



CHALDEAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF ERBIL



Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) Humanitarian Relief Programme

***For the Dignified Welfare of the IDPs
and their Christian future in Iraq.***

Housing/Food/Education/Health Care/Spiritual and Pastoral care



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*This document tells our story here in Iraq,
detailing our future plans that are dependent on overseas help
to maintain what we have achieved
and to build a secure future for Christians in Iraq.*

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Archdiocese of the Chaldean Diocese of Erbil,

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Executive Summary

Keeping Christianity and Christians in Iraq, to live in dignity and with hope for the future.

These three key goals continue to be the spiritual and pastoral aims of our *Stage 3/Stage 4 Humanitarian Relief Programme* in the Chaldean Diocese of Erbil . They could never have been achieved without the financial help from our dear and caring friends in Christ from overseas, through housing, food provision, medical and health care, and education programmes, ably implemented by the volunteers here in Ankawa.

Our Christian villages of Bartela, Batnaya, Karamles and Qaraqosh were finally liberated in December 2016 from ISIS. They are mostly destroyed with a type of hatred that is humanly hard to comprehend. Christians who had fled from Mosul had earlier been told by their Muslim friends there, that they had taken their homes, and not to return. However the desecration and destruction of the newly liberated villages was so personal in its hatred and anger, that it dealt further deep and destabilising blows to the IDPs, when witnessing their destroyed homes , livelihoods and communities.



Stage 3 is seeking funds to maintain and continue to look after the needs (housing, food, healthcare and education) of 13,200 IDP families with a monthly cost of this is \$ 3000000. In addition to that we take forward the assessment of the needs and requirements of the recently liberated villages, so that they can be restored and protected.

This will lead to *Stage Four* in the rebuilding of the villages and their social infrastructures , so that the IDPs are able to return to the villages of their forefathers with hope and security. None of this will happen until the liberation of Mosul and the securing of it. We will then have to understand and assess the

“state of mind “of the Mosul people , after 2.5 years being under ISIS . At this moment we have no idea but we know that it will need resolving and reconciliation. This has to take place first , to remove the fear of hatred and revenge , not only in Mosul, but in the rest of the Plains of Nineveh (PON).

There is an urgent need for us to continue to exist here in Ankawa during a possible 2-3 year transition period , and we will need continued donor funds to achieve this . We need to plan ahead with *Stage 4* of our *Humanitarian Relief Programme* , that is , in rebuilding the villages and their social infrastructures to keep



Christianity and Christians in Iraq. We do all of this in an environment of conflict, an economy in recession , high unemployment , where those in government employment receive 25 per cent of their salaries, including doctors, power cuts, landlords now seeking higher rents; all of this amidst political and religious uncertainty .

We actively seek your continued support and that of others to achieve these goals.

God bless you all.

Archbishop Bashar Matti Warda

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In Sintesi



Mantenere il cristianesimo, e cristiani in Iraq vivere dignitosamente e di speranza per il futuro.

Questi tre obiettivi chiave continuano ad essere le medesimi obiettivi spirituali e pastorali per la 3a e la 4a fase del Humanitarian Relief Programme nella Arcidiocesi di Erbil dei Caldei. In realtà, tali fasi non potevano raggiungere le loro obiettivi senza l'aiuto finanziario da parte dei nostri cari amici in Cristo da oltreoceano, che andavano per sostenere gli alloggi, il pacchetto alimentare, assistenza sanitaria, e programmi di educazione, abilmente realizzati dai volontari ad Ankawa.

I nostri villaggi cristiani di Bartela, Batnaya, Karamles e Qaraqosh, Tel Eskof e recently Telkef furono finalmente liberati da partire dal dicembre 2016 dall' ISIS. Sono per lo più distrutti con un atteggiamento di odio che è umanamente difficile comprenderlo. I cristiani fuggiti da Mosul sono stati precedentemente



informati dai loro amici musulmani rimasti nella città, che l'ISIS aveva preso le loro case, e di non tornare. Tuttavia la profanazione e la distruzione dei villaggi, appena liberate, erano così pieni di odio e rabbia verso gli stessi abitanti la quale ha lasciato colpi più profondi e destabilising tra agli sfollati, quando stanno testimoniando le loro case distrutte, mezzi di sussistenza e le comunità.

La 3a Fase sta cercando a garantire i fondi per mantenere e continuare a prendersi cura dei bisogni (alloggio, vitto, assistenza sanitaria e istruzione) di 13.200 sfollati con un costo mensile di di \$ 1,600.000.00. In aggiunta a ciò prendiamo in avanti la valutazione dei bisogni e delle esigenze dei villaggi recentemente liberati, in modo che possano essere restaurati e protetti.

Questo ci porterà alla 4a Fase la ricostruzione dei villaggi e delle loro infrastrutture sociali, in modo che gli sfollati possano tornare ai villaggi di origine con speranza e sicurezza. Niente di tutto questo accadrà affinché la

liberazione di Mosul abbia raggiunto la fine e la messa in sicurezza di essa. Avremo così a comprendere e valutare lo "stato d'animo" del popolo di Mosul, dopo 2,5 anni circa di essere sotto ISIS. Per il momento non abbiamo idea, ma sappiamo che avrà bisogno di risolvere e riconciliazione. Ciò deve avvenire prima, per rimuovere la paura dell' odio e della vendetta, non solo a Mosul, ma nel resto della Piana di Ninive.

Vi è un urgente bisogno per noi di continuare ad esistere qui ad Ankawa nel corso di un possibile periodo di transizione di 2-3 anni, avremo bisogno per le donazioni continui per realizzare questo. Abbiamo bisogno di pianificare in anticipo con la 4a Fase del Humanitarian Relief



Programme, cioè, nella ricostruzione dei villaggi e delle loro infrastrutture sociali per mantenere il cristianesimo e i cristiani in Iraq.

Facciamo tutto questo in un ambiente di conflitto, una economia in recessione, alta disoccupazione, dove gli impiegati dello stato ricevono il 25% dei loro stipendi, tra cui i medici, interruzioni della energia elettrica, i proprietari ora alla ricerca di affitti più alti; tutto questo in mezzo all'incertezza politica e religiosa.

Cerchiamo attivamente il vostro continuo sostegno e quella degli altri per raggiungere questi obiettivi.

In fine, e per raggiungere questi obiettivi, desideriamo attivamente che il vostro sostegno continui, la stessa cosa per le altre attività portate avanti grazie a Voi.

Dio vi benedica tutti.

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Zusammenfassung



Das Ziel ist, das Christentum und die Christen im Irak zu bewahren, wo sie in Würde und Hoffnung für die Zukunft leben können

Die Hauptziele sind weiterhin, die spirituellen und pastoralen Ziele der Phasen 3 und 4 unseres humanitären Hilfsprojekts in der chaldäischen Erzdiözese Erbil. Diese Ziele könnten nie ohne die finanzielle Hilfe unserer lieben und fürsorglichen Freunde in Christus aus Übersee erreicht werden. Dies geschieht durch Unterbringung der Menschen in Unterkünfte, Nahrungsmittelversorgung, medizinische Versorgung und Bildungsprogramme, die von den Freiwilligen hier in Ankawa umgesetzt werden.

Unsere christlichen Dörfer Telsqof, Baqoufa, Batnaya, Bartela, Karamles und Qaraqosh wurden im Dezember 2016 endlich vom IS-Staat befreit. Sie sind überwiegend mit einer Art von Hass zerstört worden, der menschlich kaum zu begreifen ist. Christen, die aus Mosul geflohen waren, hatten von ihren



muslimischen Freunden gesagt bekommen, dass ihre Häuser genommen wurden und sie nicht zurückkehren sollten. Allerdings war die Zerstörung der neu befreiten Dörfer so persönlich in ihrem Hass und ihrer Wut, dass sie den Binnenflüchtlingen, den Zeugen ihrer zerstörten Häuser, ihrer Lebensgrundlagen und Gemeinschaften, weitere tiefe und zerstörerische seelische Schläge vermittelten.

In Phase 3 werden Mittel gesucht, um die Bedürfnisse (Wohnung, Nahrung, Gesundheit und Bildung) von 13.200 Binnenvertriebenen zu erhalten und weiterhin damit zu versorgen. Die monatlichen Kosten hierfür betragen \$ 1,6 Mio. Darüber hinaus übernehmen wir die Bewertung der Bedürfnisse und Anforderungen der kürzlich befreiten Dörfer, damit sie wiederaufgebaut und geschützt werden können.

Dies bringt uns zu Phase 4 - Der Wiederaufbau der Dörfer und ihrer sozialen Infrastrukturen, damit die Binnenvertriebenen in die Dörfer ihrer Vorfahren mit Hoffnung und Sicherheit zurückkehren können. Nichts davon wird bis zur Befreiung und Sicherung Mosuls geschehen. Wir müssen dann die "Gemütsverfassung" des Mosul-Volkes verstehen und beurteilen, nachdem es 2,5 Jahre unter dem IS gelebt hat. In diesem Moment haben wir keine Vorstellung davon, aber wir wissen, dass es Aufklärung und Versöhnung brauchen wird. Das muss als erstes geschehen, um die Furcht vor Hass und Rache nicht nur in Mosul, sondern auch in den übrigen Ebenen von Ninive zu beseitigen.

Es besteht eine dringende Notwendigkeit für unser Fortbestehen hier in Ankawa während einer möglichen 2-3 jährigen Übergangsphase. Wir werden hierfür weiterhin Spenden benötigen, um dies zu erreichen. Wir müssen die Phase 4 unseres humanitären Hilfsprojekts, also der Wiederaufbau der Dörfer und ihrer sozialen Infrastrukturen, planen um das Christentum und die Christen im Irak zu erhalten.



Wir tun all dies in einem Umfeld des Konflikts - in einer Wirtschaft in der Rezession, mit einer hohen Arbeitslosigkeit, in der Regierungsangestellte und auch so wie die Ärzte 25 % ihres Gehalts erhalten, in der es Stromausfälle gibt und Vermieter nun höhere Mieten fordern; all dies inmitten politischer und religiöser Unsicherheit.

Wir suchen aktiv Ihre anhaltende Unterstützung und die anderer, um diese Ziele zu erreichen.

Gott segne Euch alle

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Résumé analytique



Nous devons préserver le Christianisme en Irak et aider les Chrétiens à rester dans leur pays, pour qu'ils y vivent dans la dignité et avec espoir en l'avenir.

Ces trois objectifs clés continuent d'être les buts spirituels et pastoraux de notre programme d'aide humanitaire dans l'Archidiocèse chaldéen d'Erbil au cours des étapes 3 et 4. Ces objectifs n'auraient jamais pu être réalisés sans l'aide de nos chers et bienveillants amis en Christ, venus d'outre-mer, qui ont financé le logement, la nourriture, les soins médicaux et de santé, des programmes d'éducation, mis en œuvre par des volontaires, ici-même à Ankawa.

Nos villages chrétiens de Bartela, Batnaya, Karamles et Qaraqosh, occupés par Daech, ont finalement été libérés en décembre 2016. Ils ont été en grande partie détruits avec une haine qui est humainement difficile à comprendre. Les chrétiens qui avaient fui Mossoul avaient été avertis par leurs amis musulmans restés sur place, que leurs maisons étaient occupées, et incités à ne pas revenir. Cependant, la profanation et la destruction des villages nouvellement libérés ont été si particulières dans leur haine et leur violence, qu'elles ont porté aux personnes déplacées internes, des coups très profonds et déstabilisants, lorsqu'elles ont vu détruits leurs maisons, leurs moyens de subsistance et leurs communautés.



L'étape 3 cherche à obtenir des fonds pour continuer à s'occuper des besoins (logement, alimentation, soins de santé et d'éducation) de 13 200 déplacés internes, pour un coût mensuel de 1 600 000,00 \$. En outre, nous procédons à l'évaluation des besoins des villages récemment libérés, afin qu'ils puissent être restaurés et protégés.

Tout cela nous conduira à la 4ème étape de la reconstruction des villages et de leurs infrastructures sociales, afin que les déplacés internes puissent retourner dans les communes de leurs ancêtres, en sûreté et avec espoir. Rien de tout cela ne pourra se produire avant la libération de Mossoul et la sécurisation de cette ville. Nous devons alors comprendre et évaluer l'état d'esprit de la population de Mossoul, après deux ans et demi sous l'Etat islamique. A ce stade, nous n'en avons aucune idée, mais nous savons qu tout ceci nécessitera résolution et volonté de réconciliation. Celles-ci sont un préalable, pour évacuer la peur de la haine et de la vengeance, non seulement à Mossoul, mais aussi dans le reste de la plaine de Ninive.

Il y a, pour nous, un besoin urgent de continuer à exister ici à Ainkawa, pendant une période de transition de deux à trois ans, et nous aurons un besoin continu de fonds de donateurs pour y parvenir. Nous devons planifier l'étape 4 de notre programme d'aide humanitaire, qui correspond à la reconstruction des villages et de



leurs infrastructures sociales, pour maintenir le christianisme et les chrétiens en Irak. Nous faisons tout cela dans un environnement conflictuel, une économie en récession, un taux de chômage élevé, où les employés du gouvernement, médecins compris, reçoivent 25% de leur salaire, avec des coupures de courant, des propriétaires qui demandent aujourd'hui des loyers plus élevés. Tout cela au milieu d'incertitudes politiques et religieuses.

Pour atteindre ces objectifs, nous recherchons activement votre soutien constant et celui d'autres personnes.

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Our story

ISIS persecution of the Christians : August 2014

No one was prepared to face such a humanitarian crisis; it came as a complete shock to everyone. Some 120,000 Christians fled in terror from the biblical lands of the Plains of Nineveh (PON) as ISIS threatened them with “conversion” or death.



On the 7th August 2014, the refugees arrived in the Christian Quarter of Erbil, Ankawa, with just a few belongings. They were exhausted, fearful and hungry, looking to their churches for care, shelter and food. Patriarchs, bishops, priests, and nuns immediately worked to assist the terrified refugees, listening to their suffering, and working to alleviate their plight. In just a few hours, our churches and shrines and their enclosed grounds were packed solid with families: 720 (St. Joseph’s Cathedral), 750 (Shrine of Saint Shmooni), 125 (Shrine of Saint Elia), 50 (Saint George). They had food, blankets, shelter but most of all the spiritual shelter of Christ in the church and the love and care of all those in Ankawa.

The Relief Plans

The next morning the dust had not settled, as all the churches set about a major relief programme. The patriarchs held a meeting with the Bishops of Mosul. A *Diocesan Relief Committee* was set up comprising the bishops of Mosul: His Grace Bishop Amil Noona (Chaldean Church), His Grace Bishop Butrus Moshe (Syrian Catholic Church), His Grace Bishop Dawood Sharaf (Syrian Orthodox Church), and His Grace Bishop Timathaus Al-



Shamani (Syrian Orthodox Church) as well as the Chaldean Archbishop of Erbil, His Grace Bashar Warda. The committee was assigned with the task of following up aid relief and handling the IDPs issues. His Grace Bishop Amil Noona was designated to manage the affairs of the committee resulting in joint projects to serve the IDPs in addition to other special initiatives made by individual churches. Agreement was made to receive and channel donations to all the IDPs plus the possibility of sending donations to “specific churches”.

As a diocese of joined churches, we worked under the umbrella of the *The Bishopric Relief Committee* being dependent during the first days on generous donations offered by our own faithful in the town of Ankawa. This was followed by donations coming from churches, church relief societies/agencies, government and non-government societies and organisations such as the *Emirate Red Crescent Society*. The relief aid was initially spearheaded by the *Chaldean Charity Society* in the diocese and a hall was dedicated for its aid operations in Mar Qardakh Catholic Private School.

Groups of young volunteers from the diocese, under direct supervision of Fr. Salem and Fr. Rayyan, worked out a database on all the IDP families to Erbil, which contained 13,200 IDP families. Nuns supervised the distribution of the Christmas gifts that were offered by the *Aid to the Church in Need*. The sisters from the *Chaldean*



Banat Maryam Congregation supervised the distribution of winter clothing donated by the *Chaldean Diocese of Mar Toma, Michigan, USA* and the Christmas gifts offered by *The Knights of Columbus, USA*.

All this went on in the absence of any funding from the Central Government to support relief work activities for the Christian IDPs. Although limited help was offered by the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) such as providing border access to Kurdistan and residence procedures, along with logistic support, they were not in a position to provide financial support due to the prevalent economic crisis.

The *Bishopric Relief Committee* collaborated with 26 relief centers in Erbil. There were daily meetings in the Chaldean Diocese headquarters in Erbil with the aid workers in charge of the relief centers to respond to the IDPs needs, to coordinate activities, and to provide guidance for those volunteers working in the relief centers. The *Chaldean Charity Society* at the international Mar Qardakh Catholic School was used to receive food and hygiene products.



In March 2015 the relief committee was dissolved and each church began its own relief aid for its own faithful. However, we as a diocese, continue to work with all the churches and charity institutions including Chaldean dioceses around the world, including: the diocese of *Mar Toma* in Australia, *Mar Toma Diocese* in Detroit, Michigan, and the Diocese of *Mar Butrus* in San Diego.

Securing International Aid

Stage 1

Getting the Message Out To The International Community

We had no money and no money was forthcoming, yet we had some 13,200 IDP families to look after. IDPs in the first weeks slept rough and eventually moved into tents and then into basic caravans. The Archbishop of the Chaldean Diocese of Erbil, His Grace Bishop Bashar Matti Warda, travelled extensively to countries to convey the plight of the IDPs and to seek financial assistance. He called on the International Community to stand by persecuted Christians. His voice, crying in the wilderness, was finally heard, and support started to come in.



Stage2

When the money started to come in.

By 2015 , systems, programmes and volunteers were in place to immediately utilise the funds as they came in for *Relief Programmes*.



5 Relief Programmes

1) Rented housing *From caravans to housing*

The plan was to move the IDPs from caravans to rented accommodation to give them back a semblance of dignity of the life they once lived before. It has to be remembered that they had fled from good houses, relative prosperity and a loving Christian community. A downward economy in 2015 allowed



for reasonable rents. It was agreed to rent the *Auyoon Complex* in the town of Ankawa to house the IDPs from the villages of Karemlash and Telkef. Fr. Thabet Paulus was assigned the task of managing the affairs of the complex and the needs of the IDP families in the Erbil Governorate. We also rented residential houses in *Ozal Complex* in Ankawa and *Kanjan Complex* in addition to the installation of caravans in the *Brazilian Centre* (233 families), the *Shrine of Mar Elia* (125 families), *Ashti 1* (203 families) and *Ankawa 1* (1500 families), *Amal* (120 families) and *Kerma* (60 families)



In an excellent collaboration with *The Nazarene Fund, Dallas, USA*, the

diocese eventually started to consecutively close down these IDP caravan complexes, starting with the *Brazilian Centre* (June 16), *Ashti 1* (Sept 16), *Mar Elia* (Sept 16), *Amal* (Dec 16) and *Kerma* (Dec 16).

The rental programme was supervised by a special volunteer committee headed by Mr. Shwan Hanna. Financial support came from *Aid to the Church In Need*, *The Church In Pain*, *The Italian Council of Bishops*, *The Nazarene Fund*, and *Missio*, with miscellaneous donations from Chaldean dioceses and churches.

The programme included two categories of aid:

1. Payment of the entire rent whereby families are accommodated in houses at the expense of the diocese (through support from catholic charity organisations listed in the table below, distributed on the quarters as follows:

Camps.	No. of Houses	No. of Families	Cost of each House	Total Cost of One month	Cost of Three Months	Total cost of Six Months
Ozal City	321	829	400	128400	385200	770400
Darwaza City	106	220	335	35510	106530	213060
Ouon Erbil	46	113	650	29900	89700	179400
Aqra City	25	44	184	4600	13800	27600
Ganjan City	165	487	550	90750	272250	544500
Ankawa Brazilian Cente	121	233	510	61710	185130	370260
Ankawa Ashti 1	153	203	430	65790	197370	394740
Ankawa Mar Eliya	79	104	415	32785	98355	196710
Ankawa Al-Amal	95	131	400	38000	114000	228000
Ankawa Al-Karma	39	50	380	14820	44460	88920
Total	1150	2414	4254	502265	1506795	3013590

75% families from the **Syrian Catholic** church

15% families from the **Syrian Orthodox** church

10% families from the **Chaldean** church

Rented Houses by Church for 2016

1. January, February and March

Seq.	Camps.	No. of Houses	No of Families
1	Ozal City	278	786
2	Ganjan City	135	453
3	Aqra	17	39
4	Ouon Erbil	46	135
5	Darwaza	43	220
Total		519	1633

2. April, May and June

Seq.	Camps	No. of Houses	No of Families
1	Ozal City	285	854
2	Ganjan City	145	477
3	Aqra	17	39
4	Ouon Erbil	46	135
5	Darwaza	43	220
Total		536	1725

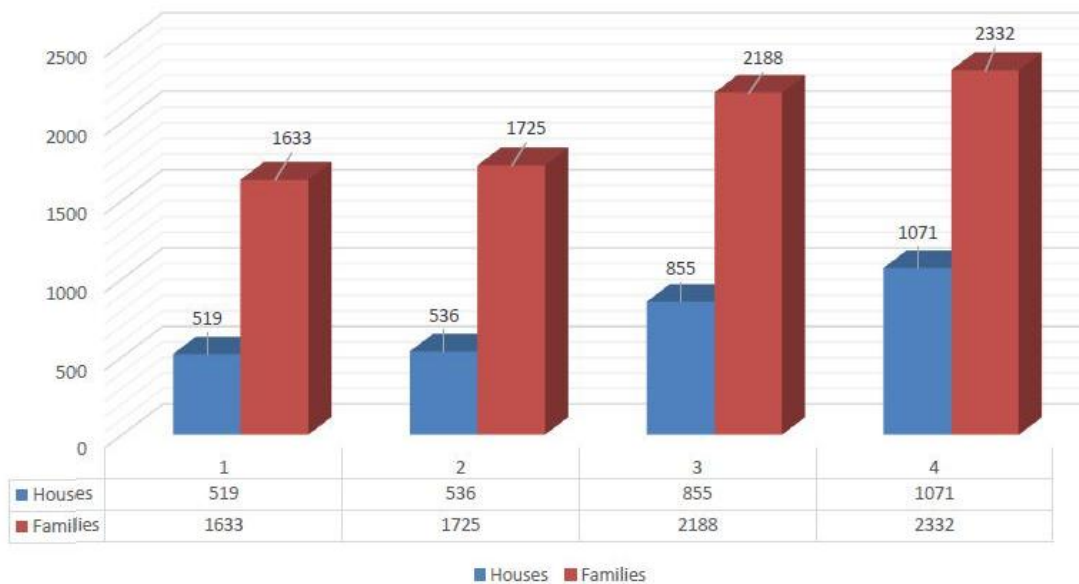
3. July, August and September

Seq.	Camps	No. of Houses	No of Families
1	Ozal City	302	866
2	Ganjan City	165	487
3	Aqra	25	44
4	Ouon Erbil	46	135
5	Darwaza	43	220
6	Brazilian Center	121	233
7	Ashti 1	153	203
Total		855	2188

4. October, November and December

Seq.	Camps	No. of Houses	No of Families
1	Ozal City	321	829
2	Ganjan City	165	487
3	Aqra	25	44
4	Ouon Erbil	46	135
5	Darwaza	106	220
6	Brazilian Center	121	233
7	Ashti 1	153	203
8	Al-Amal	95	131
9	Al-Karma	39	50
Total		1071	2332

Rented Houses by Church 2016



2. Partial rental assistance: as of the 1st of January, 2016, IDP families benefited from rental support ranging between US\$ 100-150 and distributed as follows:

2774 families from the **Syrian Catholic** church

1320 families from the **Syrian Orthodox** church

722 families from the **Chaldean** church

n.b The average rental of a small house is US\$ 375 monthly.



2) Healthcare

Saint Joseph's Charity Clinic, Ankawa

Donors such as *Caritas (Slovakia)*, *Iraqi Christians in Need (UK)*, *Japanese Chernobyl Foundation (Japan)*, *Malteser International (Malta)*, *Merci (France)*, *Support International e.V.(Germany)*, *Trocaire (Ireland)*, allowed us to open and grow a charity clinic supervised by the *Sisters of the Holy Cross Menzingen*



Twelve specialist doctors, 12 GPs, 8 pharmacists, and 3 medical students volunteered to work in the clinic.

The clinic receives 120-150 cases every day. Coordination was made with *Mart Shmooni Charity Clinic* for Saint Joseph's Clinic to provide medication to 3000 patients with chronic diseases. The clinic is now being developed to include new medical sections to both expand and improve the medical care we can provide to the IDPs .



The centre depends on financial donations to continue with its programmes.

Trauma Centres

The trauma of ISIS persecution, separation, loss of family and their associated psychological affects, necessitated the opening of two trauma centres, one in Ankawa and one in the village of Alqosh.



3) Education

We opened 12 schools for IDP students from the PON. The diocese offered 5 plots of land for the construction of educational centres: Bashara School (Quarter 128 in Ankawa), Salam School (Quarter 128 in Ankawa) , Maryamana School (Mar Qardakh Quarter in Ankawa), a study complex of Hamdaniya University



(Quarter 147 in Ankawa), and a study complex adjacent to the Lebanese Village (Quarter 147 in Ankawa) which is still under construction.

These schools were constructed through notable contributions from the *Aid to the Church in Need* (8 schools in Erbil and Duhok), the *Italian Council of Bishops*, *L'Oeuvre d'Orient* , the *Chaldean Diocese of Mar Toma, Detroit, Michigan*, and the *Diocese of Rottenburg-Stuttgart, Germany*.



4) Food

At the beginning of the IDP crisis, the *Diocesan Relief Committee* of the *Chaldean Charity Society*, Erbil was assigned the task of managing a warehouse for the distribution of foods and hygiene products. The society opened the warehouse in a hall at *Mar Qardakh Catholic School, Ankawa*. The purchases were funded by the *Diocesan*



Relief Committee receiving donations in kind from individual donors and societies as well as the contributions made by the *Emirates Red Crescent*, through *His Excellency Mr. Rashid Al-Mansoury, the Emirates Consul General in Erbil*.

At the relief centres IDPs received their daily rations of food and hygiene products. The *Chaldean Charity Society* documented the details in books that are kept at the archive of the diocese.

In July 2015, the diocese started, through a layman committee, supervised by Mr. Fahmi Babaka ,the *Director General of Erbil Peripheral Education*, the distribution of food baskets for each IDP family . This comprised food and hygiene products . Each basket costs US\$ 57-58 and 11,800 are distributed monthly. We



also increased the beneficiaries to include IDP families displaced from the Chaldean Diocese of Alqosh. *Aid to the Church in Need* and *Knights of Columbus* both supported this programme in September 2016.

Water: To alleviate the water crisis in Ankawa, the Ankawa Directorate of Water and Sewage system, in collaboration with the diocese and with financial support from the *Italian Conference of Bishops*, dug four artesian water wells during the summer of 2015.

5) Spiritual and Pastoral Support

Priests and Sisters within the Archdiocese directly supervised the relief centres, offering pastoral and spiritual services such as masses, prayers, catechism for children and adults, spiritual and youth events, educational activities at the relief centres, as well as contributing in managing the humanitarian relief programmes in the centres.



In January 2015, through support from *The Knights of Columbus*, the *Catholic University of Erbil (CUE)*, started a three year theological Charity Course

for adults . During the first year 182 students were enrolled. Students are lectured on the Bible, doctrinal, ethical, and pastoral theology as well as ecclesiastical canon, church history, with lectures on church history and spiritual theology.

In collaboration with the US Consulate we held a *Religious Freedom Day* conference at CUE on 23 Jan 17. Four church leaders (two Christian, two Shabat) and four European Consul Generals had a closed discussion on “reconciliation”. It was followed by an open reception for local dignitaries, IDP students, with leading broadcasters also in attendance.



n.b Numerous Catholic dioceses, charity societies, bishoprics, Chaldean parishes and religious congregations also contributed financial support to the above *Humanitarian Relief Programmes*.

Accounts pertinent to each of the above relief programme were documented by diocesan accountants and submitted to each of the donor's legal accounting offices .

Financial needs, now and the Future

All of the above support contributed in providing the *IDPs* with adequate accommodation, food, health care, education and pastoral care. It also contributed to reviving the economic life of the Christian town of Ankawa.

The financial support also contributed in providing job opportunities and helped create small businesses such as groceries, household utensil shops and market stalls. The *IDPs* did not want to be a burden on the local economy but rather a support amid the ongoing economic crisis.

The attached table contains a list of the donations made to the diocese in support of the relief programmes. It should be pointed out that some of the donor societies also sent sums of money to local dioceses, churches, and religious congregations in support of the relief programmes they supervised/supported.



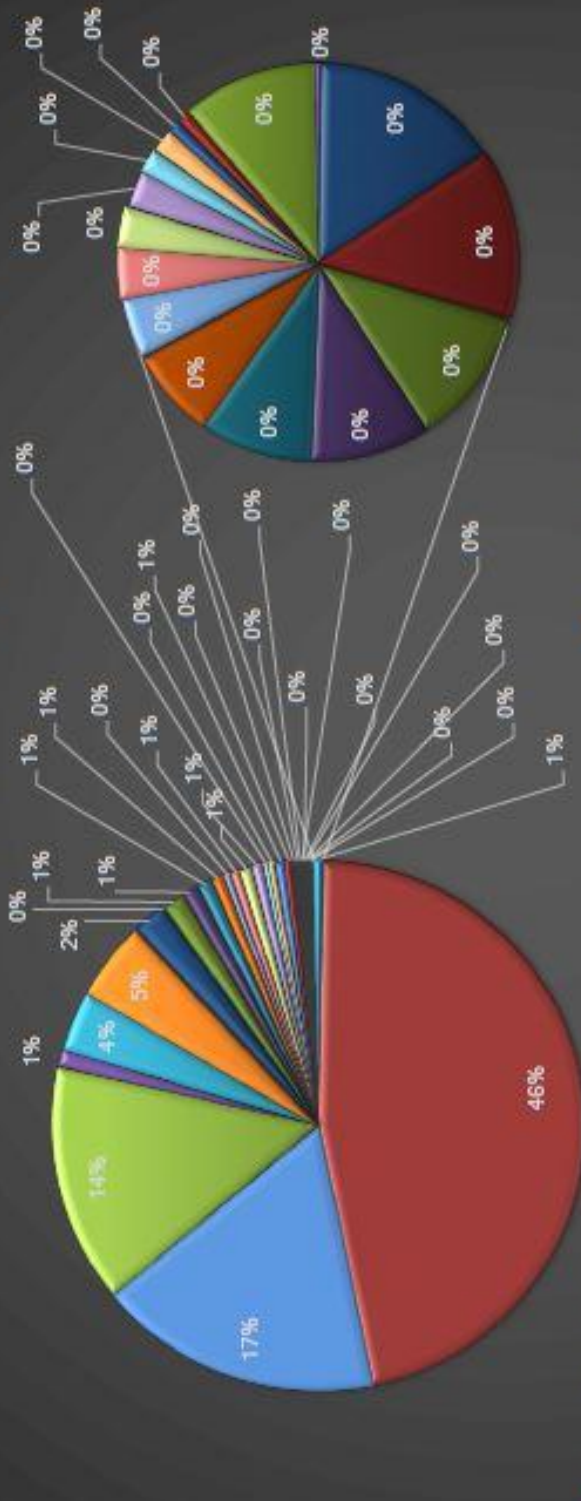
Total IDP Funds Applied Directly by Chaldean Archdiocese of Erbil and Iraqi Christian Aid committee (ICA)

from 13/8/2014 to 10/01/2017

N:	Donator	Amount	%
1	Aid to the Church In Need	16.196.540,00	46%
2	Knights of Columbus	5.993.613,50	17%
3	Italian Episcopal Conference	5.040.632,09	14%
4	St. Tomas Chaldean Catholic Church USA	388.094,68	1%
5	Caritas Italy	1.305.931,96	4%
6	Nazarene Fund	1.639.055,00	5%
7	Rottenburg - Stuttgart Diocese	693.060,83	2%
8	Caritas Ambrosiana Rubrica	61.664,10	0%
9	Oeuvre D Orient	466.367,00	1%
10	Fondazione PIME (Pontifical Insitute for Forgin Missions)	355.051,74	1%

11	Missio - Aachen	331.708,00	1%
12	CNEWA- Pontifical Mission	272.689,00	1%
13	Iraqi Christians In Need	149.488,14	0%
14	Katholische Zentralst, Fuer entwicklungshilfe E. v.	214.485,30	1%
15	Chaldean Diocese in Cairo	245.750,00	1%
16	Misereor	232.564,85	1%
17	Caritas Essen	135.244,05	0%
18	Malteser Hilfsdienst E.V. Kalker	129.077,18	0%
19	By Nunziatura Apostolica Iraq	227.300,50	1%
20	Congregation of the Holy Most Redeemer	111.751,98	0%
21	Support International E. V. Z. HD.	93.078,10	0%
22	ordensgemeinschaft der Armen Fran	67.494,90	0%
23	World Vision International	34.740,00	0%
24	Schweizerische Kapuzinerprovinz	59.730,60	0%
25	Tearfund	23.036,18	0%
26	Caritas Slovakia	26.488,22	0%
27	Anba Abraam's Coptic Charity	48.864,27	0%
28	Comunita' di Sant'Egidio	39.510,45	0%
29	Father Ragheeds Fraternity	36.785,80	0%
30	Missio London	35.009,40	0%
31	Heilige Thomas Apostel (Holland)	31.380,10	0%
32	Gift of Holy Father	28.010,44	0%
33	The Chaldean Mission - Denmark	23.120,00	0%
34	Danmission Strandger	19.960,00	0%
35	Association for the Promotion of Faith	18.680,00	0%
36	Caritas Ceska Republika	14.949,00	0%
37	Mar Aday Kaldeiska Kyrka	10.000,00	0%
38	Donation from Australia to Sr.basima ibrahim petrus	8.671,40	0%
39	Mennonite Central Committee	6.567,00	0%
40	Christuskirchengemei NDE	6.043,56	0%
41	The Archdiocesan Development fund the Catholic Centre Australia	4.114,42	0%
42	Caritas Liban RUE	3.970,00	0%
43	Maffeis Ivsn via Doss del Sabion	2.226,10	0%
44	Zentralrat Orientalischer Christen in Deutschland E.V Stefan George Ring	2.203,50	0%
45	Solidarite orient ASBL	22.520,90	0%
46	Sicomoro Parrocchia San Fruttuoso in Monza	1.058,86	0%
	Total	34.858.283,09	100%

Total IDP Funds Applied Directly by Chaldean Archdiocese of Erbil and Iraqi Christian Aid committee (ICA) from 13/4/2014 to 10/01/2017



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Stage 3/Stage 4

The Christian IDPs are totally indebted to the donors/relief societies/agencies in allowing them to regain their dignity, a certain normality of life and freedom to practice their faith without persecution.

Key in the *Stage 3* is our urgent need for the continuation of the *Humanitarian Relief Programmes* in Ankawa and the surrounding areas, in both sustaining and maintaining what has been achieved to date.

In *Stage 4* we have an urgent need for detailed planning in the reconstruction of the liberated villages, and their social infrastructures, and to find the finances to achieve it.

Most of the liberated villages are destroyed both in housing and social infrastructures, especially Batnaya. They will need to be rebuilt and this will take at least two years, depending on the liberation of Mosul.



Other challenges that prevent the return of the IDP families are:

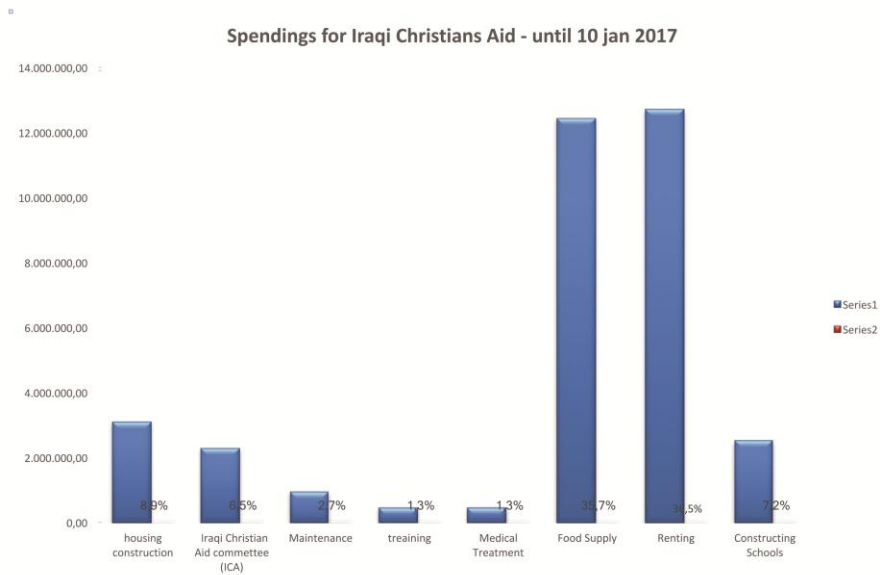
1. Despite their liberation, not all of the villages are safe from ISIS , which is still using the PON as a basis for its attacks. The return to the villages and their reconstruction essentially depends on the liberation of Mosul from ISIS and the provision of protection for the villages on the PON. At present, the liberation of Mosul looks long and difficult due to the loss of confidence amongst the components of the governorate.
2. The political landscape of the PON is still blurred amid the political tensions surrounding it and the existence of struggles from numerous parties over the rebuilding, administration and control of the area.
3. There is a need for establishing genuine reconciliation to settle down the political and religious differences in Iraq that led to the rise of radical ideologies such as those of ISIS . The latter found in Mosul a fertile breeding ground for such ideologies.
4. Failure of the government to provide the required humanitarian aid for the IDPs and the additional failure to provide enough funds for reconstruction. Even when such funds are made available, government corruption and mismanagement prevents it from reaching achieving its target and goals.

“The above Humanitarian Relief Programmes and forward planning, bring direction and hope to keeping Christianity and Christians in Iraq, to live in dignity and with hope for the future”.

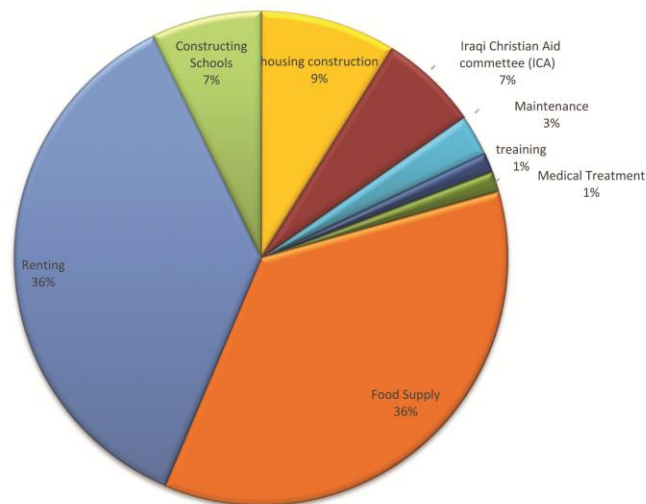
*Archbishop Bashar Matti Warda,
Archdiocese of the Chaldean Diocese of Erbil,
February 2017*

Spending for Iraqi Christians Aid - until 10 jan 2017

Category	Amount USD	%
housing construction	3.095.565,50	8,9%
Iraqi Christian Aid committee (ICA)	2.265.078,71	6,5%
Maintenance	942.781,03	2,7%
treaining	453.341,09	1,3%
Medical Treatment	455.997,39	1,3%
Food Supply	12.434.052,80	35,7%
Renting	12.708.514,31	36,5%
Constructing Schools	2.502.952,76	7,2%
Spending Grand Total in USD	\$ 34.858.283,59	100,0%



Spending for Iraqi Christians Aid - until 10 jan 2017



MAKING DONATIONS

As shown above, the need for funds to continue our care of the Christian IDPs of Iraq remains critical. On behalf of these IDPs we extend to you our deepest thanks, and pray that you continue to remember us and our plight as you make decisions on your charitable donations for the coming year. The continued existence of Christianity in Iraq hangs in the balance of your decisions for truly, there is no-one else that has come to our aid. Those wishing to make donations may do so by wire transfer at any of the accounts listed below. God bless you all.

WIRING INSTRUCTIONS

For Donations in EU*:

Beneficiary: CHALDEAN ARCHDIOCESE OF ERBIL
Account Number: LB20 0052 0067 0025 7608 0039 2012
Bank Name: IBL Bank s.a.l.
Address of the Bank Erbil branch
Dar Al-Handassa building
Ankawa Road - ERBIL - IRAQ
S.W.I.F.T.- or BIC-Code: INLELBBE
IBAN USD: IQ76 INLE 001 0857373 00009
IBAN EUR: IQ54 INLE 001 0857373 00017
Corresponding Bank (USD): Citi Bank - New York

* Please note: the above accounts is held through the Beirut Office of IBL Bank for forwarding to the Erbil Branch in Iraq. As such both Swift Code and IBAN will show as a Lebanon Account.

For Donations in USA:

Beneficiary: NEAR EAST CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND, INCORPORATED
Bank Name: BANK OF AMERICA
Account Number: 004581 0424 02
Routing Number: (PAPER AND ELECTRONIC/ACH): 011200365
Routing Number: (WIRES): 026009593

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