

# ***SHELTER-REPORT***

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***Shelter Now — Rebuilding Lives and Restoring Hope***

***Dear friends and partners of Shelter Now***

The media are currently full of the war in Ukraine. Terrible, what is done to people there!

In the midst of all this, however, we should not forget the plight of the people in Afghanistan, where millions are starving. We must also help them. The same applies to the survivors of the genocide of the Esidians in Iraq.



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## What moves us !

### A Project Visit in IRAQ – Udo Stolte reports:

Udo Stolte has just returned from a **project trip to Iraq**. Here is his short report:

Together with three friends from Germany, we traveled to Iraq via Baghdad this time. This detour was necessary to get a visa for the whole of Iraq in our passports. Because we finally wanted to visit our projects in Nineveh.

In all my previous trips to Iraq, I have only ever been to the Autonomous Region of Kurdistan. We maintain almost all of our projects there. But why Nineveh now?

Since 2015, we have been supporting families in Iraq who had to flee from the murderous mobs of IS, including Muslims, Esidis, and Christians. The Christians were often allowed to set up their tents on church property, for example in the city of Sulaymaniya. We supported them there with winter clothing, food, drinking water and more. In the meantime, many of these families have returned to

their homes, for example to Nineveh - today better known by its Arabic name Mosul. Their homes, however, have been looted and in some cases destroyed. There is also still a great lack of job opportunities. Therefore, they are dependent on our help.

In the districts of Bartala and Karakosh, we have been distributing food and school supplies and financing urgent medical visits for three years.

The distributions take place on church grounds, in one of which life-size photos of Pope Francis are prominently displayed. In fact, he visited this church exactly one year ago. There, he encouraged people with words like, *"Never stop dreaming!"* and *"It is up to us to listen to (God) and walk in his ways. Let the weapons be silent!"*

**Sometimes it's hard to dream of peace - especially in these times. But I don't want to give up. I want to see and work to make many of my dreams come true.**



Mosul (Nineveh) - distribution of school materials and



Food on church property.





Women's center in Baadre - proudly the young women show their self-made dresses

## Baadre – two long-term projects

Montessori Children's Center  
and Women's Center

So we can also visit the rehabilitation center for young women in Baadre as well as the nearby Montessori children's center. These two projects are dreams, already on the way to become true. The children are happy, we surprise them again at a birthday party. One child expresses his joy like this: *"It is so good that we have the birthday parties. It lets us know that we are somebody - that we matter."*

### Dreams can become reality.

At the women's center, some young women show me their "journeyman's pieces": dresses they had made themselves in their sewing course. All of them have just passed the course, they get the sewing machines as a gift and can now earn money with their newly acquired skills. Other young women make jewelry, which they then sell. Soon a new course will start: hairdresser and make-up artist.

This center brings together young women who, sometimes as very young girls, were persecuted or enslaved by IS men a few years ago. Here they experience healing and gain new confidence for their lives. Dreams come true.

## Afghanistan – we are starting from scratch. For the third time

We have now been working among Afghans for forty years, first in Pakistan, then in Afghanistan. In 1990, our entire work was destroyed by a mob incited by extremists. Exactly one year later, Georg Taubmann started anew. In 2001, 24 Shelter staff were taken hostage in Kabul and all our working materials were looted. Six months later we started again. And now, half a year ago, the Taliban took over Afghanistan and all the staff had to leave.

### But here, too, we have not yet finished dreaming.

We feel as if we have been sent an angel. He has no wings and goes by the human name of Dr. Balouch. This man is very influential. At great risk - he does not belong to the Taliban - he has met with the highest-ranking officials of the new rulers and promoted our work. With success: the new ministers and even the prime minister want us to continue our work, and they have even given us their approval in writing.



Visit to the Montessori Children's Center



Afghan television films food distributions led by Dr. Balouch





Kabul, Chalou Camp – food distribution

But it is also urgently needed: More than half of the population is starving. We are dealing with a humanitarian catastrophe. So we immediately started distributing food. In the meantime, our office is now staffed with new local employees - we are also allowed to hire Afghan women - and every day thousands of particularly needy families receive food packages: 50 kg of flour, 10 liters of oil, 24 kg of rice, 7 kg of dried beans, 2 kg of tea leaves, 5 kg of sugar. One such package costs 95 euros including distribution costs.

However, we do not forget about these vital projects: education and training, dentistry, drinking water projects, etc. are to be continued or restarted. Our international employees are gradually returning to the country.

We are just very grateful that we can assist the Afghans in this difficult time.

*We would also like to thank all of you who support us - ideally or materially - from the bottom of our hearts. We could not do it without you.*

**Yours Udo Stolte  
with the Shelter Team**

## *Your donation moves us*

### *Support one of our projects*

How much money?  
Project

Project no.  
Whom do I help?

What do I donate for:

**95 €**

**Food aid  
Afghanistan  
6000**

A refugee family

A food package

**150 €**

**Sewing course  
Ezid women  
8013**

IS-persecuted women

Sewing course and machine

**50 €**

**Montessori  
Children's Center  
8011**

Orphans in Northern Iraq

one month  
Education,  
Therapie



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