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Children, undoubtedly defined as the fundamental of a country, will play an important role in the country's future. Statistics have shown that approximately 4.3 million Syrian children have been greatly affected by the war, and estimated 800,000 children were displaced directly due to the Syrian civil war according to the UNICEF crisis report in 2013. Although all those statistics above have been denied by the Syrian government, the global community, especially the Middle-East nations, are paying an increasing attention to the safety of children in Syria.

As a country neighbouring to Syria, Iraq adopts a bold and broad attitude to welcome all the refugee children from Syria. Currently, according to the UNICEF report, there are 55,582 refugee children totally in our refugee camp and as if the trend continues, up to 150,000 refugee children would be in Iraq by the end of this year^[1]. Iraq is now working in close partnership with UNHCR and UNICEF on the development of Syrian humanitarian response and management, including the achievements of some 13,599 children having clear drinking water and water for cooking, estimated 9,050 school age children are already enrolled in our learning programmes and 2,670 children have received psychological support and consultation ^[1].

Although all of the above have been done successfully, we are still lacking of funds. The statistics in UNICEF report clearly reflects the fact that we are lacking of financial aid, with a total unmet financial requirements of 16,110,000 US dollars ^[1].

In the coming conference, Iraq will be looking for 2 main parts of assistances from the global community to help us better working out the solution.

First of all, as Iraq provides sites for the construction of more shelters as well as the labour force serving in the refugee camps, Iraq needs financial, material and food aid from UNHCR and UNICEF as Iraq is lacking of specific but crucial materials (tents, concrete and etc.). Considering the fact that there has been a significant increase in the population of refugee camp and it can be foreseen that the trend will continue in the coming years, Iraq is seeking for foreign construction companies that are willing to tender for the construction of more refugee camps, water treatment plants and power plants among the sites Iraq provides to ensure a basic living condition for the refugee children. In the meantime, Iraq is also looking for experienced teachers and doctors who masters Kurdish and Arabic from neighbouring Arab countries (Saudi Arabia, Emirates and etc.) to provide a better education and medical care for refugee children.

Secondly, Iraq is calling for the peacekeeping forces from UNSC so as to keep the social order around the refugee camps in Northern Iraq, since the ISIS terrorists are greatly threatening the safety of northern frontier regions, it is crucial and in urgent need to send an army to ensure the safety of refugee

children in the camps. In the meantime, Iraq hopes that the peacekeeping forces will do great help to rescue the refugees who are in great danger during the Syria civil war.

In the near future, Iraq will be in close corporation with WHO and UNHCR in order to meet the needs of medical care, food supply and construction materials. On the other side, Iraq is still looking forward to the success of the establishment of Iraq-China and Iraq-U.S.A diplomatic relations so as to ensure the financial and martial supply from the world leading powers. As Iraq boasts the standpoint of rescuing Syrian children in conflicts, Iraq hopes that in the coming conference, all countries will join together and hopefully to sign a joint cooperation agreement in the purpose of helping children in Syrian conflict.

Iraq believes that children are especially important to a country, and this is the main reason why Iraq will consistently and generously help all refugee children from Syria until the civil war ends. On the international level, Iraq hopes that all Middle-East countries can join together to solve the Syrian civil war in a peace, negotiation way as well as giving all Syrian children a better living condition.

Reference

[1] UNICEF Crisis report March 2011-March 2013 Syria's Children: A lost generation.