

SLEMANI – KSC Partners with Medical Experts to Provide Life-Changing Medical Surgeries for Children with Spinal Curves

KSC delivers critical, no-cost spinal surgeries, empowering children and bolstering local healthcare capacity in the Kurdistan Region

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Sleman – Kurdistan Save the Children (KSC), in collaboration with the Slemani General Directorate of Health and Shar Hospital, is proud to spotlight the life-saving work of Dr. Kardo Raouf and his team in providing free spinal surgeries for children suffering from spinal curvature.

This partnership has significantly improved the health and well-being of vulnerable children in the Kurdistan Region, offering hope and medical care that would otherwise be out of reach for many families.

Since 2021, KSC has worked alongside Dr. Kardo, an orthopedic surgeon renowned for his expertise, who has made multiple visits to the region to perform surgeries and train local medical staff. Dr. Awder Abdulrazaq Xaznadar, a skilled neurosurgeon, has supported Dr. Kardo throughout these operations, further enhancing the program's impact. Together, they have ensured the success of these complex procedures while also sharing their expertise with local medical professionals.

Each year, Dr. Kardo visits Slemani more than three times, screening 20 to 25 children per visit. Together with Dr. Awder and their team, they perform two to three life-saving surgeries on each visit, all at no cost to the families. These critical procedures, which would typically cost over \$20,000 in private hospitals, are made available to the families through the collaboration between KSC, the Slemani General Directorate of Health, and Shar Hospital.



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KSC's contribution extends beyond facilitating access to medical care; the organization plays a key role in arranging Dr. Kardo's visits, ensuring that local doctors and surgeons receive ongoing training and mentorship. This capacity-building approach strengthens the region's healthcare system, ensuring that local medical professionals can continue providing high-quality care to children long into the future.

During his most recent visit, Dr. Kardo successfully performed two surgeries and met with over 20 children and their families. His work, facilitated by KSC, directly addresses a critical gap in specialized medical care for children with complex health conditions in the Kurdistan Region.

KSC is deeply committed to improving the lives of children in the Kurdistan Region and ensuring that all children, regardless of their background or financial situation, have access to the medical care they need. Through continued partnerships with local authorities and medical professionals, KSC is helping to create opportunities for life-changing treatments and a healthier future for all children.



KSC extends its heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Kardo, the Slemani General Directorate of Health, Shar Hospital and all the local medical staff involved in this vital initiative for their unwavering dedication to improving children's health in the Kurdistan Region.

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ABOUT KSC

KSC is a non-profit, non-political and non-sectarian organization that provides assistance to children regardless of race, gender, political or religious affiliation. It operates through four essential programs: Child Protection, Education, Health and Youth Ability Development as well as emergency relief during disasters.

KSC's main aim is to work directly or indirectly to ensure a better future for children by improving and providing their various medical, social, economic and educational needs.

KSC was co-founded in 1991 by Hero Ibrahim Ahmad and Shanaz Ibrahim Ahmad, currently First Lady of Iraq.

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