



**Heevie** Health NGO

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## Heevie Monthly Report March 2026



**Total Number of Direct Beneficiaries: 3,029 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 Patient with Congenital Heart Disease Successfully Operated at San Donato Hospital and Returned Home.
- 1 hematology patient continues to receive advanced treatment at IRCCS Burlo Garofolo Hospital in Trieste, Italy.
- **Agreement with the Tuscany Region for Pediatric Healthcare Development**

A new agreement has been approved by the Tuscany Region, starting in March 2026, to improve pediatric healthcare services in Kurdistan through both direct treatment and long-term capacity building of local medical staff, both in Italy and in Kurdistan.

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

During this reporting period, a total of **18** 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 **1,599** 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 **1,409** 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.



## Introduction – March

**During March, Heevie Organization continued its humanitarian and medical mission to support vulnerable populations across the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. Through the provision of life-saving medical care and rehabilitation services, the organization remained dedicated to improving the health and well-being of those most in need.**

**A key focus during the month was the treatment of children suffering from congenital heart diseases and other incurable illnesses. These efforts were implemented in close cooperation with specialized Italian hospitals and medical partners, strengthening international collaboration to ensure access to advanced care.**

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

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

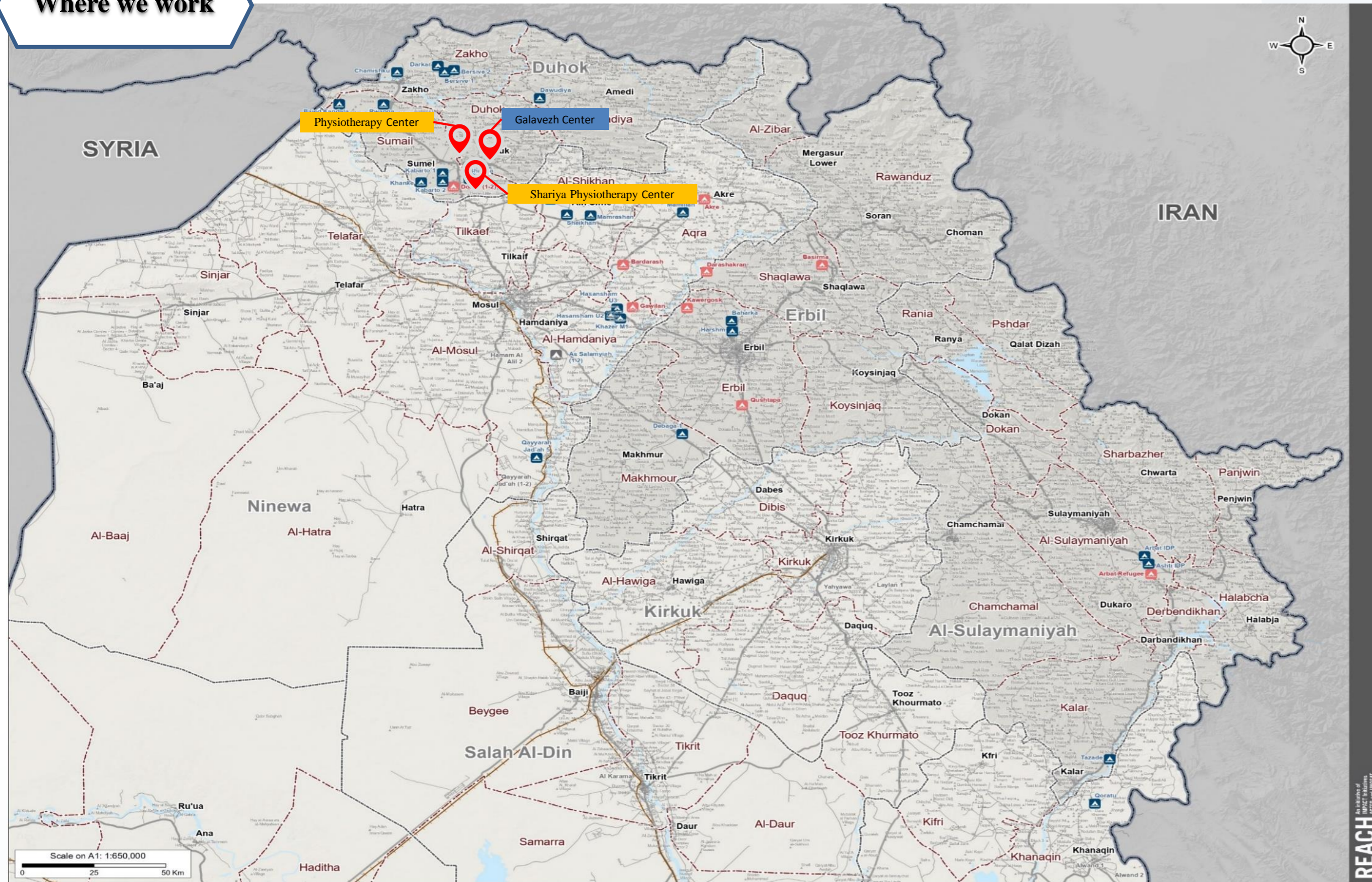
**As part of its international medical cooperation efforts, and at the invitation of Heevie Organization and Associazione Iniziative di Solidarietà ODV (SIA), the Director General of Health in Duhok conducted an official visit to Italy, further strengthening collaboration and institutional knowledge exchange.**

**Within the framework of the “Treating Patients and Training Local Medical Staff” project, implemented in cooperation with Italian organizations, Heevie continues to reinforce its partnerships with leading Italian hospitals and medical institutions. This collaboration facilitates specialized treatment for patients while supporting the professional development of local healthcare staff.**

**During this period, one patient with congenital heart disease traveled to San Donato Hospital for cardiac surgery, 1 Patient with Congenital Heart Disease Successfully Operated at San Donato Hospital and Returned Home, while another hematology patient continues to receive advanced treatment at IRCCS Burlo Garofolo Hospital.**

**Total Number of Direct Beneficiaries during March: 3,029 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.**

## ▪ **TUSCANY REGION OPERATIONAL PROGRAM 2024-2026 International Health Cooperation**

A new two-year programme has been approved by the Tuscany Region and will be implemented in partnership with Associazione Iniziative di Solidarietà ODV (SIA), Heevie Organization, and the Duhok General Directorate of Health, starting in March 2026.

The project focuses on improving pediatric healthcare services in Kurdistan through both direct treatment and long-term capacity building of local medical staff, both in Italy and in Kurdistan.

Key agreements were reached with leading pediatric and cardiac institutions, including specialized hospitals in Siena (particularly in pediatric surgery), Pisa, and the Massa–Carrara area, such as Ospedale del Cuore. These partnerships aim to expand cooperation in pediatric surgery and pediatric cardiology.

The project, entitled *“Improving Pediatric Care in Iraqi Kurdistan,”* was presented to the Region by the Siena University Hospital. Partnership agreements were signed within the framework of the project application between the involved parties (SIA and Heevie Organization) and the Massa Heart Hospital.

The project foresees that medical staff from Massa and Siena hospitals—particularly in pediatric surgery—are authorized to travel to Kurdistan as part of their institutional duties, without requiring personal leave.

## 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**, one new patient with congenital heart disease was referred to Italy for cardiac surgery at San Donato Hospital. In addition, one patient with congenital heart disease who was successfully operated on last month at the same hospital has returned home in stable condition.

Furthermore, one hematology patient continues to receive advanced treatment at IRCCS Burlo Garofolo in





## International Medical Cooperation with Italian Health Institutions:

### Official Visit of the Director General of Health in Duhok to Italy at the Invitation of Heevie Organization and Associazione Iniziative di Solidarietà ODV (SIA)

After many years of cooperation between **Heevie Organization**, **SIA Organization**, and the **General Directorate of Health in Duhok** in several fields, including patient treatment and the training and capacity building of healthcare staff, the **General Directorate of Health in Duhok** was invited this year to participate in meetings and health cooperation agreements with hospitals and regional health institutions in Italy, as part of ongoing efforts to strengthen international medical collaboration.

The **Director General of Health in Duhok** participated in this official visit to Italy upon the invitation of **Heevie Organization** and its Italian partner organization **SIA**, with the aim of strengthening international medical cooperation and expanding partnerships with leading Italian hospitals.

The visit included high-level meetings with hospital directors and medical teams in **Trieste, Siena, Pisa, Massa, and Genoa**. These discussions resulted in significant agreements and future commitments, as detailed below.

#### Institutional Cooperation

To ensure comprehensive, effective, and sustainable collaboration, the **General Directorate of Health in Duhok** has been actively involved in these agreements and related initiatives. This institutional partnership aims to facilitate coordination between local health authorities and Italian partners, ensuring that cooperation activities are implemented in an organized and efficient manner.

#### Objectives

The main objectives of this cooperation include:

Enhancing treatment opportunities for patients requiring specialized medical care.

Strengthening the professional skills and capacity of healthcare staff through training and knowledge exchange.

Developing long-term partnerships with Italian hospitals and medical institutions.

Promoting the exchange of medical expertise and best practices.

#### Scope and Impact

It is important to emphasize that this initiative is not limited to **Duhok Governorate**. The cooperation framework is designed to support the development of healthcare services across the **entire Kurdistan Region and Iraq as a whole**, enabling wider access to advanced medical knowledge, training opportunities, and specialized treatment.

#### Visits

The visit itinerary included the following key meetings and engagements:

**1.Trieste** – Discussions focused on specialized patient treatment programs, particularly in cardiology and pediatric care.

**2.Siena** – Collaboration on joint medical missions and exchange programs for healthcare professionals.

**3.Pisa** – Meetings with hospital directors to strengthen partnerships in pediatric surgery and onco-hematology.

**4.Massa** – Strategic sessions to plan joint training initiatives and capacity-building programs.

**5.Genoa (Istituto Giannina Gaslini)** – Focused on expanding cardiac surgery programs to include pediatric surgery, onco-hematology, and bone marrow transplantation, with commitments for joint missions and knowledge transfer.

## 1. Official Visit of the Director General of Duhok Health and President of the Associazione Iniziative di Solidarietà ODV. to IRCCS Burlo Garofolo to Expand Medical Cooperation



At the invitation and through the dedicated preparation of **Heevie Organization** and the **Associazione Iniziative di Solidarietà (SIA)**, **Dr. Afrasiab Musa**, Director General of Health of Duhok Province, was officially welcomed during his visit to Italy at **IRCCS Burlo Garofolo in Trieste**, one of the most advanced hospitals in the country.

The visit was the result of continuous coordination and joint efforts by Heevie Organization and SIA to strengthen medical cooperation between Duhok Province and leading Italian healthcare institutions. The meeting, organized in close collaboration with both organizations, brought together the hospital's Director, **Dr. Renato Botti**, **Dr. Iva Orzan**, Director of the Department of ENT, and **Dr. Rabusin**, Director of the Department of Pediatric Oncology, with the aim of expanding structured and sustainable partnerships.

Discussions focused on enhancing long-term healthcare cooperation, particularly in developing **bone marrow transplantation services** in Duhok Province. Through the facilitation and coordination of Heevie Organization and SIA, it was agreed that Italian doctors and healthcare professionals will visit Duhok to conduct specialized training courses, while doctors and healthcare workers from Duhok will travel to Italy for advanced training programs, ensuring a two-way exchange of expertise.

As a direct outcome of this ongoing collaboration, **12 patients from Duhok** have so far received treatment at IRCCS Burlo Garofolo, including **bone marrow transplantation** and **cochlear implant procedures**. The partnership continues to ensure access to advanced care for patients in need, reflecting the effective coordination role played by Heevie Organization and SIA.

The two sides agreed on several key points: **oncological patients under the age of 10** will receive special attention and support; rare and complex cases, including children under 10 requiring **cochlear implantation** or **vertebral treatments**, may be referred to Italy for advanced care; and Italian medical teams will visit the **Bone Marrow Transplantation Center in Duhok** to provide hands-on training for local staff.

Regarding institutional cooperation, the current agreement—facilitated through the joint efforts of Heevie Organization and SIA and set to expire in **June**—will be renewed for an additional **two years**, ensuring continuity and stability of the partnership.

Concerning upcoming cases in Trieste, the hospital confirmed its readiness to accept additional patients with **thalassemia** and **leukemia**. In **ENT**, arrangements are in place to admit **Maard** for a second **cochlear implant procedure** in April, accompanied by his sister and two escorts, with openness to further cases. In the field of **scoliosis**, the hospital has agreed to accept **Aljund Aveen**, and official acceptance documentation will be issued shortly. These arrangements have been coordinated through the continued collaboration between Heevie Organization and SIA.

The hospital also reaffirmed its commitment to training **doctors and nurses in Bone Marrow Transplantation (BMT)** and **onco-hematological diseases**. Training programs can be organized either in **Duhok** or in **Trieste**, based on jointly agreed needs and future plans. Similar cooperation applies to **ENT training**, including **early diagnosis of hearing disorders** and **speech therapy**.

At the conclusion of the meeting, **Dr. Afrasiab Musa**, on behalf of **Dr. Ali Tatar**, presented a **shield of appreciation** to the hospital's leadership, medical teams, and supporting organizations in recognition of their valuable services and strong, ongoing cooperation in serving patients from Duhok Province.

## 2. High-Level Meeting with the Iraqi Ambassador in Rome, SIA Organization, and the Director General of Health in Duhok



**Dr. Diari Ahmed Majid, Iraqi Ambassador to Italy, received Dr. Afrasiab Musa, Director General of Health of Duhok Province, and Dr. Iole Pinto, President of the Associazione Iniziative di Solidarietà ODV.** The Ambassador warmly welcomed the visiting delegation and praised the ongoing humanitarian cooperation.

During the meeting, both sides highly appreciated the coordination between Italian organizations and Heevie Organization in delivering humanitarian and medical services to patients from Duhok Province. Over the past 20 years, more than **500 patients** have been treated in Italian hospitals, while approximately **800 children** in the Kurdistan Region have received medical care through specialized Italian medical teams visiting the region.

The discussion also addressed the existing agreements between the **General Directorate of Health of Duhok Province** and several Italian hospitals, including:

- IRCCS Burlo Garofolo
- Hospitals in Siena
- Hospitals in Massa Carrara
- Hospitals in Milan
- Hospitals in Genoa

Ambassador **Dr. Diari Ahmed Majid** expressed his appreciation to the General Directorate of Health of Duhok Province and partner organizations for their significant humanitarian efforts. He affirmed his full support for strengthening cooperation and coordination in the future to continue serving patients and the wider community.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Iraqi Ambassador to Italy was awarded the **Shield of Honor** in recognition of his support and contributions. The award was presented on behalf of **Dr. Ali Tatar** and **Dr. Afrasiab Musa**, Director General of Health of Duhok Province.

### 3. Honoring Volunteers Who Coordinated Humanitarian and Medical Programs Between Italy and Kurdistan



Dr. Afrasiab Musa, Director General of Health of Duhok Province, and **Dr. Iole Pinto, President of the Associazione Iniziative di Solidarietà ODV**, also visited the volunteers who have been instrumental since 1991 and since the founding of SIA and Heevie Organization: Dr. Jiyan Ali and Dr. Sardar Ali.

They have played a key role in coordinating cooperation between the Kurdistan Region, Italian hospitals, and humanitarian organizations, supporting patient treatment and the training of healthcare staff, while facilitating program implementation between Italy and the Kurdistan Region in close collaboration with SIA and Heevie Organization.

## 4. Official Visit to Azienda Ospedaliero-Universitaria Senese in Siena to Strengthen Medical Cooperation Between Duhok and Italian Healthcare Institutions

The visit was organized under the ongoing coordination of **Heevie Organization**, in collaboration with the **Associazione Iniziative di Solidarietà ODV (SIA)**.

During meetings with the hospital's leadership and the Head of Pediatric Surgery, discussions focused on expanding joint health projects, organizing **two pediatric surgery missions per year to Duhok**, referring complex cases to Siena when needed, and strengthening **training programs for doctors and nurses** through missions, seminars, and internships in Italy.

Since 2008, this partnership has enabled **76 children** to receive treatment in Siena and approximately **250 children** to be treated in Duhok with support from visiting Italian medical teams.

A new **two-year SIA–Heevie project**, approved by the **Tuscany Region**, will begin in March 2026, focusing on **pediatric treatment and capacity building in Duhok**, paving the way for broader institutional cooperation between Tuscany and Duhok.

### Strategic Development:

The General Director of Siena Hospital and the Head of International Cooperation expressed strong interest in expanding collaboration at a higher institutional level between:

- **Tuscany Region**
- **Duhok Governorate**
- **Ministry of Health – KRG**

This initiative opens the door for **broader, long-term institutional cooperation** and sustainable healthcare partnerships.



## 5. Official Visit to San Cataldo Hospital (Pisa) and Ospedale del Cuore (Massa) to Strengthen Medical Cooperation with Duhok Province

**Dr. Afrasiab Musa**, Director General of Health of Duhok Province, accompanied by representatives of the **Associazione Iniziative di Solidarietà ODV (SIA)**, visited **San Cataldo Hospital in Pisa** and **Ospedale del Cuore in Massa** during a four-day official visit to Italy. The visit focused on strengthening medical cooperation and advancing training programs for doctors and healthcare workers in Duhok Province.

A new **two-year project**, approved by the **Tuscany Region** and starting in March 2026, will focus on:

**Treatment of Congenital Heart Disease (CHD)**

**Training pediatric cardiology staff in Duhok**

**Key Achievements and Commitments:**

Two **interventional cardiology missions per year** to Duhok, including hands-on training

Advanced training opportunities in Pisa and Massa for doctors, nurses, and technicians in **pediatric cardiac surgery, intensive care, and interventional hemodynamics**

The Foundation confirmed its readiness to **treat complex CHD cases in Italy free of charge** when they cannot be treated in Duhok, covering all hospitalization costs

During the visit, **Dr. Musa** presented a **Shield of Honor** on behalf of **Dr. Ali Tatar**, Governor of Duhok Province, in recognition of the hospitals' cooperation and support. He also toured cardiology departments to review **advanced diagnostic technologies and equipment**.

This visit represents a **major step toward enhancing healthcare partnerships** and improving specialized pediatric and cardiac services in Duhok Province.



## 6. Visit to Istituto Giannina Gaslini in Genoa to Advance Medical Cooperation and Specialized Healthcare Services in Duhok



The visit to **Istituto Giannina Gaslini in Genoa** aimed to advance medical cooperation and support specialized healthcare services in Duhok, under the coordination of **Heevie Organization** and the **Associazione Iniziative di Solidarietà ODV (SIA)**.

Through Heevie Organization's coordination, the hospital leadership expressed a strong commitment to expanding existing **cardiac surgery programs** to include **pediatric surgery, onco-hematology, and bone marrow transplantation**, as well as conducting **joint missions with Siena** to strengthen pediatric surgical care in Duhok.

During meetings with the **Director General, Dr. Renato Botti**, and department heads, discussions focused on:

- **Enhancing coordination and continuity** of joint projects
- **Treating rare and complex pediatric cases**
- **Training healthcare staff in Duhok**, facilitated by Heevie Organization

Thanks to the long-term support and coordination of Heevie Organization, Italian medical teams have performed specialized surgeries across Kurdistan, significantly contributing to the establishment and development of a **pediatric heart surgery unit in Duhok**.

**Dr. Afrasiab Musa** presented a **Shield of Honor** on behalf of **Dr. Ali Tatar**, Governor of Duhok, recognizing Gaslini Hospital's valuable services and the role of Heevie Organization in facilitating this partnership. He also toured hospital departments to review **advanced medical equipment and technologies**.

The visit underscored **Heevie Organization's pivotal role in strengthening long-term collaboration** and enhancing specialized pediatric healthcare in Duhok Province.

## 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 (18) 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.

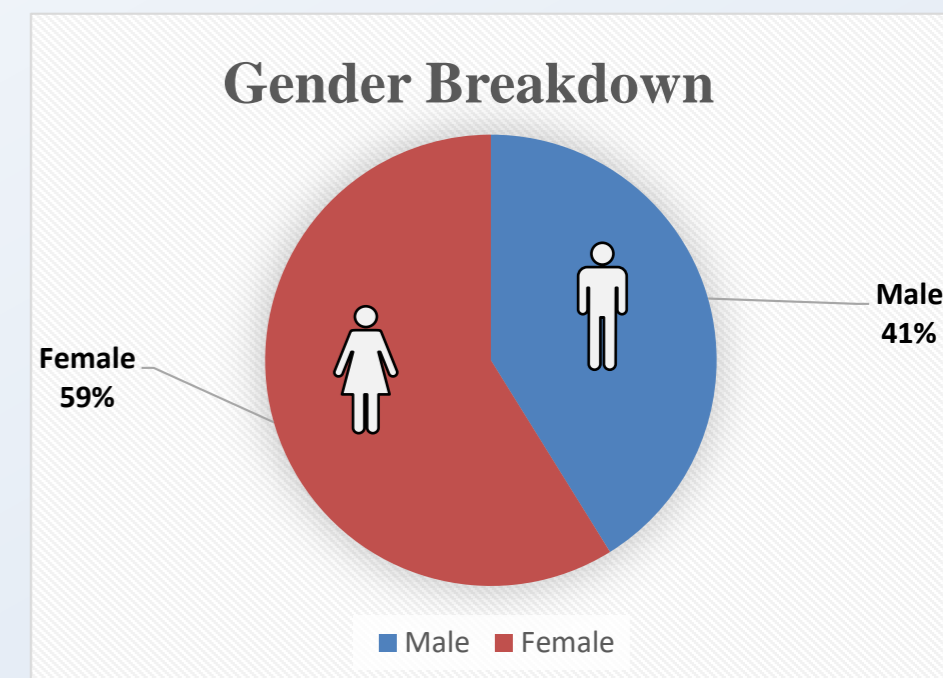
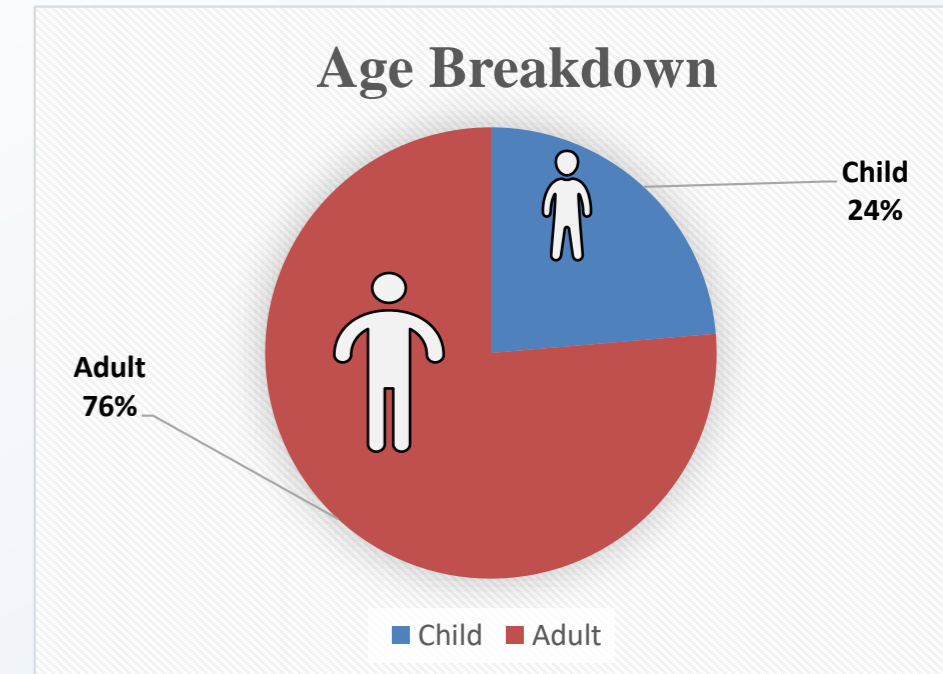
# Physical Rehabilitation data and achievements

**Total patients : 293**

**Total physiotherapy sessions : 1,477**

**Total medical examinations : 80**

No.	Date of visit	Location	Sub district	District	Province	Total number of Beneficiaries	Female	Male	Adult	Child
1	3/1/2026	Heevie Center	Tanahi	Semel	Duhok	70	46	24	53	17
2	3/2/2026					65	36	29	48	17
3	3/3/2026					86	56	30	70	16
4	3/4/2026					52	31	21	39	13
5	3/5/2026					65	41	24	55	10
6	3/7/2026					73	35	38	52	21
7	3/8/2026					72	43	29	57	15
8	3/9/2026					64	34	30	48	16
9	3/10/2026					70	41	29	52	18
10	3/11/2026					46	28	18	37	9
11	3/12/2026					68	39	29	52	16
12	3/14/2026					62	33	29	46	16
13	3/15/2026					60	38	22	47	13
14	3/16/2026					66	35	31	50	16
15	3/17/2026					86	54	32	66	20
16	3/18/2026					39	21	18	32	7
17	3/19/2026					63	38	25	47	16
18	3/24/2026					67	38	29	52	15
19	3/25/2026					57	31	26	39	18
20	3/26/2026					75	48	27	60	15
21	3/28/2026					64	36	28	45	19
22	3/29/2026					72	43	29	54	18
23	3/30/2026					62	35	27	49	13
24	3/31/2026					95	61	34	71	24
<b>Total</b>						<b>1,599</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>1,221</b>	<b>378</b>





## 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

### **March 2026 Outputs**

**1,409 women, girls, and children** received structured rehabilitation, fitness, and psychosocial support sessions.



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

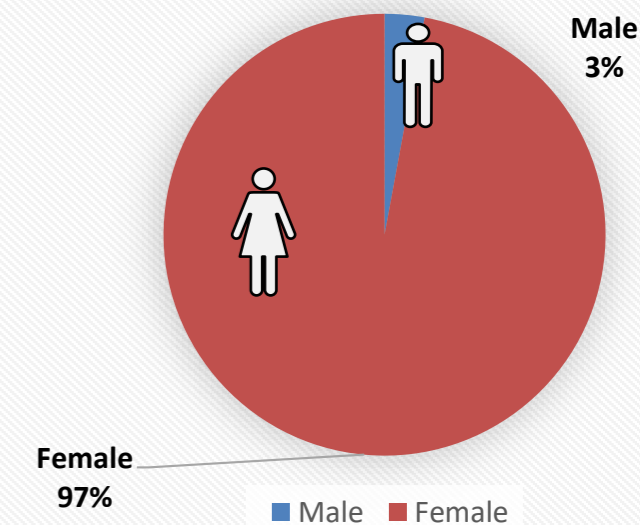
**“The total number of daily participants in the center’s activities, including medical consultations, physical therapy sessions, and sports activities, is 1,409.”**

**Total Number of medical consultation : 223**

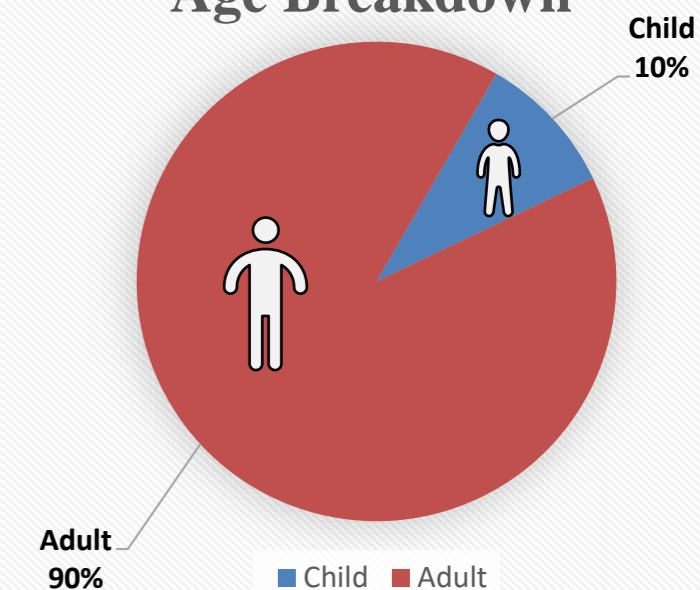
**Total Number of sessions (Physical Therapy) : 481**

**Total number of daily participations in women’s sports activities: 705**

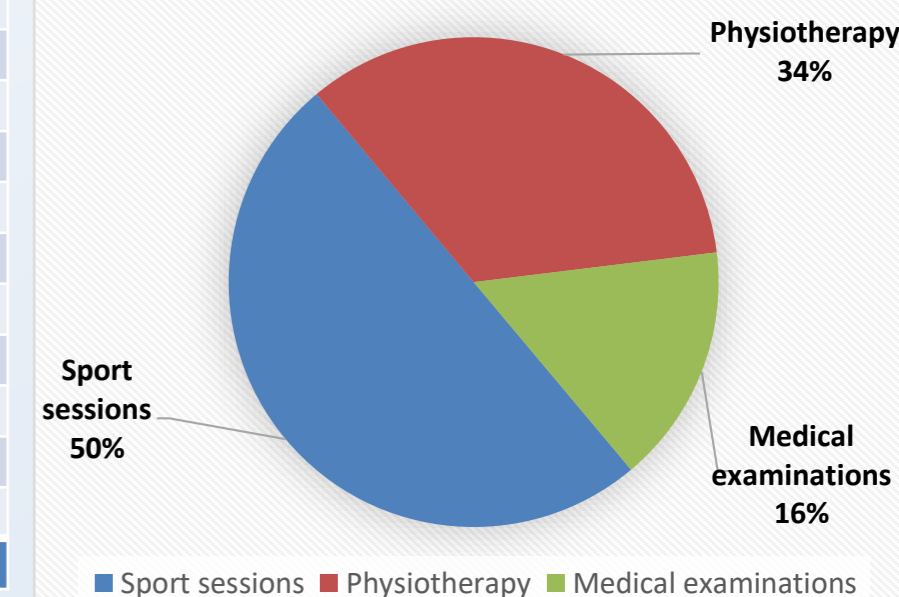
### Gender Breakdown



### 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		Heevie Center For Sports Activities, Physiotherapy And Medical Rehabilitation	Shariya IDP camp	Semel	Duhok	78	75	3	68	10	22	20	36
2						79	75	4	70	9	27	24	28
3						55	53	2	48	7	0	22	33
4						93	92	1	82	11	24	24	45
5						62	60	2	57	5	0	16	46
6						59	57	2	54	5	19	18	22
7						89	85	4	84	5	16	29	44
8						65	64	1	60	5	0	27	38
9						84	84	0	83	1	22	30	32
10						62	61	1	59	3	0	25	37
11						58	58	0	55	3	9	19	30
12						34	34	0	34	0	11	10	13
13						54	54	0	49	5	0	19	35
14						57	55	2	50	7	0	29	28
15						36	36	0	33	3	0	22	14
16						74	71	3	64	10	14	22	38
17						38	35	3	35	3	5	16	17
18						47	45	2	40	7	0	20	27
19						52	50	2	44	8	0	17	35
20						104	101	3	95	9	41	28	35
21						65	62	3	54	11	13	18	34
22						64	61	3	56	8	0	26	38
<b>Total</b>						<b>1,409</b>	<b>1,368</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>1,274</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>705</b>



## 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.

After a period of delay in the hospital's construction due to logistical difficulties, an agreement was reached with the Duhok General Directorate of Health for its engineering department to complete the remaining construction works. The hospital is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

# Heevie Health NGO Goals



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

04

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



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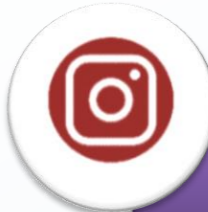


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