



Duhok 2022-2023

# LEGACY EVENT

Sustainable Shelters, Camp Infrastructure, and Livelihoods for Syrian  
Refugees in Kurdistan Region of Iraq

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Peace Winds’ humanitarian programs extend to over twenty countries in Africa, the Middle East, the Americas, Oceania, Europe and Asia. We are grateful for the funding support we receive from various private, UN, and governmental donors, including Japan’s MOFA and the U.S. State Department’s Bureau for Population, Refugees, and Migration. We currently maintain a cooperative agreement with the U.S. State Department, through which they’ve provided \$8 million for the enhancement of shelters for Syrian refugees in Northern Iraq. Additionally, we have received \$100,000 from UN-HABITAT for the “Recovery Support to Returnees in Iraq” initiative, aimed at bolstering socio-economic stabilization and improving food security in Sinjar.



Accessibility improvements to public facilities allows refugees with functional limitations to independently access public facilities inside the camps.

Domiz 2 Refugee Camp

# Duhok Activities

During the year 2022-2023, 613 shelters and 43 public facilities have been improved for people with disabilities and elderly in Gawilan and Domiz 2 refugee camps, Duhok province.

The process of upgrades began in coordination with UNHCR and BCF by collecting the names of families with person with disabilities (PwDs) and elderly in Gawilan and Domiz 2 refugee camps. Once the assessments were completed, 613 shelters and 43 public facilities (PFs) were selected by Peace Winds based on a scoring system developed in accordance with SPHERE and Washington Group standards for inclusion.

In order to explain the steps and requirements of the improvements, Peace Winds conducted orientations for the selected shelter families, followed by an agreement for each shelter detailing the materials and the amount they would receive, as well as the amount of cash they will receive for their work.

Distribution of building materials was carried out by contractors, while construction work was carried out by camp workers provided by the shelter owners, which helped families in the camp to both improve their homes and benefit from the cash for work (CfW) system.

613 shelters (308 shelters in Gawilan and 305 shelters in Domiz 2) and 43 public facilities in the camps (22 PFs in Gawilan and 21 PFs in Domiz 2) have been improved to accommodate people with disabilities and elderly.

2,113 workers worked in this project (638 in Gawilan and 1,475 in Domiz 2) out of which 336 were women (16%). This activity helped women to become a contributor to their families' livelihoods through CfW and learn new skills in the construction sector.

A total of 13,337.08 working days were completed (6,763.1 in Gawilan and 6,573.98 in Domiz 2).

Out of a total of 13,337.08 workdays, there were 6,129.15 skilled workdays and 7,207.93 unskilled workdays.

After the work was completed and the shelters and public facilities were handed over, Peace Winds conducted a satisfaction survey of shelter owners, and the result was 98% satisfied with the improvements.



Women worker receiving Cash for Work, as she was involved in work for her shelter improvement. She is to become a contributor to her family livelihoods through CfW.



Accessibility upgrade of public facility for persons with disabilities and elderly.

Kobani Primary Mixed School in Gawilan refugee camp, Duhok, KRI



Improvements of latrine and shower (before and after) which includes constructing handrails, shower and shower seats, as well as accessible latrine, increase the safety of persons with disabilities and elderly.





## Tool Service Center



## Workshop Beneficiaries



CfW beneficiaries borrowing tools from the Tool Service Centers (TSCs) and using them for shelter upgrades.





# Workshop and Tool Service Center

Peace Winds has established workshop spaces to serve as multi-purpose areas in Darashakran and Qushtapa camps in Erbil. These multi-purpose spaces are available to beneficiaries to construct, fix, weld, assemble, etc. their personal projects and to encourage beneficiaries to participate in livelihood opportunities.

Peace Winds has installed two workshop spaces with high quality utilities, safety measures, and equipment. Peace Winds expects the workshop spaces to encourage marginalized groups such as women, elderly, and people with special needs to participate more in livelihood opportunities, practical trainings, upgrades, and cash-for-work activities. Moreover, Peace Winds in cooperation with Barzani Charity Foundation provides introductory trainings for female refugees in areas of work where women are underrepresented.

The activities of the workshop spaces have been led by different actors utilizing the area because of its large and welcoming space making it a multi-purpose hub.

Four Tool Service Centers (TSCs) have been established in refugee camps in Erbil through a service contract with Barzani Charity Foundation (BCF). The centers in Darashakran, Qushtapa, Basirma, and Kawergosk camps provide tools, safety equipment, supplies, and basic safety training to refugee beneficiaries through a simple tool-borrowing procedure.

The TSCs are accessible to all refugees, providing them with the opportunity to utilize and borrow tools for their own work and projects. This includes making improvements to their shelters and upgrading infrastructure as part of Peace Wind's PRM project.

# of Beneficiaries that registered at the Workshops			
Camp	Year 1 (Oct 2022 - Sep 17, 2023)		
	Male	Female	Total
Darashakran Camp	652	16	668
Qushtapa Camp	358	37	395
Basirma Camp	363	20	383
Gawilan Camp	388	133	521
Domiz 1 Camp	130	30	160
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,891</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>2,127</b>

# of Beneficiaries that registered at the Tool Service Center			
Camp	Year 1 (Oct 2022 - Sep 17, 2023)		
	Male	Female	Total
Darashakran Camp	2,590	529	3,119
Kawergosk Camp	2,830	509	3,339
Qushtapa Camp	2,220	192	2,412
Basirma Camp	3,894	183	4,077
Gawilan Camp	1,595	314	1,909
Domiz 1 Camp	1,135	154	1,289
Domiz 2 Camp	1,198	358	1,556
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,462</b>	<b>2,239</b>	<b>17,701</b>



39,565 tools have been borrowed from Erbil's Tool Service Centers (TSC) and 18,480 tools have been borrowed from Duhok's Tool Service Centers (TSC)





## TSC and Workshop Trainings

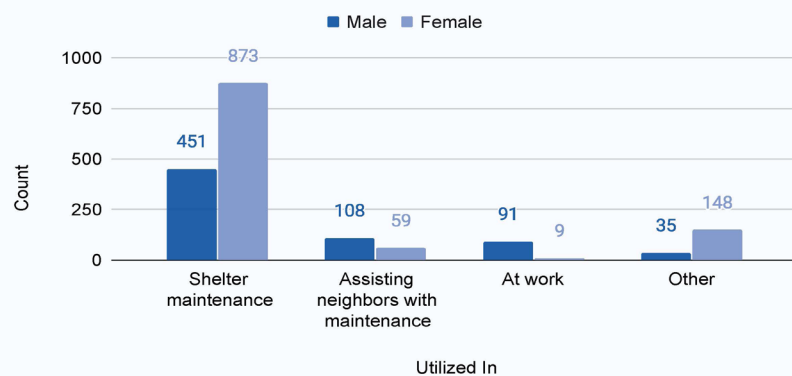
**Regular Training Statistics  
(October 2022-September 2023)**

Camp	Number of Training Sessions	Male	Female	Total Participants
Darashakran	15	69	106	175
Kawergosk	14	64	90	154
Qushtapa	15	56	103	159
Basirma	13	76	83	159
Domiz 1	10	50	77	127
Domiz 2	14	47	121	168
Gawilan	11	32	96	128
<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>1070</b>

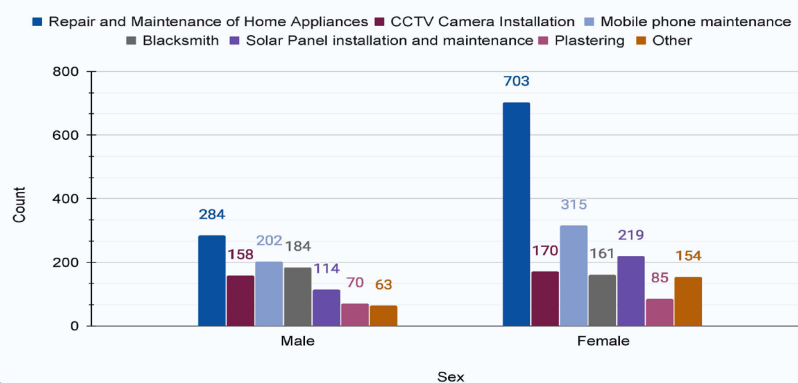
**PwDs and older persons Training Statistics  
(October 2022-September 2023)**

Camp	Number of Training Sessions	Male	Female	Total Participants
Darashakran	9	13	42	55
Kawergosk	11	21	47	68
Qushtapa	11	34	33	67
Basirma	11	36	32	68
Domiz 1	13	22	56	78
Domiz 2	11	13	53	66
Gawilan	8	20	25	45
<b>Total</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>447</b>

**Utilization of the gained skills**



**Training Demand in Female and Male Participants**





# Training Activities

As a core focus, Peace Winds conducts training sessions in cooperation with BCF for refugees residing in the camps to develop their construction skills, enabling them to benefit from livelihood opportunities and maintenance of their homes. They are trained theoretically and practically by professional technicians to maintain their shelters through the use of the tools provided by the TSCs in a safe and professional manner.

Training opportunities in all four Tool Service Centers (TSCs) in the Erbil camps continue to encourage the participation of vulnerable refugees including women, elderly, and people with special needs. Sessions are designed to develop their skills and to enable them to benefit from the cash-for-work activities under this project and/or to generate income elsewhere.

## Training Impact Measurements

Two impact measurements were carried out that collected feedback from refugees who attended 165 training sessions between Oct 2022 - August 2023 in Erbil and Duhok camps. Results were overwhelmingly positive, influencing training improvements, identifying effective sessions, and uncovering desired topics.

- **Wide-ranging Impact:** The survey included 833 participants (527 females and 306 males) among them 255 PwDs and elderly across 7 different camps, revealing the broad reach and potential of training initiatives in fostering self-sufficiency and community engagement.
- **Women's Empowerment:** Women emphasized the transformative power of training, boosting skills and promoting self-reliance. A participant from Darashakran camp shared newfound confidence in tasks like electrical work and plumbing, enhancing her role as a mother of disabled children.

*"After taking part in the training sessions, I have become confident to fix electrical plugs, water taps, and use the hand drills whenever needed without calling any person from outside," said a female participant from Darashakran camp who is a mother to two disabled children.*

- **Independent Maintenance:** Participants' newly acquired skills enabled them to independently manage crucial tasks like water tap and electrical outlet maintenance. This newfound competence empowered women to maintain their shelters and led to suggestions for additional training.
- **Strong Impact of TSC Training:** The Tool Service Center (TSC) Training had a strong positive impact, and inspiring suggestions for more frequent and extended sessions.
- **PwD and Elderly Engagement:** Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and the elderly found community engagement and improved interactions with peers through training, contributing to their overall well-being despite physical limitations.
- **Crucial Skill Utilization:** Survey findings underscored participants' recognition of the importance of training, as nearly all acknowledged its role in enhancing skills, especially in shelter maintenance tasks.
- **Cost Savings and Job Opportunities:** Participants reported substantial savings by avoiding professional maintenance, and gained skills translated into meaningful job opportunities and increased income prospects.
- **Family Support Impact:** The level of family support for female participants significantly impacted their training involvement, affecting resilience, self-reliance, and community engagement outcomes.

These findings highlight the transformative potential of training initiatives for refugees, particularly women, in terms of skill development, economic empowerment, and enhanced community engagement.





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