



LIFE CONDITION ASSESSMENT FOR NINEVEH PLAIN
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1 INTRODUCTION

Thousands years ago Mesopotamia been inhabited by humans, 6000 years were able to multiplying components in this land.

The people of Iraq and Mesopotamia as they called in past have different ethnic and religious all living together from long time.

The place that contains most of this ethnic and religious in Nineveh plain, the place in east and south from Mosul.

In this assessment we have visit most of the biggest towns and villages with different backgrounds.

The aim of this study is to have better understanding of the life condition in area according following sectors (Social cohesion, Livelihood, shelter damaging, armed group existing, infrastructure, safety and security).

Locations: Qaraqosh (Bakhdiad) city, Karmilsh villge, Bartila city, kabrily village, Sinjar, Bashiqa and Wardak villages).

2 PART ONE:

Methodology:

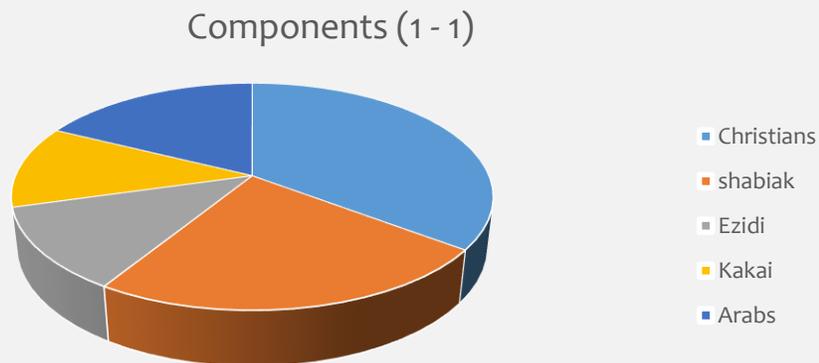
The method of assessment was key informant interview, M&E staff identifying group of key informant to be interviewed, those key informants were chosen according "locations, ethnic background and religious background".

The reasons behind choosing this kind of methodology are to cover all points of views and have complete pictures of the situation.

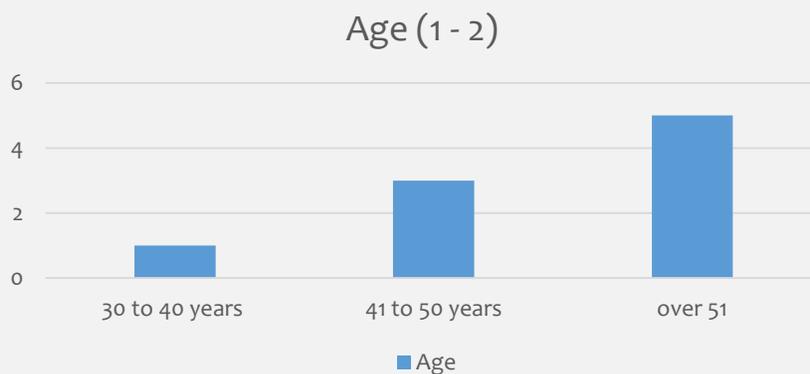
In the report we will focus on each location separately with conclusions and recommendations.

Samples details

Number of interviews: 17 interviews (6 Christians, 4 shabiak, 2 Ezidi, 2 Kakai, 3 Arabs) as the following pie (1 - 1):



Samples Age in the following chart (1 - 2):



3 PART TWO:

Qaraqoush (Bakhdid) District

We had 3 interviews there (two Christian and one Shabak), the keys two of them were City Council members and one was monk.

Population 55.000 individual according to 2014

Finding:

Social Cohesion

The city containing more than one ethnic and religious, the Christianity is biggest one, then Kakai, Turkman, Shabac and Arab.

In question if all the sects returned back? the answer was positive, yes they back but not completely for (Arab and Christen) as the following reasons:

- A. Some Arabic villages around the Qaraqoush did not return yet for political reasons.
- B. Some families their children are in schools and they did not return yet.
- C. Lack of jobs.
- D. Lack of public services
- E. Livelihood opportunity.

All agree that all the sects are representative in the City Council and there is no marginalization for anybody.

About if there are any violations against any sects in your area, one of the key informant said yes we have record more than one violation of Christians here by Hashed Alshabi that belong to (Shabak).

All the samples agreed that there are social cohesion activities in city and they have participated in this activities.

All the samples been asked about three suggestions could help to build the Social Cohesion, the core of their answers were around the following points.

- 1- Separation of religion from politics
- 2- Raise awareness of social cohesion and support the civil society organization.
- 3- Working on real National Reconciliation among all the Iraqis.
- 4- Holding sport and youth activities.
- 5- Support the women through vocational training and psychosocial support.
- 6- Workshops on social cohesion.

The general feeling and fears centralize on caution, demographic change, fails of political process in the Iraq and not rehabilitation their cities.

Infrastructure

The samples rate the infrastructure of the city as bad, the street did not pave from 7 years ago 2011m the water being provide to the people of Bakhdida every two days, the total number of hours that electric being provide to city is 200 hours for February 2018.

the city contains many of government services offices, but still need for Notary, Retirement office and Traffic police.

Livelihood

They rated the livelihood status as not bad in the city, most of the functions in the city are (Government employees, markets owners, laborers, livestock Breeders, farmers).

All the samples agreed on increase of jobs opportunity for the big needs for large number of jobless people.

Total number of workshops and factories is 50

For the increase the opportunity of jobs the key informants suggest the followings points:

- A. Rehabilitation the poultry Farms in the city which ae destroyed by ISIS.
- B. Rehabilitation the irrigation system for farms and lands
- C. Support the small projects for youths.
- D. Build big factories to refresh the economy of the area and country and jobs for the people.
- E. Rehabilitation the big irrigation river that cross in the city lands.

In question about the agriculture status in the city, they answered it is very bad and need for irrigation, water wells, support the livestock, support the farmers with machines after ISIS stole everything, and distribute seeds and fertilizers.

Shelter:

All the houses been affected by the war and ISIS, 60% of 5500 houses been burned or destroyed.

The destroyed houses were not reasons for some families did not returned to city and now the church working on rehabilitation all the house.

Public utilities destruction was attending in the city and UNDP and UNICEF are working on rehabilitation the public utilities, plus government did some rehabilitation for some utilities.

Armed groups:

The armed groups who are in charge of the security are (NPU, Iraqi police and national security).

There is coordination among these three actors, also the political parties are not existing for now in the city.

All the key informants confirm their ability of communication with security actors, and they add we did not record any violation on the people from them, plus the people of the city are part of these armed groups.

Security and safety:

Most of the people there feel safe but as some mentioned there are indicators for instability of the situation which are there are unofficial armed group around the city (outside of city) and other prefer to do not comment just answer by yes there are indicators.

Karamlis Village

Is village belonging to Al Haadania district we just have one interview with key informant (Christens).

Village population: 4,000

Social Cohesion

The city containing more than one ethnic and religious, the Christianity is biggest one, and Shabic.

In question if all the sects returned back? the answer was positive, yes they back but not completely for (Christen) for work and schools reasons.

All agree that all the sects are representatives in the City Council and there is no marginalization for anybody.

He confirms did not record any violations against any component, add there are social cohesion activities in the village and I had attended it.

The key informant been asked about three suggestions could help to build the Social Cohesion, he said:

- 1- Create new city council for Shabac cities and villages.
- 2- Create small projects for youth.
- 3- Opening community centers.

The current situation is not stable we have some fears to provide international protection for our land, we still fear from return ISIS scenario.

Infrastructure

The sample rate the infrastructure of the city as not bad, the street did not pave from 8 years ago 2010, the water being provide to the people of Karmilsh every two days, the total number of hours that electric being provide to city is 140 hours for February 2018.

the city contains just two of government services offices, but did not need for more.

Livelihood

They rated the livelihood status as not bad in the city, most of the functions in the city are (Government employees, livestock Breeders, farmers).

He said about increase of jobs opportunity should create and establish new small projects for the youth and people.

Total number of workshops is 2

On the agricultural situation he said it very bad and really need to support, the add the most challenges are the minefield, UXO, irrigation system and providing seeds.

Shelter:

All the houses been affected by the war and ISIS, 30% of 760 houses been burned or destroyed.

The destroyed houses were reasons for some families did not returned to city and now the church working on rehabilitation all the house.

Public utilities destruction was attending in the city; government did some rehabilitation for some utilities but still there are needs and one of the schools still did not demining.

Armed groups:

The armed groups who are in charge of the security are (NPU, Iraqi police and national security) and there are mobile team from division 16 of Iraqi army based out of village.

There is coordination among these three actors, also the political parties are existing in the village “Assyrian democratic movement and Sabak party”.

The key informant confirms his ability of communication with security actors, and add we did not record any violation on the people from them, plus the people of the city are part of these armed groups.

Security and safety:

Some of Karmils people feeling safe but other as mentioned by key informant are not, they have fears from return of ISIS scenario also their fears are from not coordination is some villages and towns around Karmlis among the security force.

Bartela Sub district

We had 4 interviews there (two Christian and two Shabak), the keys were in high position (City Council, community leaders)

Population 17,947 individual according to 2014.

Social Cohesion

The city containing more than one ethnic and religious, the Christianity, Shabic, Turkman and Arab.

In question if all the sects returned back? the answer was Nightie, then the Christian keys add the reasons behind did not returning are:

- A. Security reasons
- B. Bad economic and no livelihood opportunities.
- C. Fears from Infighting and instability in area
- D. Demographic changing

Most of key informants agreed that all the sects are representatives in the City Council only one answer by negative, but all said there is no marginalization for anybody.

Sabak key informants confirms did not record any violations against any component, but the Christian were contrary to this and confirmed many of violation against Christian sect, and they said we have witnessed

- A. Provocations of the Hashi Alsabi "Shbak".
- B. Sexual harassment.
- C. Stealing houses.
- D. Exceeded on Christian s lands in city.

All the participate said there is social cohesion activities in the city and we had attended it.

The key informants been asked about three suggestions could help to build the Social Cohesion, they said:

1. Work to change the Iraqi textbooks
2. Raise awareness about accepting the other
3. Stopping all demographic changing in area
4. Work on to raise the sense of patriotism
5. Work on create and encouraging to established joined NGO among all the sects.
6. Work shop on Social cohesion.

The general feeling and fears centralize on caution, demographic change, fails of political process in the Iraq and not rehabilitation their cities.

All the participate said there is social cohesion activities in the city and we had attended it.

General feeling separate on two kinds.

Shbak said; we have good feeling and we saw the city on good economic development and good security.

Christen said; We have fears because the conflict in the area between the Central Iraqi government and KRI.

Infrastructure

Key informants rate the infrastructure of the city as bad, the street did not pave from since 2013, the water being provide to the people of Bartila every two days, the total number of hours that electric being provide to city is 150 hours for February 2018.

The city contains many of government services offices, but still need for Notary, Retirement office and Passports office and PDS office.

Livelihood

They rated the livelihood status as not bad in the city, most of the functions in the city are (Government employees, markets owners, agriculture and working in industry area).

All agreed on increase of jobs opportunity will be create due the lack of jobs.

Total number of workshops and factories is one factory is working now and few workshops.

For the increase the opportunity of jobs the key informants suggest the followings points:

- E. Rehabilitation the poultry Farms in the city and support the agriculture.
- F. Build factories to provide jobs for the people.
- G. Encouraging investment.

In question about the agriculture status in the city, they answered it is bad and the major needs are as following

- Support irrigation, water wells,
- Support the livestock,
- Support the farmers with machines
- Distribute seeds and fertilizers.
- Marketing of agricultural products.

Shelter:

Most of the houses been affected by the war and ISIS, 15 % of 3544 houses been destroyed.

The destroyed houses were reasons for some families did not returned to city and now International NGOs are working on rehabilitation the house.

Public utilities destruction was attending in the city; government did not rehabilitation the utilities and there are need to rehabilitation.

Armed groups:

The armed groups who are in charge of the security are (NPU, Iraqi police, national security and Hashd Alshabby).

Three of key informants said there is coordination among armed group and one of them answered by negative and he mentioned there is one political party existing in the village which is "Aldaoua"

The keys informant confirms their ability of communication with security actors.

Two of them (Christen) said we did record violation on the people from them armed group, Shabak answered by there are no violation on the people by any armed group.

All agreed on the people of the city are part of some armed groups.

Security and safety:

Christen key informants said we did not feel safe, but the Shbak said we feel safe.

About the indicators of instability of the situation two of them said Yes and two said No, who said Yes cause it to following reasons:

We hearing from time to time ISIS still exist in places around Mosul.

The conflict between Iraq government and KRI.

Bashiqa & Bahzani Sub district

We had 3 interviews there (Christian, Yazidi and Shbak)

Population: 32,000 individuals according to 2014

Social Cohesion

The city containing more than one ethnic and religious, “Christianity, Yazidi, Turkman, Shabic, Kurds and Arab.

In question if all the sects returned back? the answer was positive, but not completely, exactly for (Christian and Yazidi) for the following reasons:

- F. Emigration to out of country.
- G. Damaging houses.
- H. Livelihood opportunity.

All agree that all the sects are representative in the City Council, two of keys mentioned about marginalization in decision making positions, and the reasons were the ruling parties control everything and big component is unique in decision-making.

About if there are any violations against any sects in your area, all answered by negative.

All the participated agreed that there are social cohesion activities in city and they have participated in this activities.

All the keys been asked about three suggestions could help to build the Social Cohesion, the answers came as following points.

- A. Workshops on social cohesion
- B. Empower the economy of city.
- C. Social activities.
- D. Joint activities among different cities and villages.
- E. Use universities and education institutes for broadcasting messages of tolerance.
- F. Encouraging to visit each other.
- G. Use social media to reaching with people in Nineveh and outside and broadcasting social cohesion messages.
- H. Reducing of the extreme religious speech.

The general feeling and fears centralize on caution, ISIS return back and marginalization.

Infrastructure

Keys informants rate the infrastructure of the city as bad, the street did not pave from since 2012, but one mentioned there are some paving now.

The water being provide to the people of Bahshiq a ones per week, the total number of hours that electric being provide to city is 250 hours for February 2018.

The city contains many of government services offices, but still need for Hospital and municipal.

Livelihood

They rated the livelihood status as bad in the city, most of the functions in the city are (Government employees, NGO employees, agriculture, Rushy Industry, Pickles industry and work on Olive groves).

All agreed on increase of jobs opportunity will be create due the lack of jobs.

Total number of workshops and factories 30 factories.

For the increase the opportunity of jobs the key informants suggest the followings points:

- A. Rehabilitation the poultry Farms in the city and support the agriculture.
- B. Establishing industrial projects.
- C. Establishing agricultural projects

In question about the agriculture status in the city, they answered it is bad and the major needs are as following

- Support irrigation, water wells,
- Rehabilitation the olive groves, "ISIS burned 45,000" olive tree.
- Support the farmers with machines
- Distribute seeds and fertilizers.
- Demining the olive groves from UXO and IEDs.

Shelter:

More than 40% of the houses been affected by the war and ISIS.

The destroyed houses were reasons for families for did not returned to city as keys informants said Each of "NCA, UNDP, CRS and house owners" are doing the rehabilitation for house.

Public utilities destruction was attending in the city; government did some rehabilitation the utilities and there are need to do more.

Armed groups:

The armed groups who are in charge of the security are (Iraqi Army, Hashd Alshabby Iraqi police and Hashd Al Yizidi).

Three of key informants said there is coordination among armed group.

The political parties who exist in city are (PDK, PUK, Assyrian democratic movement, Communist Party and Iraqi Islamic party).

The keys informant confirms their ability of communication with security actors.

All the participants answered by there are no violation on the people by any armed group.

All agreed on the people of the city are part of some armed groups.

Security and safety:

two of key informants said we do feel safe, one said we do not feel safe.

About the indicator of instability of the situation all of them said Yes there are indicator and cause it to following reason:

Sleeping cells of ISIS still exist in places in Mosul.

Wardak

Is village belonging to Nimrod sub district / Hamdania district we just have one interview with key informant (Kakaiy).

Village population:

Social Cohesion

The city containing more than one ethnic and religious, the Kakiy, Turkman and Shabak.

In question if all the sects returned back? the answer was positive, yes they back.

All agree that all the sects are representatives in the City Council but we are marginalization due all the decision makers' positions are acquired by Shabak.

He confirms did not record any violations against any component, add there are not social cohesion activities in the village.

The key informant been asked about suggestions could help to build the Social Cohesion, he said:

- 1- Create joint forces including Kakiy people.
- 2- Open the roads among the villages

The current situation is stable we have some fears to displacement again due the KRI and Iraqi Government conflict.

Infrastructure

The sample rate the infrastructure of the city as not bad, and add the street is not pave, the water being provide daily basis to Wardak people, the total number of hours that electric being provide to city is 300 hours for February 2018.

Livelihood

He rated the livelihood status as bad in the village, most of the functions in the city are (Bashmirga, livestock Breeders and farmers).

He said about increase of jobs opportunity should recruitment the youth in government jobs.

On the agricultural situation he said it not bad, the add the farmers need support by government.

Shelter:

More than 50% of the houses been affected by the war and ISIS,

The destroyed houses were not reasons for families to do not return to city and houses owners did the rehabilitation to all house.

Armed groups:

The armed group who are in charge of the security is (Peshmerga)

He adds the political party which is existing in the village is “PDK”.

The key informant confirms his ability of communication with security actors, and add we did not record any violation on the people from them, plus the people of the city are part of these armed groups.

Kabrliy village

Is village belonging to Hamdania district we just have one interview with key informant (Kakaiy).

Village population:

Social Cohesion

The city containing more than one ethnic and religious, the Kakiy, Turkman and Shabak.

In question if all the sects returned back? the answer was negative, for security and economic reasons and hoses are destroyed.

All agree that all the sects are representatives in the City Council but we are marginalization due all the decision makers' positions are acquired by the majority.

He confirms did not record any violations against any component, and add there are social cohesion activities in the village and I have attended it.

The key informant been asked about suggestions could help to build the Social Cohesion, he said:

1. Sport activities and competition among all sects.
2. Reconciliation conferences

The current situation is stable but we have fears ISIS return again.

Infrastructure

The sample rate the infrastructure of the city as not bad, and add there are pave streets, the water being provide daily basis to Kabrily people, the total number of hours that electric being provide to city is 480 hours for February 2018.

Livelihood

They rated the livelihood status as bad in the village, most of the functions in the city are (Iraqi forces, livestock Breeders and farmers).

He said about increase of jobs opportunity is in need, and the way to increase is opening factories and small projects to youth.

On the agricultural situation he said it So bad, and add the farmers need government support by seed and machines.

Shelter:

More than 25% of the houses been affected by the war and ISIS,

The destroyed houses were one of reasons for families to do not return to city and houses owners did the rehabilitation to all house.

Armed groups:

The armed group who are in charge of the security is (Al Hash Al Ashaeery and Iraqi police) and there is coordination between them.

He adds the political parties which is existing in the village is “Aldoua, Majils Al Ala”.

The key informant confirms he cannot communication with security actors, and add we did not record any violation on the people from them, plus the people of the city are part of these armed groups.

Sinjar Sub district

Is district belonging we just have one interview with key informant (Yaziden).

District population: 60,000

Social Cohesion

The city containing more than one ethnic and religious, Yazidi, Arab, Turkman and Christians.

In question if all the sects returned back? the answer was negative, the Yazidi and Christians did not return completely due many reasons as following:

- Trustless,
- Proliferation of armed factions,
- Destruction of property
- Fear from ISIS return
- Returning of those who belong to ISIS without accountability.

Key disagree that all the sects are representatives in the City Council, explain that, the all city council member been chosen since 2003 we did not choose our representatives.

We are marginalization too due Youths and women are not participating in decision maker position, Unequal opportunities for study, demographic change.

There are not any social cohesion activities in the village.

The key informant been asked about suggestions could help to build the Social Cohesion, he said:

- Accountability who support and embrace ISIS.
- Supporting special projects for survivors and victims of genocide.
- All Authorities should have managed by people of Senjar and prevent demographic change.

The general feeling of the people are disappointed from government response and they have fears of ISIS return again.

Infrastructure

The sample rate the infrastructure of the city as so bad, and add there are paved streets, the water never been providing to city, the total number of hours that electric being provide to city is 150 hours for February 2018.

Livelihood

They rated the livelihood status so bad in the city, most of the functions in the city is (little of trading).

He said increase of jobs opportunity is in need to help people even to return back, and the way to increase are:

- Building dams in the mountain
- Supporting the farmers.
- Grants for small business.
- Rehabilitation of artesian wells,
- Rehabilitation of mountain groves

On the agricultural situation he said it So bad.

Shelter:

More than 80% of the houses been affected by the war and ISIS,

The destroyed houses were one of reasons for families to do not return to city

Armed groups:

The armed group who are in charge of the security is (Al Hash AlShabee, Shigal protection forces, Iraqi Army, Yazidkhan forces and Iraqi police) and as key informant said there is not any coordination among them.

He adds the political parties which is existing in the village is “PDK, PUK, Yazidi Democratic Party and other Arabic parties (Shieea & Sinaa)”.

The key informant confirms he cannot communication with security actors, and add we did record violation on the people from them, but people of the city are part of these armed groups too.

Security and safety:

key informant said we do not feel safe, there are many indicator of instability of the situation

which as:

- Proliferation of armed factions
- The borders are un control and smuggling is present,
- ISIS fighters returned to villages as civilian.
- Theft.

4 PART THREE:

Recommendation and conclusion:

1. All the components and sects expressed about their fears from ISIS returning to Nineveh and plain.
2. Many of the keys informants there were feel in instability because the tension between Iraqi central government and Kurdistan region of Iraq, and considering Nineveh plain as fighting field.
3. Lack of jobs and livelihood challenges are most reasons to did not returning
4. Some Arabic villages around the Qaraqosh did not return yet for political reasons.
5. In Bartlia and Bakhdid is look there are some tension between Christian and Shabak, Hashed Al Shabak did some violation against Christian in (Bartlia, Bakhdida and Karmlish).
6. Social cohesions activities are present in most of Nineveh plain areas but still there need for big activities and wide.
7. A big fear of Christians and Yazidis was the demographic changing.
8. Many of sect prefer to hold joint event (sports and cultural activities) among different compounds and cities.
9. The most public function for all the people of Nineveh plain is agriculture and livestock breeding.
10. The agricultural situation need real support.
11. Most the people of Nineveh plain are participated in security forces in NP.
12. Most of cities there need rehabilitation the infrastructure.
13. Many of key informants linked the economy situation with social cohesion situation and should empowered together.
14. The area need for big livelihood projects.

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