

Mobile Medical Team Helps Survivors



“U.S. assistance is paying our salaries, the cost of our vehicle, and for basic medicines such as antibiotics, analgesics and anti-parasitics. If we didn't have the U.S. funds we could not do as much as we do -- we treat more people, provide more free medicine. If I could speak to Americans, I would say thank you for your humanitarian aid to the Kurdish people who have been suffering from torture and oppression”

- Dr. Sinor Qadir

Some 15 years after Saddam Hussein dropped poison nerve gas on this north eastern city and surrounding villages, USAID is helping Dr. Sinor Qadir treat people who survived the attacks. The U.S.-funded medical team is not only treating people but teaching people about sanitation and other health issues.

The 25-year-old doctor is part of a mobile medical team visiting villages such as Tawela, perched in steep valleys around Halabja. The team provides medical care and training in literacy and sewing -- to help people earn a living. The project, supported by USAID with a \$7,000 grant for three months and carried out in cooperation with the Coalition Provisional Authority, supports four mobile teams including Dr. Qadir's.

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