

Child Protection Shaqlawa – IDPs project - INTERSOS

The following data reflects gaps and needs in the Shaqlawa area which are based on INTERSOS outreach activities only:

1. *Out of school children* (old IDPs and new arrivals from Ramadi/Anbar):
 - There were 5 schools for IDPs – now closed (summer period, but also lack of funds – still to be decided whether or not they will open again)
 - Schools couldn't cover all IDPs population
 - Most families couldn't register their children at schools because no money for transportation and school fees
2. *Orphans* (mainly father missing)
 - Emotional distress
 - Child labour issue (approximately 30 cases identified so far) and other related issues.
3. *Minors with disabilities*:
 - So far INTERSOS identified 50 cases of children with disabilities from the host communities – the majority are in need for wheelchairs, hearing and vision devices, prosthetic and orthotic devices;
 - To facilitate provision of disability devices and access to services for children with disabilities INTERSOS is: a) organising regular visit to ICRC, and b) facilitating access to services including psychosocial and recreational through one drop-in-center located in Shaqlawa town. So far, 20/25 children attended these center-based activities. Feedbacks from parents are positive.
4. *Lack of public places/space for children* (including parks, etc)
 - In Shaqlawa town and surrounding there is only one public kindergarten for children below 5 yrs only and children children who have to access school. Out of these:
 - each child can participate just once
 - Only children from host community, no IDPs
 - There is a private kindergarten but access is not free of charge. As a result many IDPs have limited access it.
5. *Youth programming*
 - There is the need to strengthen activities for youth (in particular from 15 to 17/18 yrs old) - often they are not involved in socio/recreational activities, etc.
 - It'd be important to focus on livelihood opportunities (vocational trainings)

Reccomendations:

- Increase child protection services for children particularly through recreational activities, child friendly space, vocational training, informal & non formal education activities (i.e., homeschooling, evening lessons, monthly courses, manual activities, cooperative activities, story-telling)
- Expand outreach and mobile units to hard-to-reach and under-served children particularly those who are in remote areas and in Shaqlawa surroundings.