



INSAN Iraqi Society



Promoting Peace Building in Rapareen *Income Generation grants*

The Story of Miran



Miran Mohsen Yassin is 19 years old and lives in Rapareen, in a shelter made out of bricks. He lives with his mother and 6 younger brothers and sisters.

Miran was born in Kirkuk and in 1991, his family was displaced by force by the former Regime and settled in a camp near Sulaymaniah. After following 4 years of education in a primary school, Mira joined a vocational training course in carpentry to support his family.. Miran left school to earn 1 Iraqi Dinar a day.

One day, a work accident occurred: a saw cut the right hand of Miran, cutting an artery and damaging the bone. He was unable to work again as a carpenter. The family was immediately deprived of the sole source of income.

In 2005, Miran and his family returned back to Kirkuk and settled in the area of Rapareen, in a small house made of 2 rooms built in bricks, with money borrowed from friends and family.

One day the family received the news of the sudden death of the father, killed by a car bomb in the central market of Kirkuk. Miran had to bear alone once again the financial burden to support his family and took on construction work.

In 2008, Miran heard about the income generation program launched by INSAN in Rapareen. Miran immediately filled requested documentation to have a chance to be part of the program. He was selected to receive a grant to open a CD & DVD shop. He received necessary equipment to copy and print CD-Roms and shelves to install his shop.

Income soon started to come in successfully as Miran has opened the only CD shop in the area. He worked hard to fill up the shelves of the shop with many CDs and DVDs, offering a wide variety of music and movies to customers.

With his income, the first move of Miran was to consolidate the shelter where he lives with his family, isolating it for the winter period. He is now making savings in order to buy a generator.

As income increases, Miran will look at moving the location of his shop. to place it on the main market street.

Miran is determinate to benefit from this opportunity given to him and is already thinking about the possibility of continuing his studies and joining the university. He knows he now possesses a chance to see his brothers and sisters obtain good education too.

