



Rwanga Foundation Annual Report 2013

A world where quality education is accessible for all

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About Us

Rwanga Foundation is a non-governmental organization, which envisages a world where quality education is accessible for all. Its mission is to provide services, build capacities and design policies to ensure easy access to education for all and improve the overall educational standards in Kurdistan and the greater global community.

Rwanga's strategic goals are to develop platforms for youth to discover talents and fulfill their potentials, to introduce the latest technology, including e-learning system to the education process in order to meet the advanced international standards, and to create a culture and passion for learning in particular among the youth.

Rwanga Foundation is based in Kurdistan and officially launched its activities in September 2013 to conduct projects and activities all over Iraq.



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Mission Statement

Our mission is to assist the most vulnerable of the communities in Kurdistan, Iraq and in the greater global community. while leading them towards a better future Rwanga aims to contribute to the development of society with a focus on education, health, and environment.



The Main Activities in 2013

Rwanga Charity Organization launched its pilot projects from September 1st to December 31st, 2013, in the main sectors of Health, Education, Unsupported Minors, Women, Vulnerable Families and Environment. In three months only, Rwanga extended direct support and assistance to 30,177 persons inside Kurdistan region; in addition to hundreds of patients who benefited from medications and medical Supplies in Amuda city, Syria.

30,177
Beneficiaries



Health

'First Aid Training' Erbil and Amuda

Government staff, teachers, and students were trained to have basic knowledge and use minimal equipment, as life-saving techniques, to support victims of trauma, medical emergency, sudden illness, accidents, etc.

Hundreds of patients benefited from medicine and medical supplies sent to Amuda and Dari hospitals, in Amuda, Syrian, in July 2013.

1,123
beneficiaries



Unsupported Minors



‘Behavioral and Art Courses for Street Kids’

159 kids were supported and trained on harassment, children rights, importance of education, and art to re-start a normal life and have a better future.

An Art Exhibition was held on 1st and 2nd December, 2013 for those children were they had the opportunity to display their artwork and products they learned to make throughout the training course.

The exhibition as used as an income-generating project for the same children.

A short film about the life and challenges of street kids was also produced to attract the attention of public, government, and civil societies to this heartbreaking phenomenon.

Women

‘Social Assistance Course for High School Girls’

302 high school girls (aged between 14- 18) participated in the course which included topics about sexual harassment, importance of education, and gender discrimination. In addition to psychological and gynecological education.

302
High School Students



Vulnerable Families



‘Hygiene and Sanitary Kits for Syrian Refugees’

17,866 individuals (3500 families), living in camps, were assisted with hygiene packages. Rwanga was the only organization providing this life essential package.



Environment



‘Environmental Awareness for Children’

8,727 primary school children (aged between 6 - 12), in Soran, received the awareness training which included good waste disposal practices, water conservation and electricity saving.

19,000 booklets on environmental education were distributed to the children and their families.

A Garbage Collection Day followed the project where the Mayor of Soran sub-district, other governmental officials, public figures and volunteers joined Rwanga and the school children for a grand cleanup event of Soran city centre was held on December 2nd, 2013.

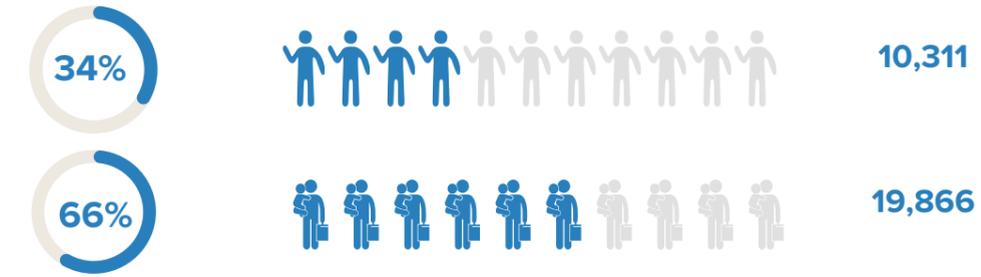


8,727
Students

19,000
Booklets

Statistical Report

Beneficiaries by Type



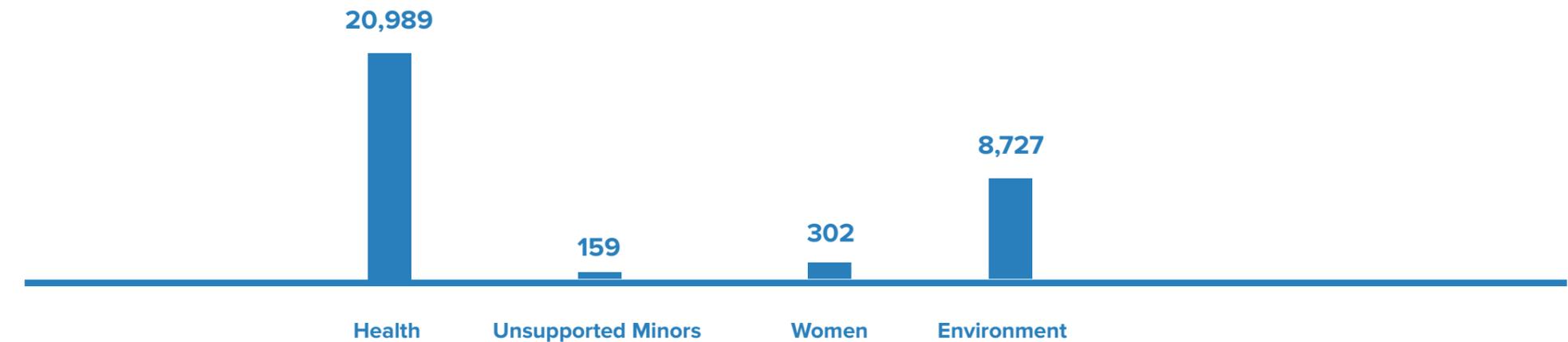
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Beneficiaries

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Projects

Beneficiaries by Sector



Way Forward 2014

Based on needs assessment and vision, Rwanga will cross the borders of Erbil and shift from the stage of pilot projects to more sustainable ones; hence, Rwanga has planned to do the following:

Education

- Establishing Nursery Rooms in 10 primary schools to provide quality care for the teachers' children. A sample to be hopefully followed by the government (Erbil)
- Constructing a primary school in Shahidan Quarter, Said Sadiq district, where 230 families live (Sulaimaniya)

Children

- Extension of 'Behavioral and Art Courses for Street Kids as an income-generating project for these same children (Erbil).
- A playground in the town's main park in the sub-district of Sirwan (2223 families), Halabja (Sulaimaniya)

Women

- Handicraft Courses for women in Shelters and Reform Centres as economic and psychological support (Erbil)

Youth and Sports

- A shared football pitch in the village of Greza (514 families) and its surrounding villages in Said Sadiq district (Sulaimaniya)
- A football pitch in the sub-district of Sirwan (2223 families), Halabja (Sulaimaniya)

Syrian Refugees

- A prefabricated Kindergarten in Dara Shakran Camp, Khebat District, where 7000 Syrian refugees currently live, but the camp is to accommodate 15,000 Syrian refugees (Erbil)
- Distribution of another 2,200 hygiene packages to 2200 families (11880 individuals), as the complementary phase, to cover all the Syrian refugees living in the camps (Erbil)

Environment ‘Keep Kurdistan Beautiful’

- Distributing trash cans in the main centers and resorts (Erbil, Sulaimaniya and Duhok)\
- Short Films on environment awareness involving social and religious figures, entertainment personalities, etc. to broadcast on local and satellite TV (Kurdistan)

Water Networks

- Water network and water storage in Maluma village (230 families), in Chwarta district (Sulaimaniya)
- Water network and water storage in Parazan village (60 families), in Chwarta district (Sulamaniya)

Rwanga Gallery of ‘Made in Kurdistan’

- A traditional house on the citadel of Erbil, stands in Erbil airport, and in main shopping malls dedicated to charity fundraising and income generating projects to sell souvenirs and products made by venerable women, men and children with every penny donated towards charity (Erbil)

Miami Gala

- Rwanga is planning to hold a fundraising gala in Miami, Florida- USA in July/August 2014, to benefit the Syrian refugees in Kurdistan Region of Iraq.

Opening a Branch Office in Sulaimaniya

- Opening a Branch Office in Sulaimaniya to monitor and supervise the projects taking place in Sulaimaniya and Germiyan areas (Sulaimaniya)

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