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Training Syllabus

Designing and Implementing Rehabilitation and Reintegration Programs for Women and Children Repatriated from Syria and Iraq: A Practical Guide for State Officials, Policy Makers, Social Workers, and Psychologists

Virtual Training, 6-7-8 June 2023

Session 1. Understanding the Context and Nature of the Issue, Types of Return and Conceptualizing State Approaches, 90 min.

Date : 06 June, 14h00 CET

Objective of the Session:

The aim of this session is to discuss and understand the current situation with women and children with links to ISIS, the context and the nuances of repatriation operations

By the end of the session, participants will be able to understand the following:

- Current situation with ISIS family members in Northeast Syria and Iraq;
- Key actors in repatriation and rehabilitation;
- Types of return and understanding their motivations and roles under ISIS;
- Multi-stakeholders and their roles;
- Preparation processes before repatriation;
- Identification of women and children in camps and pre-repatriation work;
- State approaches to women and children: acting at the best interests of children

Session Outline:

Part 1. Overview of the situation and Key Actors Involved, 20 min.

Trainer: Cholpon Orozobekova

I. Current Situation with ISIS Family Members in Northeast Syria and Iraq

- A. General overview of the current situation with women and children held in Al hawl and Roj camps
- B. Challenges and complexities of repatriation efforts

	<p>C. Security concerns and legal implications</p> <p>II. Key Actors Involved in Negotiations to Repatriate from the Northeast Syria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Who are the Kurdish forces and challenges of negotiations B. Roles of the United States and international organizations (SDF, the US, UN agencies, ICRC) C. UN and Global Framework for United Nations Support on Syria / Iraq Third Country National Returnees <p>III. Types of Return and Understanding Roles of Women and Children under ISIS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Different scenarios for repatriation (voluntary, forced, facilitated) B. Analysis of the roles women and children played under ISIS C. Understanding their motivations and personal experiences under ISIS <p>IV. Preparation Processes Before Repatriation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Identification and documentation of women and children in camps; B. Pre-repatriation assessments and interviews; C. Mapping resources for medical, psychological, and social needs. <p>Mobilization of multidisciplinary specialists and Training Them</p>
<p>Part 2. Legal, security and human rights analysis of the current situation with repatriations 45 minutes</p> <p>Bio: Ms. Anne Charbord is an international lawyer focusing on human rights and security. She is a Senior Advisor to the UN Special Rapporteur on human rights and counter-terrorism. She spent seven years at the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights working on human rights and counter-terrorism issues. She worked four years in the Balkans (Bosnia, Herzegovina, and Kosovo) with the OSCE. Ms. Charbord holds a Ph.D. in international law with honours. She has published a number of books and articles on human rights law, in particular on internally displaced persons and security-related issues.</p>	<p>Speaker: Dr. Anne Charbord, International Lawyer and Senior Advisor to UN Special Rapporteur on human rights and counter-terrorism Moderator: Cholpon Orozobekova</p>

Session 2. Key considerations for establishing a comprehensive rehabilitation and reintegration programs: Importance of the Whole of society approach, 90 min.

Date: 06 June, 15h45 CET

<p>Objective of the Session:</p> <p>To learn how to conceptualize and establish a comprehensive rehabilitation and reintegration programs</p>	<p>By the end of the session, participants will be able to understand and discuss the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the key state and non-state actors to be involved in the rehabilitation and reintegration program? • What kind of multidisciplinary specialists should be involved? • What is the whole of society approach and why it is important? • How to start building RR programs and where to start? • What are the roles of civil society organizations? • How manage coordination, partnership and resources?
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Session Outline:

<p>Part I. Whole of Society Approach and Key Actors, 20 min</p> <p>Speaker: Cholpon Orozobekova</p>	<p>I. Whole of Society Approach: Concept and Importance</p> <p>A. Definition and principles of a whole of society approach B. Benefits of involving various stakeholders and sectors C. Examples of successful whole of society approaches in rehabilitation and reintegration</p> <p>II. Key Actors in Rehabilitation and Reintegration Programs</p> <p>A. State actors: Roles, responsibilities, and contributions B. Non-state actors: Engaging civil society organizations, community leaders, and religious groups C. Importance of collaboration and coordination among actors</p> <p>III. Non-state actors and the essential role played by civil society organizations</p> <p>A. Enhancing community engagement and support B. Providing specialized services and support to individuals C. Advocacy, awareness raising, and de-stigmatization efforts</p> <p>IV. Multidisciplinary Specialists in Rehabilitation and Reintegration Programs</p>
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	<p>A. Identifying necessary expertise: Mental health professionals, social workers, vocational trainers, etc. B. Understanding the roles and contributions of each specialist C. Building effective interdisciplinary</p>
<p>Part 2. Case study: Germany. State guidelines, state actors involved and the role of returnee coordinators, 45 min.</p> <p>Speaker: Ms. Samira Benz, Head of Returnee Coordination, Berlin</p> <p>Bio: Samira Benz has been a head of the Berlin "Returnee Coordination" since 2019 and is responsible for the reintegration and rehabilitation of ISIS-returnees on behalf of the Senate Department for the Interior and Sport. From 2017 to 2018, she worked as a counsellor for radicalised individuals and their social environments in Berlin. She also consults the UN, government institutions as well as NGO in the field of P/CVE. Samira studied Islamic Studies in Berlin and Terrorism and Political Violence in Scotland.</p>	<p>The session will cover the state approach and guidelines adopted by Germany, the interaction between different actors, such as law enforcement agencies, Youth Welfare services and counselors, and returnee coordinators. Ms. Benz will give firsthand insights about the work of returnee coordinators and how they engage with other actors.</p>

Session 3. Setting up RR programs and Creating an Adaptation Center, 90 min

Date: 06 June, 17h30 CET

<p><u>Objective of the Session:</u></p> <p>To learn all phases of rehabilitation and reintegration programs from creation an adaptation center and setting up the programs.</p>	<p><u>By the end of the session, participants will be able to understand and discuss the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a tailored plan including key guidelines for managing the return of ISIS-linked women and children; • Alignment and co-ordination of multi-stakeholders and their roles; • Establishing special bodies or positions and developing protocols and procedures for effective collaboration and information exchange. • Creation of the rehabilitation/adaptation center and preparation to receive returnees; • Contact building and trust building; • Identification and assessment of needs; • Risk assessment and legal assessment; • Rebuilding ties with family members and community.
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Session Outline:

I. Conceptualizing State Approach: Guidelines or Action Plan

- A. Careful mapping of the existing resources and capacities
- B. Establishing framework and guidelines
- C. Establishing effective coordination mechanisms

II. Creation of the Rehabilitation/Adaptation Center

- A. Identifying the need for a dedicated center
- B. Establishing the infrastructure and facilities
- C. Staffing and resource allocation

II. Contact Building and Trust Building

- A. Building rapport and trust with returnees
- B. Engaging in effective communication and active listening
- C. Establishing a supportive and non-judgmental atmosphere

III Core Principles of Rehabilitation and Reintegration Programs

- A. Do no harm: Ensuring ethical and responsible practices
- B. Confidentiality and privacy protection
- C. Voluntary participation and individual choice

IV. Identification and Assessment of Needs

- A. Conducting comprehensive needs assessments
- B. Identifying individual challenges and vulnerabilities
- C. Developing personalized rehabilitation plans
- D. Assessing potential legal implications

Session 4. Main phases and components of the rehabilitation and reintegration

Date: 07 June, 14h00 CET

Objectives of the session:

To learn main phases, aspects of RR and types of assistance provided to returnees

Speakers of the session:

Ms. Gulnaz Razdykova, frontline practitioner and psychologist from Kazakhstan, and Cholpon Drozobekova, the Bulan Institute

By the end of the session, participants will be able to understand and discuss the following:

- Reception phase and quarantine time
- Types of assistances provided to returnees.
- Mental health and psychological assistance.
- Restoring Documents and Issuing Birth Certificates;
- Housing and Accommodation;
- Access to Social Protection Schemes;
- Building Social Support Network and Community Engagement

Session Outline:

I. Reception Phase and Quarantine Time

- A. Creating a safe and secure environment
- B. Implementing necessary quarantine protocols
- C. Addressing immediate health and well-being needs

II. Mental Health and Psychological Assistance

- A. Conducting mental health assessments
- B. Providing trauma-informed care and counselling
- C. Offering psychosocial support and therapy

IV: Social and Administrative support

- A. Access to Social Protection Schemes;
- B. Housing and Accommodation;
- C. Building Social Support Network and Community Engagement
- D. Restoring Documents and Issuing Birth Certificates.

V. Rebuilding Ties with Family Members and Community

- A. Facilitating family reunification and reintegration
- B. Strengthening social connections and support networks
- C. Promoting community acceptance and understanding

VI. Social reintegration and empowerment

- A. Vocational and skills training
- B. Education and academic support
- C. Employment and livelihood opportunities

Session 5. Protection and social reintegration of children, 90 min.

Date: 07 June, 15h45 CET

Objective of the Session:

To learn all aspects and components of the protection, rehabilitation and reintegration of children repatriated from Syria and Iraq

Speakers: Zhyldyz Duishenova, Kyrgyzstan, Cholpon Drozobekova, the Bulan Institute

By the end of the session, participants will be able to understand and discuss the following:

- Human rights consideration for returnee children: the principle of the best interests of children, treatment of children Primarily as Victims, and the right to family unity;
- Assessment of child`s needs, social environment, and psychological situation;
- Cases of separation from their mothers when women are sentenced;
- Dealing with trauma and psychological assistance;
- Schooling and social reintegration of children;
- Identity building and reintegration

Session Outline:

I. Human rights consideration for returnee children A. The principle of the best interests of children B. Treatment of children Primarily as Victims C. The right to family unity
II. Assessment of child`s needs and psychological situation
III. Right to family unity: cases of separation from mothers
IV. Schooling and social reintegration of children A. Preparation to school B. Working group and individual assessment C. Tackling the education gaps D. Case study: Kyrgyzstan
V. Children Returning alone: Legal guardianship VI. Identity Building and Reintegration

Session 6. Case Study 1: State Approach and Experience of Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Women and Children in Kosovo, 90 min

Date: 07 June, 17h30 CET

<p>Speaker: Ms. Rebeka Qena, Community Development Fund, Kosovo</p> <p>Bio: Ms. Rebeka Qena is a Program manager at Community Development Fund, a local organization in Kosovo, managing the Rehabilitation and Reintegration project (GCERF funded Program). She has over 17 years of experience of working in the development sector on programs related to minority and children rights, education, empowering and programs promoting cross regional cooperation. She has been working directly with women and children repatriated from Syria.</p>	<p>The session will cover the state policy and approach of Kosovo to rehabilitate and reintegrate women and children. Participants also will learn the main phases and components, what kind of assistance the government provided to returnees, and the role of civil society organizations. The speaker will also discuss the role of multidisciplinary specialists and their interventions.</p>
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Session 7. Rehabilitation, social reintegration and economic empowerment of women, 90 min

Date: 08 June, 14h00 CET

Objective of the session:

To learn challenges, strategies and programs of social reintegration and economic empowerment of female returnees

Speaker: Cholpon Orozobekova

By the end of the session, participants will be able to understand and discuss the following:

- Individual assessment of needs and strengths;
- Addressing psychological and emotional needs;
- Existing state policies to help women to re-socialize;
- Role of civil society and community organizations;
- Role of family members;
- Skills development and training programs;
- State programs for accommodation and income-generating activities.

Session Outline

I. Understanding the Needs and Challenges of Repatriated Women

- A. Overview of the specific needs and challenges faced by female returnees
- B. Impact of trauma, violence, and loss
- C. Social stigma and discrimination faced by repatriated women

II. Rehabilitation Strategies for Women

- A. Mental health and psychosocial support for women
- B. Trauma-informed care and counselling services
- C. Gender-sensitive approaches
- D. Facilitating community acceptance and support
- E. Strengthening social networks and peer support among repatriated women

III. Economic Empowerment of Women

- A. Vocational training and income-generating opportunities for women
- B. Entrepreneurship and business development support
- C. Access to financial resources and microfinance options

Session 8. Case Study 2: Germany`s Approach to Rehabilitate Women and Children: Coordination and Interaction Between Actors, Role of Returnee Coordinators, Case Managers and Counselors, 90 min.

Date: 08 June, 15h45 CET

Speaker:

Mr. Kaan Orhon, Case manager and counsellor at Grüner Vogel, Germany

The session will cover the role of different state bodies, coordination and engagement with non-state actors. Germany has adopted special guidelines which outline all procedures and coordination mechanisms. The session will cover policies in place and the interaction between

	<p>different actors, such as law enforcement agencies, Youth Welfare Offices, case managers, counselors, and returnee coordinators. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions about reintegration of women and children, schooling, addressing trauma and building family ties in Germany.</p>
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Session 9. Conclusions and Wrap-Up of the Training, 60 min

Date: 08 June, 17h30 CET

<p>Speaker: Cholpon Orozobekova, the Bulan Institute</p>	<p>Analysis of the key take aways from the training Q&A with participants Certificate awarding</p>
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