



International Organization for Migration IOM Partners with Hospital in Dahuk to Treat Child

June 5, 2011 – In May 2011, IOM staff conducting an assessment of a village in the Shekhan district of Ninewa met with a family whose three-year-old son was suffering from a severe hernia.

Mahmood, a bright, inquisitive boy who loves playing with his older brother, had been born with the condition, which had grown worse with time and often caused him severe discomfort.

While IOM does not provide direct medical treatment in Iraq, the organization is able to match vulnerable communities, families and individuals with the assistance that they need through its referral network of humanitarian partners.

After gathering further details on Mahmood's case, IOM contacted Dr. Qadir Dosky at the Dahuk Paediatric Teaching Hospital. Dr. Dosky generously agreed to donate the time and resources necessary to treat Mahmood.

Dr. Dosky described Mahmood's case as one of the most severe hernias he had ever seen in a child of that age.

"Left untreated, hernias get progressively worse, and there's no telling when the condition could suddenly become life-threatening," said Dr. Dosky. "It was crucial to operate on Mahmood as soon as possible to give him the best chance for a healthy future."

The surgery took place on June 5. IOM staff picked up Mahmood and his father from their home and accompanied them throughout the surgery and recovery period.

The procedure went smoothly and quickly under the expert hand of Dr. Dosky, and Mahmood was up eating and playing with his new toy truck less than an hour later.

Mahmood's father and mother were overjoyed at the success of the surgery, and expressed their gratitude toward Dr. Dosky and IOM for helping their son.

"This case shows the IOM referral mechanism at its best" said IOM Head of Erbil Hub Lado Gvilava. "Thanks to the generous contribution of Dr. Dosky and the dedication of our staff in the field, Mahmood was able to get the help he needed."



IOM staff with Dr. Dosky at the Dahuk Paediatric Hospital



Mahmood ready for surgery



Back at home with his mother and grandmother

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