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Abnormal number of orphans among IDPs in Dohuk

And importance of foster family system



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Introduction:

Since the fall of Talafar, Sinjar and Mosel, families fleeing the fighting have lived in the area around Dohuk temporary structures, unfinished buildings and Tent camps .

Many of children lost their father and mothers according statistic data of Dohuk directorate of social care 617 orphan children are living in Shekhan ,Khanke , Sharya ,Mamlyan ,Kanilane , Bersive IDPs camps .

For one year directorate of social care is working on collection of date and legal registration of IDP orphans in tent camps, their concentration was on foster family system, Foster care is a system in which a minor has been placed into a ward, group home, or private home of a state-certified caregiver referred to as a "foster parent". The placement of the child is normally arranged through the government or a social-service agency, care include provision of security and safety required for the child to grow naturally , psychologically and physically .Dohuk directorate of social care sees foster family system as a best alternative system for the child who has lost his/her family care.



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Conditions to cover the child in Foster family system:

1. Be an orphan child
2. If the child has lost family care for any reason whatsoever. if parent are drug addicts to degree that they fail to do their duty toward children
3. If a children is exposed to risk of sexual exploitation or any other harm
4. If child is abandoned or homeless baby. May be the father dies and his mother leaves her child in accordance agreement with new husband
5. If the judge's ruling states that. If a child has been subjected to excessive violence by parents and unable to prevent child.

Main surveyed tent camps:

- Total number of registered IDP orphan in Dohuk Governorate: 617
- Total number of IDP orphan under foster family system (registered by law in court): 313

Name of camp	Number of registered orphan by law through FFS
Shekhan (Shekhan tent camp ,Issyan tent camp ,Garmava Tent camp)	45
Khanke	30
Sharya	73
Mamlyan	70
Kanilane	21
Dawodia	32
Bersive	42

- Areas that orphan IDPs are not registered: Inside Dohuk ,Zakho ,Bajid kandala , Chamshko ,Qadia



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Reasons behind the abnormal number of orphan:

Mr zeravan is a psychologist and responsible for affairs of Orphan IDP children in Dohuk directorate of social care he referred to some reasons behind the abnormal number of orphan children among IDPs specially Yazidis as bellow:

- Many of the Yazidi children lost their father and mother in 2007 in terrorist car bomb against Yazidi towns of Kahtaniya and Jazeera (Siba Sheikh Khidir) due to the suicide car bomb approximately 600 Yazidi lost their life and wounded 1,500 people.
- Also ISIS attack on Yazidi families in Sinjar and other areas in 2014
- Father and mother of some children are in Musil at the same time their children are in tent camps in Dohuk
- In some cases children's father and mother migrated to EU countries and their children are in Dohuk tent camps.
- Normally their father and mother have died
- Divorce , parents don't accept their children

Through interview Mr.Zeravan referred to psychological problem of the children and he said most of them have psychological problem they need psychosocial support, here our focus just is not on physical growth of children mentality of them also is important for us in addition to this he said all of them have economic problem it means they need economic support also Mr.Zeravan through interview gave me an example:

He said through our survey we found a family that the family had 2 children in addition to 4 orphan totally 8 person were under a tent camp, only father of family had ability to work and earn money.

Difficulties and problems of orphan:

Also in other interview with Jiyan Mustafa in directorate general of social care we got more information about orphan children, she referred to following points among orphan:

1. The lack of protection and services
2. The lack of access to education
3. Family violence
4. Early marriage of girls
5. Some of them join military forces
6. Child exploitation and hard working



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7. Sexual violence

Also both of the interviewed person referred to some achievements of their work:

1. Establishing a Help-line with UNICEF with number 166 in case of any problem or violence against children they can call us.
2. Having focal points in most of the governmental institution and ministries.
3. Registration of 617 IDP orphan and documentation of information regarding IDP orphan
4. Implementation of foster family system
5. Publishing a booklet or manual on Foster family system in KRG with a special focus on IDPs

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