



Arab Kurds Youth Cultural Exchange Initiative

Project purpose and description:

Goal: To educate and prepare a total of 640 secondary school age participants to live, work, and achieve success in a free, open & democratic Iraq for 6 days .

Objective 1 – Participants will develop an intellectual understanding of life in an open, democratic social system.

Objective 2 – Participants will acquire an understanding of important elements of a civil society, including essential concepts (e.g. respect for rule of law; equal rights; free speech).

Objective 3 – Participants will develop personal peer relationships across ethnic – regional boundaries through daily interactions and activities provided in the program.

Participant Audience: This project identified and brought together under a structured program equal peer groups of similar aged school children from Erbil area and the Tarmiya. The age groups broken into 12-14 and 15-17, from intermediate and high schools in each area. The total actual number of participants , teachers, NGO staff and ministry of education representative were 778 through 4 exchanges started in August 9,2009 till September 18,2009-11-06, media cover most of this project activities (reference below):

<http://hekar.net/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=3237>

<http://ar.aswataliraq.info/?p=161097>

<http://www.pukmedia.com/News/09-08-2009/news30.html>

<http://www.pdksp.net/index.php>

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php?PHPSESSID=e5eddb87a4dfc0d5ed0433e4a6ab366f&topic=330266.0>

<http://www.azzaman.com/index.asp?fname=2009%5C08%5C08-05%5C875.htm&storytitle=>

<http://www.iraqcp.org/tarikalshab/75/7/12.pdf>

The following table explain the number of participants and gender ratio in this project.:

Direct beneficiaries in the Arab Kurd youth 4 exchanges:

exchange	Arab students male	Arab students female	Total students	teachers	Education ministry representative
1	51	28	79	8	3
2	59	21	80	10	4
3	60	21	81	7	4
4	78	3	81	6	4
Total	248	73	321	31	15

Exchange	Kurd students male	Kurd students female	Total students	teachers	Ministry education representative
1	37	43	80	10	3
2	44	40	84	10	2
3	40	51	91	10	3
4	19	66	85	10	3
Total	140	200	340	40	11

So the direct beneficiaries were: 661 students
71 teachers
26 education ministry representative
26 event staff
4 NGO staff
Total: 788

Female ratio:

Female % in exchange **1** = 44%
Female % in exchange **2** = 37%
Female % in exchange **3** = 42%
Female % in exchange **4** = 42%



