



## Decisions of KRG regarding COVID-19 Crisis

### KHRW monitoring of government decisions and procedures

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KHRW- Kurdistan Human Rights Watch is carefully monitoring the situation and developments of COVID-19 crisis in Kurdistan region, as part of this program we are monitoring KRG decisions and procedures as response to the epidemic for the purpose of evaluation the suitability of these actions and how to make them more protective according to WHO recommendations that have limited impact and restrictions on human rights and fundamental freedom of citizens.

Since the first appearance and spread of Corona Virus (COVID-19) in China and some other Countries in Europe, KRG-Kurdistan Regional Government stood up to some regulations for self-protection and Resist the spread of Corona virus, many of these actions were quick and on time such as Immediately closing schools and education facilities, KRG was the first Government in the world to do such response and this was a strong protective step which reflected (WHO) recommendations.

Another positive decision of KRG was forbidding gatherings to reduce spreading and infection of the virus and by that closing (all Malls, Cafés and Restaurants, Government Departments, restricting borders & increasing check points and so many other measures which reduced the spread of Corona Virus at a high level.

Many other logistic actions were taken for responding to any suspected cases such as, preparing tens quarantine facilities, Providing mobile teams for testing purposes, Continuously announcing medical instructions, Curfew between Cities..... Etc.

Which all are considered strong protective response and enabled KRI to resist the spread of Corona Virus in a wide range comparing with other Countries in the region.

But, beside these strong measures taken by KRG we think that some decisions made were ought to be better and had to make more consultations before issuing them.

The followings are 3 main decision/ actions that been taken by KRG that we believe they needed more consultation before they were issued:

- 1- **Decision Number 73 T/** issued in 30 of March by general health Directorate of Erbil (copy attached).

In this decision, the general director of health asks citizens to visit six health centers at the same day (1<sup>st</sup> of April), and only in 3 hours (9am-12pm) for these people who came back to KRI within the last 45 days (even foreigners), this means that people who came back after (15<sup>th</sup> of February) until this decision made (30 of March) have to gather in these 6 health centers!

This made a huge crowd as in the photos below. In fact, many foreigners didn't even come out of their cars saying that they have protected themselves for the last 30 days and now they won't risk and get into that crowd, but unfortunately many of citizens committed to the instructions and made the test, not far from reality maybe they got infected by Corona Virus at that place. While this could have been avoided through mobile testing teams.





**2- Decision Number 5876/** issued in (3<sup>rd</sup> of April) by MOI. (copy attached).

- In this decision, the minister of interior-KRG mentions curfew as a punishment or revenge against citizens that were not committed to the first decision! As comes at the statement *“because people did not abide with the curfew we made it more restricted”*, but majority of people abide with the curfew why should they get punished, we believe that MOI haven’t had to mention this as a general punishment.
- At paragraph 6 of the decision it states *“all the bakeries, super markets, and facilities of serving people will be closed”*, this decision was made at night to be applied the next day at 12.00 pm, and this of course made a high panic and crowd to bakeries and supermarkets because it will be closed. And it won’t be open for +48 hours! And maybe more!

Let’s see what was the impact of this decision...., you have 3 hours (9:00 am-12:00pm) all people need to go out to supermarkets and bakeries to have their necessary food needs. What is expected? Wouldn’t you expect millions of people going out to supermarkets and bakeries and easily getting infected?! This was exactly the opposite of (WHO) recommendations, so whom ever got infected by Corona Virus after that date means it’s outcome of this decision’s fault and many activists wrote that this was the worst decision made by KRG and independent body should investigate how this decision was made.

**3- At the press conference (4<sup>th</sup> of April)** minister of interior stated that *“None of Charity foundations, NGO’s.... etc. can’t distribute assistance for vulnerable people, instead of that you should send your donations to KRG bank account at Minara bank & RT bank and we will distribute the assistance fairly”* he also added that *“an activist published photos while distributing assistance for a poor family, by this he is humiliating the dignity of our poor families!”*



Well, in our opinion this was against human rights and freedom of association in KRI, even that “activist” that he mentioned in his press conference, he is not representing any NGO or charity at all, in fact he’s a parliament member on the same political party of minister of interior. The political party should’ve took internal action against him, or according to law he should get to the court for publishing photo of a family without their approval...but this doesn’t mean to stop all charities and NGOs activities.

After all we believe NGOs and Charities are very important part of the community especially at the times of crisis because people have the right to associate and help other vulnerable people to lift the suffer from hunger besides addressing the social injustice which Governments are making!

Stopping NGOs and charities works is human rights violation; First: this is against human rights ICCPR, article 22 of 1966 which emphasizes the right of freedom of association. Second: it violates right of obtaining food, poor people should have access to food, we can understand the bad financial situation of KRG and problems with federal government about budget, fall down of oil prices...etc, and it is not expected from government to have the capacity to reach or help all vulnerable people in this crisis ..... but by making this decision KRG doesn’t even allow others people/ charities/ NGOs to help these vulnerable people, and this is a clear violation of human rights access to food.

In KRI, we have more than 4000 registered NGOs, many of them have great financial and human recourses, they can be a great support to government efforts to respond to COVID-19 crisis, we believe civil society are a positive energy in the communities, government must not convert them to a negative energy and stop their work. They can be part of crisis cell, they can provide advice, experts, human resources, financial resources, relief assistance...etc.

**Recommendations:**

1. Before issuing these decisions, more consultation is needed with different parties, UN agencies, NGOs, and specialized experts.
2. Commitment to the recommendation of WHO especially protection measures considering KRG does not have capacity to deal with big number of infected people.



Therefore, it is not preferred to issue this kind of decisions that make panic and gatherings of people.

3. Restrictions on human rights and freedom must be according to the law, by using the means that have minimum restrictions to citizens' human rights and freedom, for a specific duration and area, only to achieve the goal of protection in necessary situations to protect public health.
4. Taking advantage of civil society and NGOs as active part of community and share solidarity responsibility with all active parts of the community, NGO representative should be in crisis cells and committees at all levels.
5. Lift all bans on NGO works, and facilitate their movement especially humanitarian assistance missions.

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نوسینگهی بەرپێوه بەری گشتی

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### ئاگادارکردنوه

له بهر بهرژوهه ندى گشتى و پاراستنى تەندروستى هاوڵاتیان و كۆنترۆلكردنى بلاوبونهوه و توشبون به نهخۆشى شایرۆسى كۆرۆنا، سهرحهم نهو هاوڵاتیانیهێ كه له رێكهوتى ٢٠٢٠/٣/١٥ لهدهروهى وڵات هاتونهتهوه ناو كوردستان لهسورى پارێزگای ههولێر، بۆ نهجامدانى پشكینی دلنایابوون له نهخۆشى شایرۆسى كۆرۆنا (COVID-19) له رێكهوتى ٢٠٢٠/٤/١ كاتژمێر (٩) بهیانی تاكو كاتژمێر (١٣) ی نیوهرو، بهلگهنامهى سهفهر (پاسپۆرت) لهگهڵ خۆیان بهیئن و سهردانى پهكێك لهم بنكه تەندروستییانیه خوارهو بهکن.

#### تێبینی:

- تهنها لهو هاوڵاتیانیه سهردان بهکن كه پشکینیان بۆ نهجام دهدریت
- لهو هاوڵاتیانیه كه كوارهتین (Quarantine) كراون یاخود پشکینیان بۆ كراوه نایانگرتتهوه.

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ژ	ناوی بنكه تەندروستی	ناونیشان
١	بنكه تەندروستی براییهتی خێزانی	شهقامی ١٠٠ مهتری بهرامبهر فامیلی مۆل
٢	بنكه تەندروستی كورانی عنكاوه	شهقامی ١٠٠ مهتری چوار پێانی عنكاوه
٣	بنكه تەندروستی مهلافهندی	شهقامی ١٠٠ مهتری تهنیشته مرگهوتی خدیجه كوبرا
٤	بنكه تەندروستی كوردستان	شهقامی ١٠٠ مهتری تهنیشته قوتابخانهی لهجمهدی خالی
٥	بنكه تەندروستی شههیدان	شهقامی ٦٠ مهتری بهرامبهر سهنتهری میدیا
٦	سهنتهری شادی فێركاری خێزانی	گهرهکی بههاری نوێ

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٢	بنكه تەندروستی ساریژ	ناحیهی زرگاری (خهبات)
٣	نهخۆشخانهی گشتی شهقلاوه	قهزای شهقلاوه
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- نوسینگهی بهرێز بهرپێوه بهری گشتی/ لهگهڵ بهراییهکان
- بهرپێوه بهراییهتی کاروباری پاراستنی تەندروستی/ بۆ زانین.
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**بەيانی ژماره (٢٤) ساڵی ٢٠٢٠**

دوا بەدوای بەيانی ژماره (٣, ٥, ٨, ١٠, ١١, ١٢, ١٣, ١٥, ١٦, ١٧, ١٨, ١٩, ٢١, ٢٢, ٢٣) ی تايهت به رێگهی کردن له بڵاوبوونەوهی قايروسى (كۆرۇنا) و له یینا و یاراستنی ناسایشی تەندروستی هەریمی کوردستان و له بەر ئەوهی دوو رۆژی رابردوو قەدەغەى هاتووچۆ وەك ییویست جیبه جن ئەکراوه، بپارماندا بە دەرجووواندنی ئەم بەیانه :

**یهكەم:-** راگرتنی هاتووچۆی ئۆتۆمبیل و پیاده به شیوهیەکی تەواو له گشت پارێزگاگانى ههولێر و سلێمانی و دهوك و ههلهبجه و ئیداره سەر به خۆکانی راپهڕین و گهرمیان و گشت یهكە کارگێرییهکانیان بۆ ماوهی (٤٨) کاتژمێر ، و ههر كه سێك سهریچی بکات ییویسته له لایهن ئەو هیزه ئەمنییانهی راسپێردراو به جیبه جن کردنی بریارى راگرتنی هاتووچۆ دەستگیر بکړن و ئۆتۆمبیلەکانیان دەستی به سەردا بگيریت و به پێی یاسا رێکاریان بهرامبهر دهگیریته بهر.

**دووهم:-** ههر ئەفسەر و کارمەندیکی سەر به هیزهکانی ناسایشی ناوڤۆ و ناسایش و ههزارهتی پێشمه رگه و ئەو هیزانهی سەر به هیزهکانی ئیتحادی عێراق و له ناو هەریم خزمەت دەکەن ئەگەر له ئەرکی فەرمیدا نەبن و ئۆتۆمبیلی سەربازی یان ناسامه ی سەربازی به کار بێنن بۆ شکاندنی قەدەغەى هاتووچۆ ییویسته له لایهن هیزه ئەمنییەکانهوه دەستگیر بکړن و ئۆتۆمبیلەکانیان دەستی به سەردا بگيریت و به پێی یاسا رێکاریان بهرامبهر دهگیریته بهر له ههر پوست و پایه کدا بن و ییویسته بیسهلمێنن که له ئەرکی فەرمیدان.

**سێ یهـم:-** پزیشک و کارمەندان و ستافی کارگێری وهزارهتی تەندروستی ئەگەر له ئەرکی فەرمیدا نەبن و ئۆتۆمبیل یان ناسامه ی وهزارهتی تەندروستی به کار بێنن بۆ شکاندنی قەدەغەى هاتووچۆ ییویسته له لایهن هیزه ئەمنییەکانهوه دەستگیر بکړن و ئۆتۆمبیلەکانیان دەستی به سەردا بگيریت و به پێی یاسا رێکاریان بهرامبهر دهگیریته بهر و ییویسته بیسهلمێنن که له ئەرکی فەرمیدان.

**چوارهـم:-** پرۆسەى دابهـشکردنی مووچه لهو ماوهی سەر وههـدا بهردهوام دهییت به مەرجیک وهزارهت و فەرمانگه یه یهوه نیدیاره کان ییویسته پێشوهخت هه ماههنگی تەواو له گەل ژووری ئۆپه راسیونهکانی پارێزگاگان و ئیداره سەر به خۆکان بکەن بۆ رێکخستنی شیوازی دابهـشکردنی مووچه و ییویسته له پانکه کان مهودای نیوان دوو کەس له (٢) دوو مهتر که متر نه بێت و گشت رێکارهکانی خۆپاراستن به پێی رێنماییهکانی وهزارهتی تەندروستی بگيریته بهر.

**پنجهـم:-** هه لۆهه شانده وهی گشت ئەو رێگه پیدانانەى که پێش ئیستا دراون له لایهن پارێزگا و ئیداره سەر به خۆکان و یهكە کارگێرییهکانیان و گشت دام و دهزگاگانى حکومهت بۆ هاتووچۆکردن بهو رێگه پیدانانەشهوه که له (١٠٠٠) ی شه و تا (٦٠٠٠) ی بەيانی دهدران به هاوڵاتیان .

