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## **The Story of Namam**

Namam Ahmed is 33 years old and lives in Rapareen with her mother and 5 younger brothers and sisters in a small house the family is renting.

The family of Namam left Kirkuk in 1990 as the former Iraqi Government was repressing the Kurdish Nationalists. Leaving without being able to take anything with them, the family took shelter for 7 months in Iran.

They returned to Iraq and settled at the border in Sayed Sadiq.

Living conditions were very hard due to the general dire economic conditions in the country. The family was depending on relatives to survive.



Naman finally returned to Kirkuk in 1997 and settled in Rapareen. But her father married a second wife and Naman, as the older girl in the family was obliged to work to provide an income to the household.

She opened a hairdresser shop in the house where the family lives but the income was very poor. Naman was not owning the necessary equipments and providing nice outlets to grow her customer base.

The family was mostly depending on the small income made by one younger brother working in a carpentry workshop.

Namam received assistance from INSAN to re-furnish her shop in order to enable her to grow a more stable customer base and to generate a sufficient income for her family.

She received new and adequate material such as a mirror, brushes, hairdryers and scissors.

The number of customers grew quickly. Naman had soon to employ one of her relative to help her in the shop.

Namam is now able to pay for the rent of the house without having to worry and assists the needs of her younger brothers and sisters.

She dreams to re-decorate her shop to make it even more successful.

