



## President Column

2021 was a year of challenges with the worsening of the Covid-19 pandemic not only for Iraq but for the entire world, which led to a decrease in international support for most of the organizations operating in the region including (AAS-I). Likewise, Iraq faced many closures, job losses for most people, and recession which added to the deteriorating economic situation. Daily wage workers were the most affected group, in addition to government employees in the KRI who receive their salaries once every two months, for more than five years.

The need increased among the host community as well as the displaced, as many of the displaced lost the motivation to return to their areas of origin due to fear of the ISIS ideology believed to exist among some extremist individuals who still live in those areas, especially in Nineveh.

This period was accompanied by severe repercussions on the Assyrian nation in general and on the members of the Assyrian Aid Society in particular, which is the loss of one of the biggest pillars of the AAS, with the death of its former president, Engineer Ashur Sargon Eskrya, who played a major role in providing the best possible services to support our people and deliver the issue of indigenous peoples to the largest global forums.

Despite the difficult circumstances and political tensions in the country, AAS-I did its best and continued its activities geared towards supporting stability in our regions, through the continuous efforts of our supporters and partners to support families in need by prioritizing life-saving assistance which included the providing of food parcels and personal protective equipment (PPE) which included hand sanitizers, face masks, shields, hygiene kits and multivitamins. Accompanied by key messages and publications to raise awareness on the prevention and control of (COVID-19), as well as the mobile clinic field visits project, which included several areas of Duhok and the Nineveh Plains, where medical examination and providing of prescriptions and medicines for treatment related to COVID-19 for people in need in those areas.

Among the humanitarian projects that AASI implemented, the distribution of diapers to children and individuals with special needs of our people, and this project helped reduce the burden on families with limited income in various villages of our people as well as inside the center of Duhok governorate, and the project is still ongoing.

The AASI continues to support the Assyrian Education Process, which represents one of the main and vital goals to preserve our ancient mother tongue and its continuity for future generations, by disbursing the wages of more than 90 lecturers and their transportation in the governorates of Duhok and Erbil, in addition to implementing of the restoration process for the schools (Akad and Birta) in Duhok governorate, as well as the Assyrian schools' computer laboratories were equipped with laptops, and all the schools were supplied with heating oil for the cold winter.

In order to support stability in the villages of our people, many projects have been implemented, including the construction of six residential houses in the village of Chaqala in Barwar region (in honor of the late Dr. Rouel Gorges), which was demolished for more than forty years. As well as the main source of the water network was extended in the village of Romta, the extension of an irrigation water network in the village of Challeg, as well as the implementation of a project to install a water network to irrigate crops and water the livestock in the village of Gondikosa, and to provide fodder to livestock owners in the villages Challeg and Nahla, as well as the implementation of a generator maintenance project in the villages of Bakhitme and the village of Perozawa and the rehabilitation of 11 damaged residential houses in the villages of Nahla District.



The AASI has continued its activities in the liberated areas, especially in the Nineveh Plains, and many service projects have been implemented, which were the rehabilitation of seven damaged green shops in Baghdida and Bartilla, as well as the rehabilitation of five damaged shops in Telkief, Telsqof and Alqosh, and the drilling of water boreholes, in order to support its residents to work and encourage displaced families to return to their original areas from which they were displaced.

The AASI worked to build and develop the capabilities of its employees by holding training in the field of work of civil society institutions in order to provide the best services to our people.

The AASI continued to support the programs and activities of our people youth by organizing a soccer tournament, in honor of the former president late engineer Ashur Sargon Eskrya.

In order to bring joy to the children, the AASI concluded its activities in 2021 by distributing Christmas gifts to them in the governorates of Duhok, Erbil and Nineveh Plain.

Along with other impacts, the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic has halted the establishment of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues for more than two years.

During 2021, many meetings were held with foreign institutions and organizations, directly or virtual, such as meeting and participation, accompanied by Mrs. Karmella Borashan, member of (AASA) from USA, In these meetings, many issues related to our people in the country were discussed, especially the issue of land grabbing in (58) Christian villages, as well as in the field of human rights advocacy and consolidating the principles of the human rights of indigenous peoples and religious freedoms in the country, as well as AASI role in providing services and projects, and the absence of the government's role and international organizations in the field of infrastructure reconstruction of the villages of our people, neglecting of the archaeological and urban monuments in areas such as Khannas and Sennacherib Dam (Jarwana), lack of support for the Assyrian Education Process, the conflict between the Turkish government and the PKK party over the lands of our people's villages in the Nahla, Barwar and Zakho regions.

The organizations that were met are Samaritan Purse, Religious Freedom Institute, USIP and USAID, which were was met by Ms. Karmella on my behalf.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all the members of AASI for giving me the confidence to undertake the responsibility of managing the work of the Assyrian Aid Society in order to achieve its goals at all levels, as well as the supportive workers and volunteers in the Assyrian Aid Society, whether inside the country or abroad, who worked for long hours to serve our nation.

The AASI will continue to provide its humanitarian work at all levels and in different circumstances, and to provide the best possible services to our people and to advocate the rights of indigenous peoples to live a decent life in their regions.

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# Relief & Humanitarian Affairs

The project of distributing the humanitarian relief items to people in need in different areas of Duhok, Erbil governorates, villages of Nineveh Plain. The project included providing food & hygiene items to more than (734) families, during 2021.



# Christmas gift project

The project of distributing the Christmas gifts for kids in Baghdad, Duhok and Erbil governorates, Bakhdida, Bartilla and Karmles in Nineveh Plain. The project of providing Christmas gifts included distributing more than (2,450) gifts from Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> 2021.



# Mobile clinic project

The project of providing medical care and of medicine to people in rural areas of Duhok governorate & Nineveh Plain, included:

- 1- Conducting (10) field visits of medical team to villages and towns of our people in Duhok & Nineveh Plain, the medical examination and medications were provided to (779) beneficiaries, Jul. 4<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> 2021.
- 2- Conducting (10) field visits of medical team to villages and towns of our people in Duhok, the medical examination and medications of various diseases were provided to all ages of patients including the medicine of protection of COVID-19 to (647) beneficiaries, Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> 2021.
- 3- Conducting (17) field visits of medical team to villages and towns of our people in Duhok, the medical examination and medications of various diseases were provided to patients of different ages (2265) beneficiaries, including the medicine for protection of COVID-19, Sep. 1<sup>st</sup> – Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 2021.



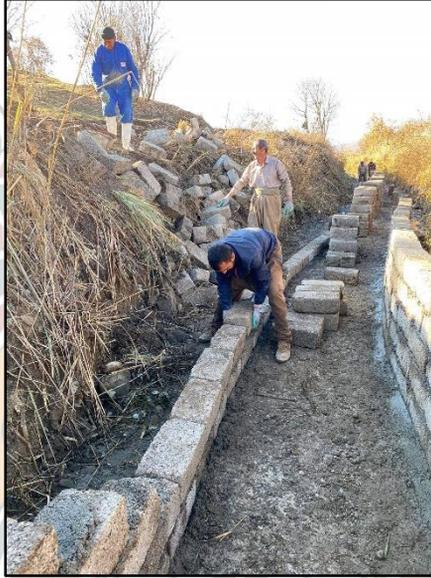
## Construction of Chaqala village - In memory of Dr. Rouel Georgis

In memory of the late Dr. Rouel Georgis, 6 houses were built for the people of the village of Chaqala. The work on the implementation of the project began in October 2020 and ended with handing over the houses to their owners in June 2021.



# Construction - Irrigation Channel Project

Contribution project for the construction of irrigation channel length (100)m in the village of Kashkawa, Nahla region, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> 2021.



Project of cleaning and opening of irrigation channels in length 5 km in the villages of Hizany, Khalilani and Shole of Nahla Region, Jun, 17<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> 2021.



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## “Blooming Flowers! Supporting Local Businesses in Hamdaniya” project with support of the USAID OTI/ICRI program

The Assyrian Aid Society-Iraq implemented the project of renovation and supplying (7) green shops in Bakhdida and Bartilla in Hamdaniya district, supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). In which, the project aimed to promote economic activities in the region, supporting the economic initiatives, increasing livelihood opportunities, and contribute to encouraging the permanent return of the displaced people in the region.

It is worth noting that the implementation of the project started on July 20<sup>th</sup> 2021 and was completed on Sep. 19<sup>th</sup> 2021.



# Project of lighting villages

The projects of lighting the villages of our people in Duhok governorate, has been implemented as follows:

- 1- The project of supplying and installing of (58) lights in the villages (Baz, Challek, Markajiya, Hayes, Jedide, Beqolke, Kani Balave) in the Barwar region, Jan 9<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> 2021.
- 2- The project of supplying and installing of (34) lights in the villages (Bagerat in Duhok governorate, and villages of Dashqotan, Perozawa and Karanjok in Alqosh sub district - Nineveh Plain), Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> 2021.



# projects of supporting small businesses in Nineveh Plain

The projects of supporting the small businesses of our people whom been returned from displacement to their areas in the Nineveh Plain, the project included supporting the small businesses owners' with equipment and materials to open / develop their businesses as follows:

1. Supplying equipment and materials for development of Kubba factory in Bakhdida
2. Supplying of clothes for development of clothes shop in Telkief
3. Supplying of clothes for development of clothes shop in Sheekhan
4. Supplying pick up truck for opening mobile grocery business in Telsqof
5. Supplying equipment and materials for development of blacksmith shop in Telsqof
6. Supplying equipment and materials for opening stationery office in Telkief
7. Supplying equipment and materials for opening electric installation shop in Alqosh





# Project of providing heating fuel (Kerosene) for the Assyrian schools

The project of supplying heating fuel (Kerosene) for all schools of the Assyrian Education in Duhok & Erbil, for the academic year 2020 - 2021. The project included supplying the kerosene to all schools of the Assyrian Education in Duhok & Erbil with quantity of 600 liters per each school, December 2021.



# Projects of providing laptops for schools

The project of supplying and providing 34 computer & 2 printers for lab rooms of schools of Assyrian Education in Duhok and Erbil governorate, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> - Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> 2021.



## Project of rehabilitation of schools

In order to provide the appropriate study environment for our people in their schools, and before the start of the school year 2021-2022, the Assyrian Aid Society-Iraq, with the support of the Assyrian Aid Society in Australia and in coordination with the Assyrian Aid Society in America, implemented a project to rehabilitate the Assyrian Aged Basic School in the city of Dohuk and a school Basic Berta in the village of Koregavana, Dohuk Governorate.

The project included the repair of (63) classroom seats and the rehabilitation of secondary ceilings for the halls of Akad School, as well as treating the roofs of the Berta School building by covering them with felt and installing (60) lamps for its classrooms. The work continued from August 28 to September 20, 2021.



# Project of supplying face masks for schools and general directorate of health in Duhok

The project of distribution and delivering of face shields in order to fight the spread of Covid-19 pandemic, (38,000) pieces were delivered to the General Directorate of Health in Duhok governorate, and (4000) pieces were distributed to the students and administrations of the Assyrian schools in governorates of Duhok and Erbil, Jun. 7th – 24th 2021.



## Projects of installation of water networks

1. Extending the main source of water network in Challeg village – Barwar region. The project included extending main source of water network (350m) for delivering water to the village water tank, and supplying a new water tank (capacity 30,000 liters), the work included the backfilling of main pipe line and connecting of the submersible pump, Sep. 15<sup>th</sup> 2021 – Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> 2022.
2. Extending Main Source of Water Network (1,150 m) of Romta village – Duhok governorate. The project included excavating and extending the pipe in length more than (1,155 m) for delivering water to the village, the work included also backfilling of pipe. Sep. 10<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021.
3. Extend water network that takes its water from the Khabur River to supply crops and livestock with the water they need, and to keep the first water network specific to the needs The project started on July 18, 2021, and it is hoped that it will be completed soon.



## Projects of repairing roofs of houses in Nahla

Implementation of a project to maintain and restore the roofs of houses in the Nahla area for the period from Jun. 20<sup>th</sup> - July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 by covering them with asphalt felt (which is often used in the work of cutting moisture in the roofs as well as in reducing high temperatures). In it, (11) houses were restored.



## Soccer tournament in honor of the late engineer Ashur Sargon Eskrya

In order to commemorate the great role and impact left by the late engineer Ashur Sargon Eskrya former president of the Assyrian Aid Society –Iraq; a soccer tournament was held for the youth of our people in Dohuk Governorate and its affiliated villages, included participation of 16 teams, Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021.



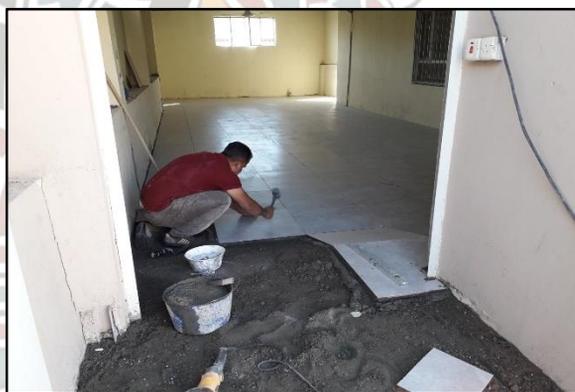
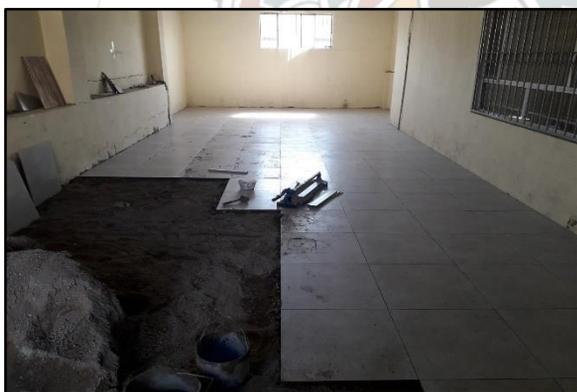
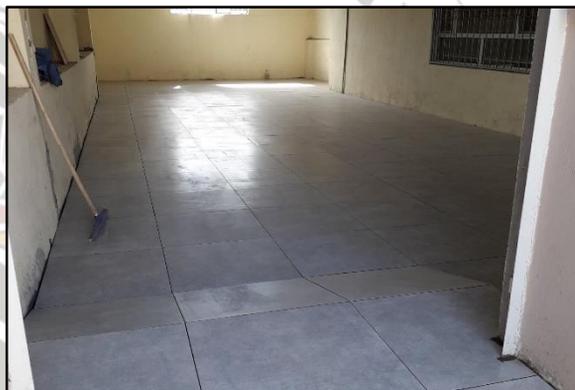
# Skala project – Disaster preparedness: Capacity building for improved humanitarian response

The Assyrian Aid Society has participated with all its staff members in many organizational and development trainings in order to increase their capabilities and skills in administrative field, which are aimed at supporting and developing the work of the AASI in accordance with international standards and charters to advance it from local to the regional and international level. July 2019 – December 2021.



# Skala project – Disaster preparedness: Capacity building for improved humanitarian response

Rehabilitation of the AAASI warehouse to preserve humanitarian relief items for the preparation for disaster response situations



# Diaper program

The project of implementing the diaper program, included distribution of diapers for children and elderlies (including the handicaps) of the vulnerable families in Duhok governorate. The project included providing diapers to more than (8400 diapers to 310 children and 2100 diapers to 78 elderly), on monthly base during the year 2021.

Distribution of the diapers, included the supplying, transporting and distribution diapers to all targeted areas as follows: (Koregavana, Gondikosa, Shiyoz, Bakhitme, Bersiveh, Deralok, Aqra, Nahla and Duhok city center).



## Visits and meetings

- 1- John Acree Senior Country Representative USAID / OTI
- 2- Jeremy Barker Senior Program Officer International Religious Freedom
- 3- Lana Khalid United States Institute of Peace
- 4- Thomas Newery Samaritan's Purse
- 5- Mar Awa III Royal Patriarch of the church of the East.



## Projects implemented 2021

#	Sector	Project	Location (Village)	Donor
1	Water, Hygiene, and Sanitation	Opening 5 Km of irrigation channels	Nahla villages	AASA
2		Extended drinking water network	Koregavana village	Bahrami Family
3		Installing new water network	Gondikosa village	AASA – Shlama Foundation
4		Repairing the main water network	Iqre village/ Barwar	AASA
5		Extending the main source of water network 1,150 m	Romta village	AASA - AEC
6		Installing water network 350 m for irrigation and supplying water tank 30000 liters	Challek village-Barwar	AASA - AEC
7		Construction 100 m Irrigation channel	Kashkawa village / Nahla region	AASA
8	Shelter	Construction of 6 houses	Chaqala village - Barwar - in memory of Dr. Rouel Gorgis	AASA and ACF
9		Rehabilitation of the roof for 11 houses	Seven villages in Nahla	Evangelical Lutheran Church in Wuerttemberg
10	Health	Mobile clinic supporting 779 beneficiaries	Duhok Center and nine Surrounding Villages	Obaleet Sargony Memorial Fund
11		Distribution of Face-shields – (Shipped items)	Duhok Directorate of health and 26 schools of Assyrian Education in Duhok & Erbil (42,000 face shields)	GlobalMedic, MultiFaith Alliance & AASA
12		Mobile Clinic	Nine villages in Barwar region and Babilo village	AAS-Australia
13		Mobile Clinic	Zakho and Semele villages	AASA - AEC
14	Food	Distribution of food for 100 Families for Easter ( Gifts for Easter)	Duhok	ICRC
15		Supply and distribution of food and COVID-19 Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) to 244 families	Duhok Center, Hazarjot, Malabrwan, Simele, Mesireke and Koregavana	Sign of Hope
16		Supply and distribution of food and COVID-19 Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) to 122 families	Duhok Center, Shiyoz, Jambour	Sign of Hope
17		Distribution of food for 140 Families and 550 Kids Gifts for Christmas	Duhok, Erbil, Baghdida	ICRC
18		Distribution of food for 150 Families for Christmas	Duhok	AAS-Australia
19		Distribution of food for 180 Families	Duhok	AAS-Australia
20		Distribution of food for 140 Families	Duhok and Barwar region	AASA
21		Distribution of food for 120 Families	Duhok	SEZ
22		Distribution of 1200 kids' gifts for Christmas	Duhok, Erbil	AASA - AEC
23	Education	Providing monthly fees of 87 lecturers and 12 lines of transportation for the school year 2020/2021	Duhok & Erbil Governorate	AASA - ACF
24		Rehabilitation of Akad Secondary School	Duhok	AAS-Australia
25		Rehabilitation Berta Secondary School	Koregavana village	AAS-Australia
26		Rehabilitation and expand Hezany Secondary School	Nahla Hezany village	AASA
27		Supply 33 laptops and two printing machines for 19 schools	Assyrian Schools in Duhok and Surround villages	AASA - AEC
28		Furnishing a center for teaching drawing and sculpture for youth in Baghdida	Baghdida District	AASA
29		Supply furniture's for Hezany and Marga school in Nahla	Nahla Region	Karmella Borashan
30		Supply Kerosene for schools	Duhok & Erbil	AASA / Dr. John Michael

## Projects implemented 2021

#	Sector	Project	Location (village)	Donor
31	Livelihood	Rehabilitation of seven green shops	Bartilla & Al-Hamdaniya-Nineveh Governorate	USAID/OTI
32		Supply Equipment and devices for development Kubba Factory (Local food making)	Baghdida Nineveh Plain	ICRC
33		Rehabilitation and development 5 small business shops	Nineveh Plain (Telkief, Telsqof, Alqosh, Sheekhan)	Gishru
34	Non-Food Items	Supply baby and elderly diapers	Duhok center and Surround villages	Religious Freedom Coalition
35	Maintenance	Maintenance of diesel generator	Hamziya village (Sapna Region)	AAS-Australia
36		Maintenance of diesel generator	Ainbaqre village (Shekhan Region / Nineveh Plain)	AAS-Australia
37		Maintenance of diesel generator	Perozawa village	AASA
38		Maintenance of diesel generator	Bakhitme village	AAS-Australia
39	Other	Rehabilitation of AAS-I warehouse	Duhok Center	Sign of Hope / Skala project
40		Ashur Eskrya memorial soccer tournament (16 teams)	Duhok Center and surrounding villages	Renya Benjamin family
41		Supply and distribution of food and COVID-19 Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) to 122 families	Duhok Center, Shiyoz, Jambour	Sign of Hope
42		Providing barley for Sheep in Challek village/ Barwar region	Chalek Village	AAS- Australia
43		Providing barley for Sheep in Nahla region	Nahla Villages	AASA
44		Digging Water well for Schools	Nineveh Plain ( Baghdadeda and Bartela)	ICRC
45		Installing Street lighting	Dahqotany, Karanjo, Perozawa, Bakerat	AAS Canada



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## Donors

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**GlobalMedic - Canada & MultiFaith Alliance - USA**

**International Christian Concern - USA**

**Iraqi Christian Relief Council - USA**

**Nineveh Church – USA**

**Religious Freedom Coalition - USA**

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**Sign of Hope - Germany**

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