**Harikar/GBV Culster**

**Challnege and Lessons Learnt:**

Harikar – GBV cluster was able to achive its objectives and goals during 2021 in Duhok and Ninewa governorate in camps and non camps as well. Though; the GBV cluster faced various challenges and difficulities but it could provide its services for IDPs, refugees, returnees and the host community members. Throughout the implementation of GBV cluster services and activites, many challenges were identified as lack of livelihood projects for referring GBV cases in all locations as well as the lack of medications and specialized doctors for the GBV cases. In addition; non availability of enough shelters in some camps was a big challenge as it was on the GBV cases’ issues. On the other hand; issuing the documents (ID residency & UNHCR certificate) took a long time which might cause obstacles for urgent GBV cases. Moreover; the outbreak of Covid-19 and lack of service providers in some locations led to difficulities in referrals. It is worth to highlight that the safety and security situation in Ninawa governorate has not been stable which led to negative impacts on the emplyees and the beneficiaries in women social centers and basically in Sinune and Sinjar.The above mentioned challenges and difficulities led to achieve many lessons learnt in 2021. One of the lessons learnt that integrating GBV program with livelihood and cash will lead the women and girls to be independent for living conditions.

**Achievments:**

During the implementation of GBV activitivies in 2021, Harikar – GBV cluster achived its objectives and reached many achievements. Harikar could continousely keep its level as a Co-chair for GBV Duhok Cluster, a member of GBVIMS and leading the Duhok and Ninawa meetings and a member of PSEA Iraq Network and Duhok PSEA Task Force. Harikar-GBV cluster was able to achieve its objectives with all partners and could conduct a lot of capacity building trainings for GBV cluster on differet topics. The GBV cluster provided trainings for governmental staff, human rights institutions and local society organizations and comuunities to prevent and respond to gender-based-violence. It is worth to mention that Harikar-GBV cluster in collaboration with other stakeholders was able to strengthen laws,policies, and strategies that contribute to prevention and response of GBV. In Ninawa areas, Harikar-GBV cluster was able to create safe sapces for women and girls through recreational activities, vocational trainings, case management, structured PSS, capacity building for Non-GBV actors and community leaders.