

Psychosocial support services for Syrian refugee students in Erbil, Iraqi Kurdistan Region

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Introduction

The Psychosocial services in Erbil city:

- Governmental psychiatric hospital(Hawler Psychiatric Hospital).
- Private Psychiatric clinics







Hawler Medical University includes:

- College of Medicine
- College of Pharmacy
- College of Nursing
- College of Health Sciences







Introduction

 There are no specific psychosocial centers or services inside universities in Erbil city.

 The shortage of specific and special centers in the Kurdistan makes most of the students not able to deal with their psychological and social problems.







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 Hawler Medical University has a number of experts that can provide such services, but there is no a center or establishment with a clear mandate and responsibility to provide such services. The project will help in organizing the resources to provide these services with the support of the grant.







IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT

 Establishing a psychosocial support center and provision of psychosocial support services for the Syrian refugee students and other students in the host community in Erbil.







 This project will be beneficial as it works on dealing with psychological, social and psychiatric problems among the students.







Objectives

-Awareness & Psycho education programs of Syrian refugees about the psychiatric problems.

-Helping in improving the quality of life of people under stressful conditions.

-Helping the target in risk population to engage actively into the community.







 Assessment of the psychological state and needs of the students.

- Assessment and diagnosing cases experiencing trauma.
- Diagnosing &treatment of psychiatric disorders.







Project plan

- Implementing the project will result in establishing a center for psychosocial support at Hawler Medical University that will provide services to all students in universities and will help in preparing an expert team of specialists and academics that will be able to deal with similar cases in the future.
- The team :Psychiatrists, psychologists and social worker.







Activities

- Holding Seminars and workshop that aim at raising the level of education about mental health issues.
- Providing recreational &rehabilitation aids in the attempt to help them be independent individuals &be active in the community.
- Providing psychotherapy at the center







Outcome of the project?

- The Syrian refugee students will be psychologically and socially rehabilitated by an expert team to be able to integrate into the society and the study environment.
- With overcoming these problems and difficulties they are facing, their performance in the study will be improved, and their quality of life will get better.







 This service will also help the students from the host community and will help them in better acceptance and much integration with their Syrian refugee colleagues







Challenges

Bank account?

Deadline of the project??







Thank you



