



## For the purpose of limiting the scope of poverty A campaign of gathering signatures and & other activities

Within its activities on the occasion of International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, Tammuz Organization for Social Development launched a campaign to contribute to the eradication of poverty included a number of workshops and talk shows

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And reduce the financial burden from the families eventually. The most prominent of these activities was held at the organization office in

Baghdad. The interactive workshop entitled: (role of civil society organizations in reducing the problems of poverty In Iraq). The workshops were attended by a number of experts and social workers, economists and representatives of civil society organizations.

Vian Sheikh Ali; the Head of Tammuz Organization for Social Development provided brief presentation outlined In these workshops about the decision of the United Nations in determining October 17 as an International Day for the activity in order to combat poverty. It has been indicated, according to official statistics, that seven

Per cent of Iraqis suffer from malnutrition. And half the population of Diyala province are considered food-deprived. Samawah province is the poorest provinces of Iraq. And the proportion of Living below the poverty line of Iraqis stood at 23% and also that the proportion of the rural poor In Al-Muthanna is up to 75 per cent and in Babylon is to 61 per cent and in Wassit to 60 cent. She also mentioned the consequences and implications of that in social life, and life skills.

On the other hand Vian Raheem continued to discuss that the signatures on the appeal that the organization launched under the theme: (There was no year in Iraq passed with any hunger). The



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campaign is containing a number of demands which would have been adopted by decision-makers will contribute to the reduction of the poverty level in Iraq. Some leaders of civil society organizations, and people in Media joined the campaign.

The campaign in Iraq also coincided with the campaigns of many several countries of the world, including youth campaign to fight hunger, which was named "I am very angry .... A billion people threatened by poverty and hunger." A campaign Launched by "Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations" (FAO) within the global campaign against hunger. This campaign which aims to draw attention to the tragedy hungry people one out of every six people on the globe facing hunger. Ms.Vian noted that the ways to combat poverty is a public concern Borne by the state and civil society and its organizations, and we invited opened the doors to dialogue to put forward ideas And views that can contribute to support this humanitarian project. The attendance shared the ideas and searched this problem and warned of its implications and dimensions of society. The economics expert Dr. Majid AlswerY, showed some facts experienced by The Iraqi economy in terms of planning and economic policy-making in Iraq, pointing to a number of factories and production institutions are idle, which caused an increase in the number of unemployed.

on the one hand, there is a widening financial corruption. Mr. Alsewari expressed his attitude to the plan Strategy launched by the Ministry of Planning and some of the laws pertaining to taxes and customs and their impact on the citizens especially the poor.

Mr. Karim Aboudi also shared his opinion in the problems of unemployment and the importance of working to raising the standards of living. the psychological state, Professor Jamil Antoine dealt with the psychological aspect and the political preoccupation with political issues and he mentioned that not much attention has been allocated for economic aspect of the country and this will be a lack of economic culture able to clarify the importance of economic issues on the daily life of the citizen, and referring to the

The problem of Iraqi decision-makers in current economic situation.

The decision-makers have no clear economic constructive directions and their economic visions are incorrect and far away from the centers of economic decision in the country, and this is a major imbalance when drawing directions. He also mentioned that successful economic plans for the advancement of the Iraqi economy and the elimination of many negative cases suffered by the Iraqi state in terms of development and management of the economy in order to provide adequate living and the eradication of poverty.

As Professor Ihsan Ali Mohammad, a member of the Supreme Committee of social protection network in

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Baghdad province has talked about the role of the social protection network in reducing Financial, administrative corruption and fraud cases that obtaining subsidies, and also stated that they are working to transfer the management of social protection network to the Department of decentralization, and designating the authority to each province council. Professor Ihsan called civil society organizations to participate in Resolution formulation of economic policies and the issuance of decisions, he said, adding that he serves on the board Baghdad province to pass a law to ensure that the orphan.

Eng. Fatima Fadil opinion was that it is necessary to issue laws that assist the limiting of poverty in Iraq and one of them is the Social insurance law and the law of civil service. Other attendants from civil society organizations presented their suggestions and showed their experience and ideas of the ways to eliminate the poverty in Iraq. These suggestions can be summarized as follows:

The pressure through control and issuance of various legislations that have an impact One way or another on economic issues that reduce poverty, and the abolition of laws that break them.

Raising awareness and economic culture in the community as well as contributing to the eradication of Financial, administrative and management corruption as they are the reasons that deepen poverty in Iraq.

the work of organizations in the implementation of projects which will directly contribute to the eradication of poverty some citizens suffer from in order to take these forms of rehabilitation projects, the development of Talented, and humanitarian relief, literacy, education and provision of health services and other Projects which develop our people economically, socially and culturally.

It is worth mentioning that (Tammuz Organization for Social Development) has already held a few days ago two talk shows and workshops to discuss the ways of reducing poverty in each of Dhi Qar and Al-Anbar governorates.

The organization's office in Nasiriyah held Workshop entitled: (ways And means to reduce poverty), and during the workshops, the means of raising awareness of the seriousness of this phenomenon in Community has been discussed. The workshops went out with recommendations which can be summarized in the following points:

1. Providing jobs and reducing unemployment.
2. Activating the agricultural situation of the country.
3. Take advantage of the program (petro dollars) for the oil-producing provinces and employing it to

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4. Increasing social welfare program.
5. Revision of the salaries of staff and workers.
6. Development of existing resources and addressing the seriousness of corruption
7. Re-establishment of cooperative associations and consumer associations.
8. Solving the housing crisis and the emphasis on building residential complexes.

The office of the organization in Anbar also held, a seminar under the topic: (the Iraqi man and the right to live decently), in which a number of other public figures, social and academic Conservative people attended the seminar. The seminar was covered by a number of media, and it was agreed on a number of recommendations:

1. The good employment of food card to allow the poor satisfy their essential needs.
2. Providing job opportunities for youth so as to contribute to the provision of appropriate work abilities.
3. Organize the work of the social protection network to include the poor and needy.
4. The provision of school feeding.
5. Opening Offices to maintain the fight against poverty to help the poor through voluntary contributions by Businessmen and affluent.
6. Building housing complexes for the poor.
7. Protect young people from deviating into illicit work in terms of guidance and counseling.
8. Exercising Pressure on decision makers to shoulder their responsibilities towards the affected groups, and the allocation of Amount of money to combat poverty and reduce the problems.

It is noted that there are more workshops and activities planned by the Organization within this campaign and will be implement during the coming days, in other Iraqi provinces.

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