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HELP A WARRIOR

Every day, these brave children fight to go to school.
Today, they need your help.

Aolo Azim, Qayyara, IRAQ

Summary of Action

After four years of civil war in Iraq more than 11 million people are in need of assistance, of which 3.5 million are school-age children. In recent months, many displaced people are returning home. The return to normality goes through the restoration of daily habits: going to school is a fundamental one. COOPI currently intervenes in the region by setting up temporary schools to ensure access to education for the most vulnerable children and to improve the quality of teaching, providing training for teachers.

For children victims of war the return to their village of origin has a huge impact on their psycho-physical balance: their houses have been destroyed, their old school collapsed and playing in the places where they used to do is no longer possible because of the threat posed by the mines. In this context the school, heart of the community, becomes a symbol of a new beginning for future generations. Besides, there are many children who have already lost more than three school years. For the older ones the risk of being recruited in armed groups is every day higher, and so it is for girls the possibility of early marriage.

For all these reasons this project aims at favouring the right to education and the return in safe conditions to school life of the children of Aolo Azim, a village in northern Iraq where dozens of families are returning since its liberation in October 2017.



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Project Activities

The specific goal of this project is to guarantee the setting up of a school tent to encourage and facilitate the return to school of children between the ages of 6 and 13 years old. Likewise initiatives to support school activity such as the distribution of school kits and the support to teachers will be developed.

Specifically, the project activities include:

- Supply of school furniture (teachers' desk, two-seat school benches, blackboard with support, markers, world map and educational posters, basket, etc.)
- Distribution of school materials (backpack, sketchbook, notebooks, pencils, erasers and sharpener) for 40 children among the most vulnerable.
- Providing adequate teacher training, specifically in protection and psycho-social support issues.
- Training of parents and communities on children's rights, on education for peace and on the importance of schooling.



The right to education of these children cannot wait, thus a fully equipped tent is an optimal solution for the current emergency situation. As normality gradually starts again in Aolo Azim, it will be possible to proceed with the reconstruction of the school.

Need for support

COOPI invites you to participate in this intervention in Iraq to favor the return to school in emergency contexts, in particular, by contributing to the complete set-up of a tent in Aolo Azim.

A detailed budget of 4.500 USD has been devised to identify the needs that exist in terms of materials and capacity building activities, in order to activate this education in emergency project.

We really hope you will join our efforts to provide a proper and safe education to these little warriors in their struggle for education.

BUDGET "HELP A WARRIOR"

Cost Description	Details	sub-total
School materials for children	<i>25\$ x 40 children</i>	\$ 1,000
School furniture (benches)	<i>120\$ x 20 double seat bench + 100\$ x 1 teacher desk</i>	\$ 2,500
Classroom Kit (blackboard, posters...)		\$ 400
Training of Trainers	<i>Approx 50\$ x 6 months x 2 people</i>	\$ 600
Total expenditures		\$ 4,500