



The distribution report for the months July, august, and September 2007
For the Sponsorship Program for Supporting the Chronically Disease
Children

After the departure of the program Iraqi coordinator Ms.Zina Al-azawy in December 2006 ,Iraqi al-amal association medical team took over the responsibility of distributing the 3rd medicine distribution for the year 2006 in the mid of December, the operation continued till march 2007,because of the bad security conditions in Baghdad which forced most of the patinas families to move from there neighborhood ,some of them moved outside Baghdad to north or south governorates ,other were forced to move to other regions in Baghdad ,especially families living south and south west of Baghdad .

The distribution operation:

The relocating operation of families took a long time till we rebuild our new information list ,especially that some fear to give us true address or phone numbers due to security issues, after we finish 2006 distribution ,we started to rearrange our budget into the limits of our sponsorship program(about 40-60 thousands US dollars per year) ,especially that the restriction on receiving medicines through airport from Italy increase the pressure on us to provide these medicines from local market, in the 12th of may we organize a meeting with patinas families ,we discuss our budget and explained to them that in order to meet our requirements we have to decrease the shares ,after a long meeting and hearing there complains and there suffering especially with the bad condition of health services in Baghdad and increase of the medical expanses of there children as many of them can not go to nearest hospitals ,or had lost contact with there children doctors due to large immigration of doctors outside Iraq and the bad security and bad transportation in the capital ,we agree with them and put in our plan of distribution to try to meet the needs of those who need emergent help, we started distribution our 1st 2007 in July ,we started with the most needed families ,we were able to buy most of the medicine we usually receive from Italy through Lebanon ,then transfer it to Kurdistan and take it from there to Baghdad ,our supplier did not charge us any of this transportation cost ,and we were able to limit our transportation cost to the usual cost inside Baghdad ,also we were able to send medicine to families in najaf and karbla

who were displaced from Baghdad and received a medical report on the children from their doctors there also we had the cost of those transportation free.

The beneficiaries:

We had distributed shares to 59 families and had appointment with 11 family in the north of Iraq to come through this month to receive their medicines, we hope we can give them their share of next distribution of 2007 in the same time as it is very expensive and dangerous on them to travel from there to Baghdad.

Unfortunately the program suffered the death of child AYA SAMI, we were contacted by her father that she suffered a brain stroke and died immediately.

Medicine:

Drugs had been fully supplied from local market except (desferol and sandimun and asparagines) we brought it from Lebanon, we were able to buy them in a low competitive price, but unfortunately due to a terrorist attack in August on the medical storage house in al-amal ally, most of Baghdad storage of insulin (for diabetic) were destroyed and we bought it from local market in higher prices.

Obstacles:

The security condition was an obstacle that prevented us from organizing a medical check, but we asked the families to bring the latest medical reports when they come, but most patients as I explained previously had lost contact with their doctors and only receive medical check in emergency room or in local clinics in their new neighborhoods.

The distribution took a long time due to bad transportation in Baghdad especially those who had to cross from one bank of Baghdad, for example the patient Sufian Mohamed family were forced to come and stay a night in Baghdad to receive their medicine as he receives chemotherapy we bought every month only his medicine (cost us 260 \$ monthly) and his father takes it and travel to their location outside Baghdad (they were displaced from their house in Al-Dora when al-Qadiah found out his son receives medicine from Italy) with putting in mind that the true cost of his monthly treatment usually cost 500\$ but we were able to find temporary supplier for 260 \$, and they had lost their house and live in a shelter outside Baghdad on aid and charity.

Evolution and suggestions:

We distributed about 65% of patients usual shares to be able not to exceed our budget ,families complain and asked for increasing there older shares because they can not meet the cost of medicine in Iraq .

We received many request from families for finding treatment in hospitals outside Iraq for there children's especially those suffering from leukemia and thalsemia ,as they suffer from bad conditions of Iraqi hospitals and we contacted several organizations and institutes but we had no progress till know ,we suggest if you can study such possibility

We suggest that you study the possibility of sending the medicine from Italy to Erbil airport in Kurdistan were we receive it through our office in Kurdistan, as it still hard to get it from Baghdad airport

In spit of 2007 delay in distribution ,we notice the sever need of people ,especially between those who were displaced ,and those who can not reach any medical help in there regions ,the situation of the families is very hard ,and due to the program strong reputation we receive every week 2 to 4 cases of children suffering from injuries or chronic medical cases ,asking to be included in the program .

Therefore I strongly suggest that you rethink increasing our budget or thinking of ways to help the emergent cases

Finances:

There were 2 transfers from Italy in 2007, the first in February 2007 of 19,628 \$ we used it to cover some of 2006 budget of88343.68, the 2nd was in 16-7-2007 of 17,991 we use it finance our 1st distribution in 2007 which was in total amount 24,538\$

We suggest that you transfer the rest of 2007 budget so we can start 2nd distribution before the end of the year, and be able to start our 2008 distributions early

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