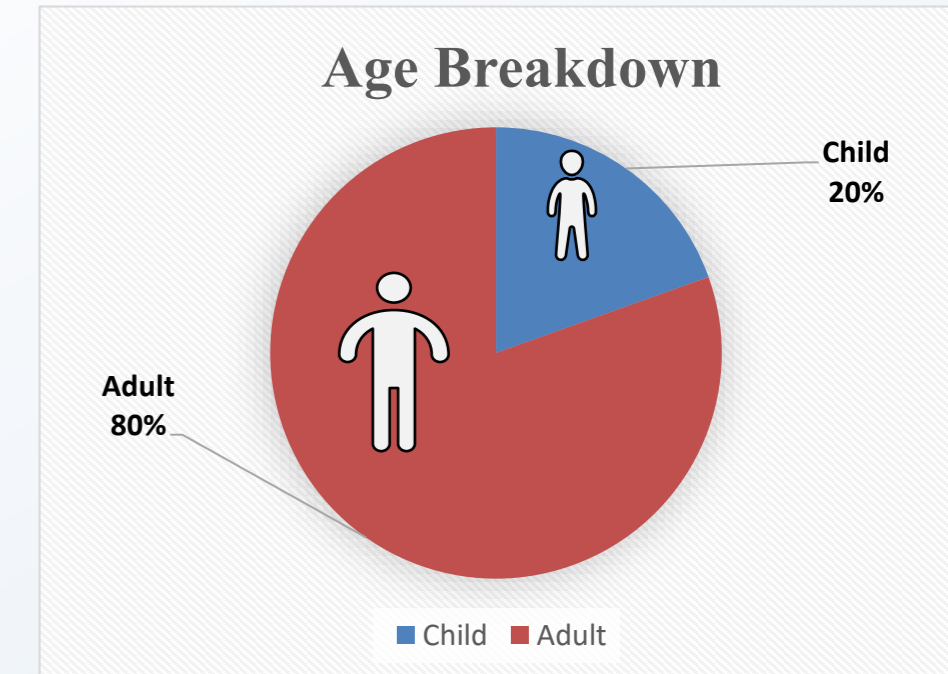
Physical Rehabilitation data and achievements

Total patients : 308

Total physiotherapy sessions : 1,689

Total medical examinations : 80

No.	Date of visit	Location	Sub district	District	Province	Total number of patients receiving physiotherapy	Female	Male	Adult	Child
1	2/1/2026	Heevie Center	Tanahi	Semel	Duhok	69	46	23	56	13
2	2/2/2026					80	46	34	63	17
3	2/3/2026					90	62	28	69	21
4	2/4/2026					49	28	21	39	10
5	2/5/2026					76	53	23	60	16
6	2/7/2026					66	32	34	47	19
7	2/8/2026					73	47	26	61	12
8	2/9/2026					65	40	25	54	11
9	2/10/2026					82	57	25	67	15
10	2/11/2026					41	25	16	32	9
11	2/12/2026					74	50	24	63	11
12	2/14/2026					72	39	33	54	18
13	2/15/2026					75	52	23	64	11
14	2/16/2026					66	38	28	52	14
15	2/17/2026					92	62	30	78	14
16	2/18/2026					48	27	21	36	12
17	2/19/2026					90	58	32	72	18
18	2/21/2026					62	36	26	50	12
19	2/22/2026					69	44	25	57	12
20	2/23/2026					71	44	27	57	14
21	2/24/2026					73	49	24	60	13
22	2/25/2026					56	33	23	43	13
23	2/26/2026					82	50	32	72	10
24	2/28/2026					68	40	28	53	15
Total						1,689	1,058	631	1,359	330





4. Heevie Center for Sports Activities and Physical Rehabilitation for Yazidi IDP Women and Children – Shariya Camp, Duhok Governorate

Heevie Organization, with the support of the Consulate General of China, implemented a project to establish a dedicated **Women's Health and Sports Center** in Shariya Camp. The center provides integrated **physiotherapy, fitness, and psychosocial wellness services** aimed at improving physical health, mobility, and overall well-being of **Yazidi women, girls, and children**.

The project delivers comprehensive rehabilitation and wellness support through a combination of **medical consultations, physiotherapy interventions, group exercise, and recreational and psychosocial activities**, with a particular focus on trauma-informed and inclusive approaches.

▪ **Medical Services**

Regular medical consultations with rheumatologists and joint specialists

Medical assessments and follow-up care coordinated with individualized physiotherapy treatment plans

▪ **Physiotherapy Services**

Assessment and treatment of musculoskeletal and post-injury conditions

Rehabilitation support for age-related mobility limitations and chronic pain

Physiotherapy services for children with developmental or congenital conditions

Training and guidance for caregivers to safely support family members with disabilities

▪ **Sports and Recreational Activities**

Women-only exercise sessions (yoga, stretching, aerobics)

Low-impact group fitness activities and walking clubs

Empowerment-focused physical activities supporting trauma recovery

Inclusive fitness programs for women and children with special needs

▪ **Psychosocial Support**

Relaxation and stress-management techniques

Art, music, and movement-based activities to promote emotional healing and social cohesion

February 2026 Outputs

1,596 women, girls, and children received structured rehabilitation, fitness, and psychosocial support sessions.



Heevie Center For Sports Activities, Physiotherapy And Medical Rehabilitation data and achievements

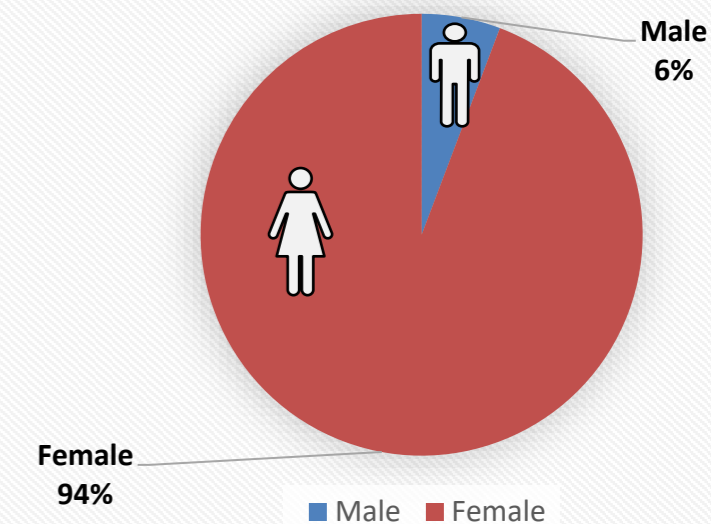
“The total number of daily participants in the center’s activities, including medical consultations, physical therapy sessions, and sports activities, is 1,596.”

Total Number of medical consultation : 257

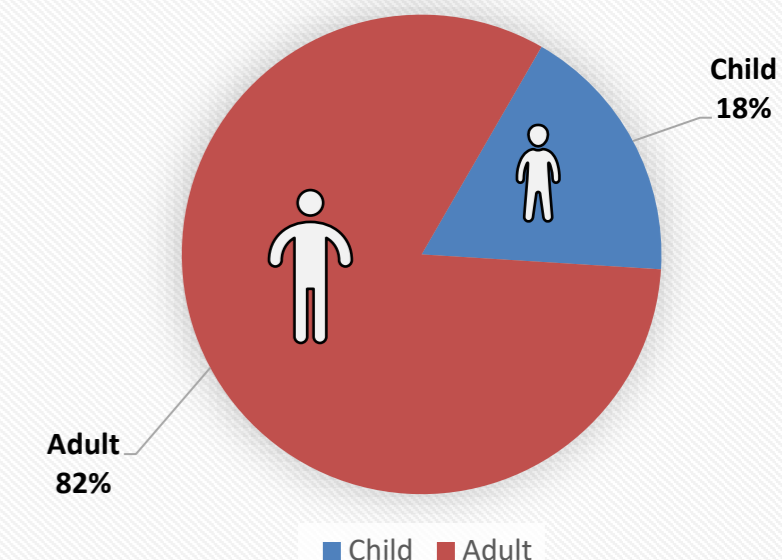
Total Number of sessions (Physical Therapy) : 637

Total number of daily participations in women’s sports activities: 702

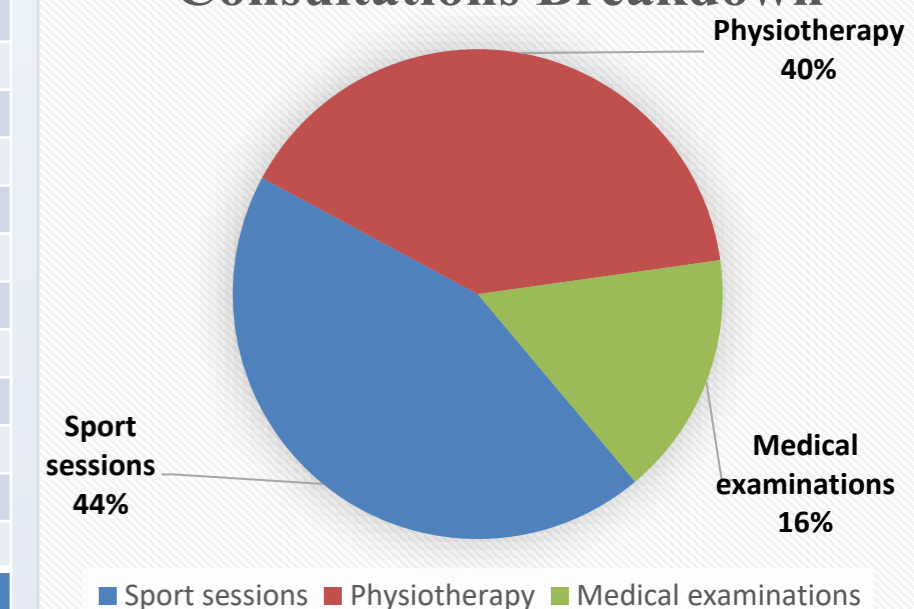
Gender Breakdown



Age Breakdown



Consultations Breakdown



No.	Date of visit	Location	Sub district	District	Province	Total number of Individuals receiving physiotherapy and Sports session	Female	Male	Adult	Child	Medical Consultation	Physiotherapy	Sports Activity
1	2/1/2026	Heevie Center For Sports Activities, Physiotherapy And Medical Rehabilitation	Shariya IDP camp	Semel	Duhok	66	63	3	54	12	19	23	24
2	2/2/2026					62	55	7	51	11	13	25	24
3	2/3/2026					54	51	3	39	15	0	26	28
4	2/4/2026					62	58	4	41	21	15	20	27
5	2/5/2026					56	55	1	43	13	0	26	30
6	2/7/2026					50	44	6	36	14	0	30	20
7	2/8/2026					45	43	2	35	10	0	25	20
8	2/9/2026					85	79	6	66	19	26	29	30
9	2/10/2026					44	42	2	35	9	0	22	22
10	2/11/2026					80	74	6	68	12	26	30	24
11	2/12/2026					48	44	4	38	10	0	23	25
12	2/14/2026					55	52	3	45	10	0	27	28
13	2/15/2026					79	75	4	67	12	24	24	31
14	2/16/2026					80	77	3	69	11	21	31	28
15	2/17/2026					52	50	2	45	7	0	28	24
16	2/18/2026					90	87	3	83	7	31	27	32
17	2/19/2026					52	49	3	45	7	0	26	26
18	2/21/2026					88	82	6	76	12	21	30	37
19	2/22/2026					65	62	3	51	14	0	25	40
20	2/23/2026					92	84	8	34	8	31	22	39
21	2/24/2026					81	78	3	69	12	0	38	43
22	2/25/2026					92	88	4	81	11	30	26	36
23	2/26/2026					58	55	3	50	8	0	29	29
24	2/28/2026					60	57	3	52	8	0	25	35
Total						1,596	1,504	92	1,273	273	257	637	702



5. Establishing Galavezh Center for Pediatrics Hemato-oncological Diseases in Duhok Governorate



Heevie Organization is establishing the Galavezh Specialized Center for Pediatric Hemato-Oncological Diseases in Duhok Governorate in response to high rates of pediatric hematological and oncological conditions. The center is located within Hevi Pediatric Teaching Hospital, the main secondary and tertiary pediatric facility in the governorate, and is implemented directly by Heevie's Engineering Department.

Designed in coordination with Italian partners (SIA Organization and Biomedical Technology Consulting Company), the facility integrates the special needs of children with blood and cancer disorders. Key features include isolation rooms for critical patients, inpatient wards, daily treatment units, a chemotherapy preparation unit, a medical procedures room, and a dedicated pharmacy.

Construction follows modern medical engineering standards with high-quality materials to ensure safety, hygiene, infection control, patient comfort, and optimized workflow. Consultative meetings with the Directorate of Health in Duhok and Hevi Teaching Hospital have aligned technical, medical, and administrative aspects of the project.

Once operational, Galavezh Center will provide specialized care for hundreds of pediatric oncology cases, over 1,000 patients with Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Anemia, and approximately 175 patients with factor deficiencies such as Hemophilia. The project is supported financially and technically by Heevie Health NGO, reflecting its commitment to advancing pediatric healthcare in the Kurdistan Region.

Heevie Health NGO Goals



Heevie Health NGO

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01

Help and support the vulnerable populations from both genders and all age groups who are exposed to disasters, conflicts and crises.

02

Preserve the mental and physical wellbeing.

03

Establish and develop projects in the field of health and community to increase the welfare

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Provide the requirements and needs for developing and improving the basic life support service infrastructure and humanitarian activities.



Heevie Health NGO would like to extend its sincerest thanks to all donors and partners for their valued support



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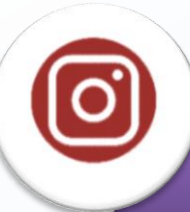


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