Qualitative Assessment of Persons affected by torture and related violence in Suleimaniyah Governate, Kurdistan, Iraq.

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Executive Summary

Purpose

This report describes a qualitative assessment conducted by Heartland Alliance (HA) and Johns Hopkins University (JHU) in the Suleimaniyah Governate of Kurdistan, Iraq. The study was conducted in April-May of 2008. Our purpose was to better understand the problems and situation of persons who have experienced torture and related forms of violence¹ committed during the Saddam Hussein regime, and their families.² Therefore, interviews focused on the problems they and their families currently experience. We also asked interviewees what tasks and activities are most important to people in their daily lives. This was done to better understand their living situation and priorities with respect to ability to fulfill their roles in the family and society. In subsequent activities, we intend to use this information to design quantitative needs assessment tools and to inform program interventions and program impact assessments.

Methods

HA³ and JHU staff trained and supervised 7 community mental health workers and 5 social workers who live and work in the Suleimaniyah Governate. These staff then interviewed persons who have been affected by torture and/or local persons knowledgeable about the problems of these persons. Interviewees were a convenience sample of adults of all ages and both sexes, identified through both local government and private organizations that assist torture survivors. The training and data collection took place over a 2 week period in late April and early May, 2008.

Two interviewing methods were used in the qualitative study:

- 1. Free Listing: forty-two persons were interviewed using this approach to:
 a) identify the problems affecting the victims of torture and their families; and
 b) explore the tasks and activities that constitute their roles in the family and
 society.
- 2. Key Informant Interviewing: Twenty-one persons were interviewed twice to obtain more detailed information on selected mental health and psychosocial problems that emerged from the free list interviews. Problems were selected from the free lists based on the number of free list respondents who mentioned the problems, their apparent severity, and the likelihood that these problems could be addressed by interventions that could be provided by the community mental health workers.

Conclusions

This study was intended to describe how torture survivors and their families in the Suleimaniyah Governate view their situation, particularly their current problems. Particular focus was placed on identifying and describing problems or issues that could potentially be addressed by HA programs (See Appendix, tables 1,3, and 4), as well as informing how these programs could be designed so that they are understandable and acceptable. The latter involves programs that address the causes of the problems (as

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³ Two HA staff acted as interviewer supervisors. A third supervisor from Norwegian People's Aid was temporarily employed by HA for the study.

perceived by local people. See Table 5) and take into account their suggestions for what might be done (Table 6).

Based on the data, we reached the following conclusions about how respondents view the situation of torture survivors and their families:

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- 5. While respondents included dysfunctional behaviors among the ways they deal with their problems, respondents also recognized the need for social re-engagement, clinical treatment, and work or other activities to both earn money and engage their time. They also emphasized the need to meet their desire for compensation and support by the government, and to improve the attitude of the wider society through education and information.

Recommendations

1. Torture survivors and their families should receive services from CMHWs based on CMHWs' existing psychoeducation and counseling skills.

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2. In addition to CMHWs' existing skills, specific interventions will be required to effectively treat persons with the specific mental disorders identified in the qualitative Data. The disorders are unlikely to adequately respond alone to the existing psychoeducational and counseling approaches currently available through the CMHWs.

These interventions should consist of treatments found to be effective in other similarly affected populations and which are likely to be feasible and acceptable locally. Counseling for trauma-related symptoms and for mood disorders should be among the therapies considered, since these problems are prominent in this population and treatment modalities have been proven effective elsewhere among similarly affected groups.

3. Program interventions might also include advocacy and outreach to community leaders and other members of society, to improve their understanding of the problems

and distress that torture-affected persons may continue to experience for years after the initial traumas.

The results of this study suggest that the treatment of torture survivors by the wider community is a major issue. Community education on the experiences and plight of torture survivors, if feasible, could help to reduce the stigmatization of this group.

4. Programs to provide economic assistance would be highly valued.

Lack of resources and employment opportunities are major issues for torture survivors and families. Directly providing such assistance may be beyond the resources of HA. However, advocacy for assistance within the Kurdish government and Kurdish organizations could be explored. For example, CMHWs may be able to advocate with the KRG for benefits to which survivors are entitled. Case Managers at the HA torture treatment center in Suleimaniyah are to be trained on this issue and it would be useful to improve the capacity of CMHWs to do such advocacy. With regards to employment assistance, one approach might be to link survivors with any existing and relevant income generation programs in their area.

5. The impact of specific interventions could be assessed, to determine whether they are effective and how they can be improved.

This could be done in the form of a controlled trial comparing interventions or comparing an intervention with other services that are currently available. Non-controlled trial formats could also be considered if a controlled trial is not possible.

Next Steps

- 1. Determine which mental and psychosocial problems can and should be addressed by the network of CMHWs.
- 2. Develop a quantitative assessment instrument to assess the severity of these problems. This instrument will be used to screen torture-affected persons for inclusion in whatever interventions will ultimately be provided to address these problems. Pre and post intervention assessment using the instrument will be used to assess change in severity, as part of the intervention impact assessment.
- 3. Develop the intervention(s) for use by CMHWs to address these specific mental health disorders problems. Train and supervise CMHWs in the use of this approach.
- 4. Develop and implement an approach to a) monitor how well the intervention is provided and b) to assess its impact.

Steps 1 and 3 will be done in consultation with an informal group of clinical staff at HA, local mental health professionals in Kurdistan, JHU faculty, and external experts in mental health interventions feasible for use in low resource environments. Steps 2 -4 will primarily be done by JHU faculty, but in consultation with other group members and other experts in assessment.

Introduction

This report describes a qualitative assessment conducted by Heartland Alliance (HA) and Johns Hopkins University (JHU) in the Suleimaniyah Governate of Kurdistan, Iraq in April and May of 2008. The assessment was the first in a series of activities collectively intended to: a) identify the problems of persons who have experienced torture and related forms of violence⁴ committed during the Saddam Hussein regime, and their families, ⁵ and b) inform the design, monitoring and evaluation of interventions to address some of these problems.

Purpose of the Assessment

The information from this assessment is intended to provide a basis for subsequent activities to:

- Identify problems that can be addressed by the existing network of community mental health workers (CMHWs) which reflect the priorities of the torture-affected persons themselves.
- Inform the design of interventions to address these problems that are acceptable and feasible to torture-affected persons and the wider community, given the local environment and culture.
- Design instruments and procedures for their use that can be used to quantitatively
 assess the level of need and the impact of interventions (by administering the
 instruments pre and post intervention).

To meet these objectives, data were collected which focused on two areas of interest:

- A. How torture-affected persons perceive their current problems, in particular:
 - 1. The nature of these problems and the language they use to describe them.
 - 2. The causes of these problems.
 - 3. What people do to address these problems, or what they feel should be done about them.

B. What constitutes the most important aspects of normal functioning for torture-affected persons. Normal functioning refers to performing the tasks and activities which the interviewees themselves feel are important in fulfilling their role in family and society.

This information will be used to design locally appropriate measures of problems and function for future use in quantitative assessments of this population.

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Methodology

Overview

This assessment used qualitative methods only. These methods are relatively unstructured interviewing techniques, unlike the questionnaires used in quantitative methods. Qualitative approaches are also different from quantitative methods in that interviewers are trained in the use of open-ended, non-leading methods of interviewing in which the respondent is probed for as much information on a topic as they know and are willing to say. Interviews are conducted in the language of the respondents and everything the respondent says is recorded verbatim; i.e., without summarization, translation or paraphrasing.

Staff from HA and JHU conducted the assessment. It involved two and a half weeks of training, data collection, and analysis involving 12 interviewers and three supervisors. The assessment used two qualitative interviewing methods previously used by JHU staff in other under-resourced environments: free listing and key informant interviews.

Twelve interviewers worked in pairs. One person acted as the main interviewer and the second mainly as recorder. Three supervisors each oversaw 2 pairs. The only people present during the interview were the 2 interviewers and the respondent. Interviews were conducted in locations where they could not be overheard. Oversight consisted of review of the record of the interview and discussion of the interview process, including any difficulties that emerged.

The training and data collection took place over a 2 week period in late April and early May, 2008.

Free Listing

Data Collection

The study began with a free listing exercise in which each respondent was asked to generate four lists, each in response to a separate question. The first question generated a list of problems of torture-affected people. The remaining three questions generated lists related to local functioning:

First List

What are all the problems of persons who have been affected by torture or violence? This means not only the people who have experienced it but also their families.

Second List

What are the tasks and activities that men/women need to do to take care of themselves?

Third List

What are the tasks and activities that men/women need to do to take care of their families?

Fourth List

What are the tasks and activities that men/women need to do to contribute to their communities?

For the last three lists, men were asked about male tasks and activities only, and women about women's tasks and activities only.

For each free list, interviewers probed for as many responses as possible. These were entered into a free list recording form, along with a brief description of each response, also provided by the respondent.

Respondents for the free lists were a convenience sample of persons knowledgeable about the problems of those who had experienced torture and their families. Knowledge of these problems was by virtue of being in contact with many other affected persons, through social networks or formal organizations of survivors. Respondents were themselves torture survivors.

Analysis

Analysis was conducted in the language of the interviews (the local dialect of Kurdish). This was performed by the interviewers, the supervisors, and a translator, under the direction of JHU faculty. The first step of the analysis consisted of condensing all the problem on the free list records into a composite list of all problems mentioned by all informants, and the number of the respondents who gave each response. Similarly, we condensed all the responses to the three function free lists into a single composite list of all function items. The second step was to review both lists, looking for responses that had the same meaning, but used different wording. In these cases the team selected the item with the clearest wording, crossed off the less clearly worded item, and added the number of respondents who gave that response to those listed under the selected response. The resulting tables for problems and function are in the Appendix.

JHU faculty then reviewed the problem list and selected problems for more detailed exploration using the second qualitative method: key informant interviewing. Selected problems were those which were:

- a) Not yet well understood
- b) The issue could feasibly form a focus for an intervention provided by CMHWs, given their emphasis (mental health and psychosocial issues), current program resources and direction.
- c) The number of respondents who mentioned it, and
- d) The apparent severity of the problem, based on the description and what is currently known about it.

Key Informant Interviews

Data Collection

The issues selected from the problem free lists, using the criteria described above, formed the basis for Key Informant Interviewing. This is an in-depth method of interviewing used to explore in greater detail the selected issues emerging from the free lists. Key informants

are persons who are particularly knowledgeable about the topics being explored and who are willing and able to talk at length about these topics.

The same teams of two interviewers for the free lists conducted the key informant interviews. Again, one person acted mainly as interviewer and the other mainly as recorder.

Key informants were asked to tell all they know about each of the problems selected from the free list data. For each problem, interviewers were instructed to probe to obtain as much information as possible on:

- 1. The nature of each problem, including a description of symptoms and effects.
- 2. The causes of the problem.
- 3. What people do about the problem or think could/should be done about it.

Truly knowledgeable key informants were interviewed twice or more on these topics. This is because a single interview is often not sufficient for them to provide all the information they know, and because informants often think of new information after the first interview. Both first and second interviews normally lasted one hour.

KIs were selected by representatives of the various organizations representing torture survivors. Additional KIs were also identified in the course of conducting the free lists: During the free list interviews the respondents were asked to provide contact information on local people knowledgeable about the problems of torture survivors. Finally, some free list informants were felt by the interviewers to be knowledgeable enough to be KIs. In all cases, the KIs were part of the local community, were knowledgeable about the problems of torture survivors, but did not deal with these problems professionally (such as health care workers, social workers or counselors).

Analysis

As in the free list analysis, the analysis was conducted in the language of the interviews (the local dialect of Kurdish) and was done by the interviewers, the supervisors, and a translator, under the direction of JHU faculty. Working in 4 teams (one for each KI interview topic), each reviewed all interviews for responses relevant to their topic. Each team produced a table of these responses and the number of the interviewees who gave each response. Where responses had the same meaning, but used different wording, the team selected which wording was the clearest, then crossed off the wording that was not selected and added the number of respondents who gave that response to those listed under the selected response. The resulting tables for problems and function are in the Appendix.

Results

Respondents

Forty-two torture survivors were interviewed for the Free List process. Twenty-one key informants were also interviewed. Interviewees were all adults, mostly male and between 35-60 years of age. Interviewees came from the cities and immediate surrounds of Suleimaniyah, Halabja, Kalar, and Rania, all of which are in the Suleimaniyah Governate.

Interviewees were survivors of torture during the years of the Saddam Hussein regime. We did not interview persons about events after the demise of the regime. Almost all had also lost close relatives and/or friends due to torture, imprisonment, and murder by the Saddam Hussein state. Many of these events occurred during the Anfal — the campaign against the Kurds by the Iraq central government between 1986-9. This has been described by various sources as a campaign of genocide against the Kurdish people. In the interviews conducted in Halabja, respondents focused almost exclusively on the effects of a single event during the Anfal — an attack on the city using chemical weapons in May 1988 in which 5,000 people were killed and many more were injured.

Free List Results

Overview of Problems Affecting Torture Survivors and their Families

Most of the problems described in the free lists can be grouped into the following categories:

- 1) Excessive rumination over the past traumatic events and their effects on their lives, resulting in depressed mood and withdrawal.
- 2) Mental problems (particularly PTSD symptoms) resulting directly from the traumatic events.
- 3) Mood and anxiety problems (including sadness, anger and hopelessness) resulting from the perceived impact of those events on their lives, particularly reduced function, poverty and discrimination.
- 4) Unhappiness over perceived discrimination and lack of opportunities
- 5) Lack of freedom and opportunity, particularly among women for cultural reasons.
- 6) Relationship problems within the family due to the above problems.
- 7) Lack of assistance from family, community, and the government.

Overview of Function Responses

The same respondents who were asked about problems were also asked about functioning (see Methodology). The responses for both men and women are combined in Table 2, in order of decreasing frequency. These responses are not discussed further in this report but later will be used to generate a locally-based questionnaire on functioning for men and women.

Key Informant Results

As described in the Methodology section, we reviewed the free list results and selected several problems for more detailed study using the key informant interviewing method. Three major categories of problems were identified in the free lists and it was these that were selected for further investigation:

- a) Problems related to mood and depression symptoms.
- b) Problems directly related to the torture experience.
- c) Problems associated with how people relate to others, including how others treat them.

All key informant interviews focused on these three issues.

Table 3 summarizes the descriptions of the symptoms and effects of these three groups of problems. Similar symptoms and effects are grouped together (rather than listing items in order of decreasing frequency). The more frequently mentioned items closely correspond to symptoms comprising four related but distinct disorders in Western psychiatric nomenclature, specifically, Traumatic Grief, Major Depression, Generalized Anxiety Disorder and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). These most prominently include:

- a) Depressed mood
- b) Withdrawal
- c) Ruminating on the past to the point of significantly impaired current functioning
- d) Having memories of past traumatic events intruding upon their ongoing thought processes and trying to avoid such reminders and unbidden disturbing thoughts
- e) Sleep problems
- f) Prominent anxiety symptoms
- g) Desire for death and feeling dead already (anhedonia)
- h) Poor treatment and exploitation by others
- i) Hopelessness
- i) Lack of support by family and others
- k) Perception that they are mentally ill
- l) Poverty
- m) Yearning and longing for the deceased
- n) Irritability
- 0) Difficulty thinking or concentrating

In addition to these classic symptoms and problems commonly found in trauma-affected groups, there were also problems particular to this population. The most frequent was waiting for those who were killed to return. Another common issue was regret over their past sacrifices for the current government, given their current state and lack of support by the government, and the feeling that they were looked down upon by others.

Table 4 summarizes the descriptions and effects of the problems of persons close to torture survivors; mostly family. Like items are again grouped together and form a similar pattern to those of the torture survivors themselves, including depression and PTSD-like problems, suggesting that these problems are somehow transferable to those close to the torture survivors and/or that they stem from a shared experience of current problems. Prominent are relationship problems within the family, and perception of a lack of understanding by family and others of the tortured person.

Table 5 describes the causes of the various problems affecting torture survivors and their families. Causes are grouped under subheadings reflecting the problems being caused.

Respondents blame many of their problems on their current situation, particularly on how they are treated by others. Poverty and lack of compensation or other forms of assistance are major issues, as is the perception that others look down on them because of their past experiences and their current poverty, which results in marginalization and depression. Marginalization is also viewed as a failure of appreciation and education in the wider community. Mental problems are viewed both as a cause of marginalization and as a result. Similarly, insomnia and depression are both results of traumatic events and the cause of other problems.

Table 6 describes how people cope with the problems of mood/depression, problems related to the torture experience, and problems in how they relate to others. Dysfunctional behaviors are mentioned including as suicide, alcohol use, and withdrawal. Other more constructive suggestions include visiting those affected, providing work, and clinical treatment. Others include education of people in general about these issues, providing resources (including housing).

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APPENDIX: Results of Data Analysis*6

Table 1: Problems of Torture Survivors and their Families (Summary of 42 Free List Interviews).

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دةرووني، زؤر هةموو هةستةكانمان لاى ئقوقية كة بؤضى ئيمة وامان لى هات وذيانمان لى سةنرايةوة ، نةمان توانى وةك هةموو كةسيكى ئاسايى بذين، ئةمانة هةميشة توشى داتةنطى وبيئارامى وخةمؤكى و هةلضون وطؤشةطيرى دةبين ك Mentally, every one of us think about why we have become like that (handicapped and mental problems), why our life was taken, and why we could not live as a normal person. This makes us feel sad, depressed, impatient, angry, and introverted all the time.	20
کؤمةلایةتی نادادثاتروةری ، مقنبوز کراون ، هقست دةکات ناداد ثاتروةری کؤمةلایةتی هقیة ، هقست کردن به جیاوازی کردن به جیاوازی کردن له ناو تاکه تاکه تاکه تاکه تاکه تاکه تاکه تاکه	16
كَيْشَةَى خَيْرَانِى ﷺ تَهْلَاقَ ﴿ ، كَيْشَةَى ئابورى ، جَيَطَة و ﴿ 25 نَهُو كَهُسَانَةَى كَةُ جَيا بُونَةَ تَهُو ، خواردنةوةى كهول بة زيندانى سياسى بوون و ئةشكةنجة دراو ، خواردنةوةى كهول بة زؤرى بؤتة هؤى جيابونةوة و خؤكوشتن ﴿ Family problem (divorce), economic and housing problem. 25% are those who are political detainees and they have been tortured. Drinking alcohol has become the cause of divorce and suicide.	10
بيركردنةوة و ضاوةروانى ، بير لةوة دةكةنةوة كةس وكاريان بطةريَتةوة يان ئيسك و ثروسكيان بطةريَتةوة ، تا ئيستاش جل وبةرط دةكرن منالة كانيان بطةريَنةوة Thinking and waiting; they are thinking of their relatives to come back or their bones. They have been buying clothes for their children (in the hope that they will return).	7
كيَشْةى ضينايةتى ، كؤمةلطة دوو ضينة ، ضينى دةولةمةند وضينى هةذار Class problem, community is divided into two classes: the rich and the poor.	7
نازادی نافرةت ئقطرن : ذن بؤی نی یة بی ترسی میردةکةی بضیّنة مالی باوکیشی اوکیشی (Men) violate women freedom; women are not allowed to go to her father's home without his husband's permission.	6
توشى ترس بوين لة كؤمةلطة ، مقبةست ئةوةية ناويَرينَ بليَين زيندانى سياسى بوين ضونكة خقلك بة سوك سقيرمان دةكات يةكستر دقترسن تةعقداتان ليكراوة؟ We have the problem of fear from the community, means we are afraid to say we were political detainees because people look down at us and immediately ask have you been raped?	6
دةرونمان ئاسودة نى ية ، هةميشة فليمةكانى زيندا ن لةبةرضاومانة زور عاتيفين، لقبةر ئاسودة نى ية ، هةميشة فليمةكانى زيندا ن لقبةرضاومانة زور عاتيفين، لقبةر ئةوةى هيض دلنةوايى نةكراوين هقركيشةكانمان لة بيرة تا ئيستا كاريطةرى دةرونى لة سقرمان هقية We are not happy, we see the films of prison are in front of our eyes every time, and we are so sensitive because we have not been cared for. We only remember the problems and they have mental affect on us until now.	6
وةك ثيويست ريزيان لى ناطيريت ، هةست بةكةمى They are not respected as they should be. They have an inferiority complex.	5
قسةی ناشرین بقرامبقریان دةکریت ، ئیهانهٔ دةکرین بقیایت أذنان و کضانیان نازناویک نراون عقرةبطاوةکان ، بؤ نمونهٔ کقس داوای کضهکانیان ناکات	5

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 $^{^{\}rm 6}$ *In all tables responses given by a single respondent are excluded.

Using swear words (bad words) against us. We are insulted; especially women and	
girls are called names, that you are fucked by Arabs.	
تقشیمانین ئیستا لقو کارانقی کردومانه کی شخصیمانن لقو تقیرقوقی که لقسقری	4
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We regret what we have done (for the government). 80% of all the people regret	
serving the Pershmarga doctrine that they have been tortured for, means the services	
that they did for the government and Peshmarga.	
ثةيوةندى كؤمةلأيةتي لأواز بوة	3
Social relationships in society have become weak.	
لةناخدا روخاوين ، تقنها بقجةستة دةذين بة لأم لة ناخدا مروين	3
We are destroyed internally. We are physically alive but our soul is dead.	
بير ضونةوةى زؤر ، لةبيرضونةوةى شتى رؤذانة بة هؤى ئةنفال	3
Forgetting, forgetting (to do our) daily activities due to Anfal.	
بة تةنيا ماونةتةوة ، ضونكة كورةكانيان طةورة بون وذنيان هيناوة ، ئيستا بة	3
ب ي و و وو يو يو اونةوتةوة ا	
They have been staying alone because their sons have grown up and got married.	
They are alone now.	
خؤزطة دةخوازين لقطةل كةس وكارمان ئةنفال بكرايناية	3
We wish that we had been exposed to Anfal (ie, killed) with our relatives.	
خقو بينين بة كةس وكارةكانيانةوة كة ئةنفال كراون ، خةوى ناخؤش	3
Bad dreaming, they dream about their relatives who have been (victims of) the anfal.	
خراثی دةرونی خةلك به طشتی ، ئةو كةسانة به هؤی زؤری كیشةكانیانةوة	3
توشی طرفتی دهرونی بوون وه کورو ویکتاقهتی	
Generally people are mentally bad, those people have mental problem due to their	
problems like angriness and sadness.	
کیشةی دةرونی ، مستقر نین و زولم لیکراون ، هقست دقکةن تا ئیستاش	3
زولميان ليكراوة هنست دةكةن هيضيان بؤ نةكراوة ، زؤربةي خةلك منيئوس	
بوون	
Mental problem: we are unstable and oppressed, we feel that nothing has been done	
for us. Most of the people are disappointed.	
كيَشةى ئيجتيماعى ، علاقاتى ئيجتيماعى وَةُكو جاران نةماوة ضونكة هةمووى	3
دابراوة لة يةكتر بة هؤى ئةنفالةوة	
Social problems. Social relationship are not like they were in the past because	
people were separated from each other due to the Anfal.	
كَيْشْةَى تُورة بوون ، زؤر جار لة نةتيجةى ئةو ئةشكةنجةيةى كة خواردومانة	3
تورة دةبين لة مالَ ومنالمان ، نقبونى تقحةمول وزؤر جار دةبوريينةوة	
We have a problem with rage; as a result of the torture we faced, many times we	
become furious of our children, lose our patience, and sometimes we faint.	
نةخؤشى دةرونيمان هقية ، بارى دةرونيمان زؤر خراثة وئةعصابمان زؤر هيلاكة	3
، علاجى كيشةى دةرونى وجةستةبيان بؤ نةكراوة	
We have mental health (mental illness); we are in a very bad psychological	
condition. They have not been treated mentally and physically.	
خةلكى ثاك نةماون ، روو لةهةر شويَنيك دةكةين خيانةتت ليَ دةكةن بؤية زؤر	2
جار ناضار دةبين كة راست وثاك نقبين ، بير دةكةينةوة دلسؤز نقبين خراثة	
بكةين	
There is no honest people. Anywhere that we go they betray us, so we are obliged	
not to be honest and to do wrong things.	_
منالمان بؤ نةماوة، نةمانى منالأ بؤ بةهؤى ئةوةى كة يةكيك نةبيت يارمةتيمان	2
بدات له ذیانی رؤذانهٔدا ، زؤر جار که تهقهٔی دةرطا دیّت وا ههست دهکهین	
كة ديَنقوة	
We lost our children, so there is nobody to help us in daily life. Some times when we	
hear a knock on the door we feel our children are coming back.	

كةسيَك نى ية بايةخمان ثيَبدات ، هيض كةسيَك نى ية ئيهتيمامنا ثيَبدات	2
وطالتةمان ثيدةكةن كة ئةنفالين.	
There is no body to take care of us, and they make fun of us that we are (survivors	
of) the Anfal.	
کیَشْتی بیر کردنتوه ، ناجیَطیری باری دةروونی	2
Problem of thinking and mental instability.	
كيَشةى دةرونى هةية تاوانبارو جاشةكان كة خةلكيان ئةنفال كرد ئيَستا دةسةلات بة	2
دةستى ئةوانة ، لة روى دةرونيةوة كارى كردؤتة سةر خاوةن ئةنفال	
They have mental problem because the criminals and the Mercenaries, who they	
committed Anfal, are in power now. Mentally this affects the Anfal people.	
بيَتاقةتن ضونكة هةميشة ضاوةروانن ودليان خؤش ني ية	2
They are sad and unhappy, they are waiting continuously.	
باری دةرونیان تةواو نی یة ، ضونکة زؤربةی کةس و کاری ئةنفال جلو	2
بةرطيان رةش يان شينة وريش ناتاشن	
Mentally, they are in bad situation, most of Anfal relatives wear black and they don't	
shave beard (ie, they are still in mourning).	

Table 2: Activities and tasks men and women do to care for themselves, their families and their communities (summary of 42 free list interviews)*

Activity or Task	ذمارة Number of
	respondents
تقربیة تي مندالَ به شیَو هَیه تکي باش Bringing children up well	26
بذيَوي ذياني خيرَ اني دابين بكات Providing the requirements of his family	15
ثيّو يستة هةموو كةس هاوكاري كؤمة لطا بكات ترويستة هةموو كةس هاوكاري كؤمة لطا بكات	13
Everybody should cooperate with the community	11
کارطوزار بیّت Employment	11
ضاکة تکردن Charity	9
راستطؤ بیّت Be trustful	9
ثة يوة ندي باشي هة بيت لقطة لل خة لك	9
Having good relationship with the other people	0
ریز و ئیحترامي خةلك بطریت Respect other people	8
شقرة ف بثاريَزيَ Keeping honor	8
ريز لة خيزانةكةي بطريت	7
Respect his family	7
Gender equality ضاودیَری هفلس و کفوتیان بکات خیزانهٔ کفی	6
Looking after his family	
هو شیار کر دنة و ةي کؤمة لطاو خیز ان Make the community and the family aware (in general)	6
رِيَز لَهُ دَابِ و نَهْرِيتِي كُوْمَةَلَطَا بِطُرِيَتُ Respect the habits of the community	6
بة شداريكر دني لة خؤشي و ناخؤشية كاني خة لك Contributing in the happiness and sadness of people.	6
وةك هاوريَ بيت لقطقلَ ئةنداماني خيز انقكةي	6
Be friendly with his family members دلسؤز بوون	6
Faithfulness	
ئەركى مال و دەرةوة ئەنجام بدات Doing work outside and housework	5
مرؤظفیکي ضالاك بیّت Be an active person	5
ئيشي مالقوة بكات	5
Doing housework יוט ארני	5
Baking	
شةخصيتي خؤي رابطريَت Keeps his/her personality	5
نویَذ کردن Praying	5

	کاری کشتو کال و دقشت بکات	4
Farming	. 35 3 93	
	جياوازي لة نيَوان مندالكاني نةكات	4
	(داد ثاقروةر بینت)	
Does not discriminate among children; be fair.	ثةيرةوي ياساي وو لأتةكة بكات	4
Follow the rules of the country		4
	زالبوون بةسةر كيشةكان	4
Controlling the problems		
	ريطة نةدةيت مندال واز لة خويندن بينيت	4
Don't let the children to leave study	خیر کردن هقبیت یارمةتی هقذاران بدقیت	4
Charity and helping the poor	كير كردل مابيك پارمائي ماداران بدايك	4
charty and notping the poor	ذن سیاستت بکات	4
Women should involve in politics		
	خؤشة ويست بيت	3
Be lovely	ثياو ئاتبيت ثياو بيت	3
Man should be a man	ا نياق تائيت نياق بيت	3
Train should be a man	تةعدا لة كةس نةكات	3
Don't violate the right of the others		
	دلي ميردي رابطريت	3
Be kind with her husband	كةم و كورتيةكاني ذياني بؤ ثربكةيتةوة	2
Covering the shortages of his family	كهم و خورنيهخاني دياني بؤ نربخهينهوه	3
Covering the shortages of his family	زةرةرو زياني بؤ خةلك نةبيَت	3
Don't be harmful to other people		
	ئةبيَت يةكيةتيان لة نيَواندا بيَت	3
Having unity between them(spouse)		
Feeling responsibility towards his region	بةرامبةر ناوضةكةت هةست بة ليَثْرسراويَتي بَا	3
reening responsionity towards his region	هةولدان بؤ نةهيشتني طةندةلي	2
Try to root corruption out	<u> </u>	_
	سةير انكر دن	2
Picnic		2
Sport	وةرزشكردن	2
Sport	طونجان لةطقل ذنةكةي	2
Harmony with his wife	,	
ر بیبَت	ديفاع لة خةلك بكات و هقروةها نيشتمان ثقروة	2
Defend people and be patriotic.		
Creating high scientific personality	دروستكردني كةسايةتي بقرزي زانستي	2
Creating high scientific personality	بةشداريكردن لة كؤرو كؤبوونةوةي زانستي	2
Taking part in the scientific seminars and meeting	ngs	_
	كض بدةن بة شوو ذن بؤ كورةكانيان بهيَنن	2
Marriage their sons and girls		

ذن لة سنور لا نقدات بزانيت ضؤن مامقل دةكات ئازادي يقكةي ئيستيغلال نقكات	2
Women should not deviate from their rights and don't exploit their freedom	
تيَطة شِتن لة ذيان	2
Life understanding	
در وستکر دنی خیز انیکی تؤکمة	2
Creating a compacted family	
ئاسایش بوونی کؤمة لطا	2
Having Security in the community	
هةبووني خزمةطوزاري	2
Having services	
فةنتاز یای ذیانی هةبیَت	2
Having fantasy of life	
دلی مال و مندالی رابطریت	2
Be kind with his/her family	
معاشى هةبيت	2
Having salary	
لتبةر ضاوي بيَت	2
Appreciation	
قسة نةطيريتةوة	2
Keep himself/herself from backbiting	

Table 3: Nature and Effects of Selected Problems on Torture Survivors (summary of 21 Key informant interviews)

نيشانةكان وكاريطةريةكان	ذمارة
Symptoms and effects	Number
خةمؤكى Depression	18
طريان	8
Crying دل َ تة نطى دل َ تة نطى	15
Misery	13
بة جة ستة زيندون لة ناخةوة مردون(تا ئيستا جلى رةشيان دانةكةندوة) They are alive physically but their soul is dead, they wear black until now.	5
ه قست ده که ن که تسانیی رو خاون	4
They feel that they are destroyed.	
تةنيايى Loneliness	14
دابران Isolation	9
خو اخو ایانهٔ کقس نقیانیینیَت خو اخو ایانهٔ کقس نقیانیینیَت	6
They don't want to be seen by any body.	J
دور هَثْةُرِيَزن They are introverted.	8
بير كر دنةوة لقر ابر دو	20
Thinking about the past. لقبير نةضونة و قي رابر دو و بة ئاساني	1.1
They can not forget the past easily.	11
بةردةوام روداوةكانيان لقبةر ضاوة The events are in front of their eyes(what happened to them in the past)	2
رادة ضلة كين	2
Feel shocked (when they remember the torture that they have been faced in the prison, it makes them shocked).	
خةياليان دةروات	4
They are absent –minded. ضاوةروانن(ضاوةروانى كةسوكاريان دةكتن بطةرينةوة)	8
They are waiting; waiting for their relatives (who were killed) to come back.	O
ئار ةزوى جةذن ويادةو قريةكان ناكةن(يادطارى رابر دوى نياداية) They are not interested in feasts or celebrations (they remind them of the past).	6
خةوزراندن	17
Insomnia	
خةوى ناخؤش يان كابوس Nightmares	12
خةوبينين (خةوبينين بة روداوةكان)	5
Dreaming (about the events) هة ستمان بر بندارة بؤية خةو مان لبَناكة و يَت	2
Our feeling is injured. Therefore, we cannot sleep	2
دلة راوكيَ Anxiety	6

ترس و تؤقین (واهةست دةكةن جاریكی تر توشی ئةوشكستیة دةبنةوة) Horror and fear; they feel that they will face the disaster again	9
هةست دةكةن كة كةسيكي زةعيفن تُواناي كار كردن وبريار دانيان نية	3
They feel that they are weak and they cannot work and make decisions.	9
Suicide	
ئارةزووي مردن دةخوازن	13
They wish for death	
لقبة رطوناهة نةبيّت ئةطينا خؤيان ئةكوشت	2
If it were not taboo they (tortured people) would suicide بة ضاوى كةمةوة يان بة ضاوى سوكةوة سةير دةكرين	11
به صاوی خامه وه پان به صاوی سوخان ه سایر داهدرین They are treated down (badly)	11
استغلال(ذنةکان ناضار بوون ئیش بکةن توشی ئیهانة و دةستدر یَذی سکسی هاتون)	2
Exploitation; the women are obliged to work and they are raped and insulted.	2
ثةيوةندى كؤمة لأية تيان تقبيعي نية	8
Social relationships are abnormal	
بیزاری	8
Annoyance	
تورةن	11
They are irritated حققیان فقوتاوة (نقبو ونی عقدالمت)	4
Their rights are violated; lack of fairness	4
کةس طو يَمان ليَناطر يَت كةس طو يَمان ليَناطر يَت	10
No body listen to us	
هةست بة كةمى كردن	2
Inferiority complex	
ئوميَدمان نةماوة (رةش بينين)	4
They are hopeless; they are pessimistic کضنةکانین شو و ناکةن	2
تحصیحانین سوو ناخهن Their daughter does not want to get married	2
تة لاق تا المالية الم	3
Divorce	3
ناکؤکی نیَوان خؤی خیَز انقکةی	2
Conflict between his family and self	
جياوازن لة خةلكي (كةسيك نبية سةر ثقر شتى مالقوة بكات، كقس نية كقسابةً تيان بؤ بكات)	12
They (tortured people) are different from other people; there is no body to take care	
of them or work for the family. كةسى دلسؤزيان نةماوة (تؤزيك لة نيش وئازةرةكانيان كةم بكاتةوة)	2
, , ,	3
They don't have a faithful person to bring their pain down. بیتاقةتی (جاران ذیانینان ٹیکةوة بوو بة لام ئیستا دابر اون)	11
بین محتوی (جاران دیابیتان میکنوه بوق باندم نیست دابر بون) Exhaustion; they lived together (before the disaster) but they are separated now.	11
توشی نةخوشی دةر و نی دهبن	13
They get mental illnesses	

لة طريَى دةرونيدا دةذين (عقدةي نةفسي)	2
Psychological complex	
نائار امی	3
Instability (mental)	
ثة شيمان بونةوة لقوةى كة كردومانة	6
we are regretful for what we had done(the service we provided for peshmarga)	
قةرةبونةكراونةتةوة	5
They have not been compensated	
فقدان زاكيرة	2
Amnesia	2
محاربةى نةفسى	2
Psychological conflict هةست بة شةر مةز ارى دةكةن	2
They feel shame	2
غةسل دةماغ	2
Brain washing	2
نةخؤشي زةخت	2
Blood-pressure illness	_
نةزؤكي	2
infertility	
کویَر بوون	3
Blindness	
هةذارى	8
Poverty	
بیکاری	6
Joblessness	
نةبوني خانوو	3
Lack of house	

Table 4: Nature and Effects of Problems of Persons Close to Torture Survivors (Mostly Family) (summary of 21 Key informant interviews)

کاریطةریة کانی لةسةر خةلك طروثي Effects on people	ذمارة Number
خة لك ناتوانيَت مورتاح بيَت People cannot be happy	3
خةلك تورية People are angry	8
خةلك بيَ سةبرن People are impatient	2
خةلك خةمؤكة People are depressed	9
طریانی خةلك People crying	3
خةلك شتي لةبيرئةضيَتةوة People have got amnesia	3
خةلك بيَدةنطن قسة كةم دةكةن People are silent and don't speak a lot	4
لقماني متمانة Lack of confidence	2
بيَ هيوا بووني خةلك People are hopeless	8
ترس لاي خةلك Having fear	3
خةلكي كةم خةويان هةية People have got insomnia	9
خةلك بيري خؤكوشتني هةية People think about suicide	5
بيزارن لة ذياني خؤيان خةلك People are upset with their life	3
زور بير لةم وقزعة ناخوشة دةكةنةوة They are thinking a lot of this bad situation	13
رور رةشبينن بقرامبقر بة ذيان خقلك People are very pessimistic about life	2
حَمَّاكُ تَمُوحِي بِهُ ذَيِانَ نَيِهُ People have no ambition of life	2
ه قست ناکةن کة سیّك های	4
مةيلي رابردوويان هةية They are hoping for return of the past(the previous life was better than this life in	2
general) خةلك هةلضووني دةروونيان هةية People have mental upset	2
خةلك ميَشكي هيلاكة Their(people) brain is tired	2
خةلك بة هقلة لة يقكتر تيَدةطةن	2
People misunderstand each other دابراني ذن لة كؤمةلطادا Woman are isolated from the community	5
Women are isolated from the community شقر کر دن لقطة آل کة ساني دةورو بقر Fighting with those People around them	3

طةنجان ئاستى خويَندنيان دابةزيوة	2
·	2
The youth are not well-educated now	0
هوشياري كةمة 🗗 خةلك و خيزان	8
There is no awareness (they are not well-educated) among people and family	
تیکضوونی ثانیوةندی کؤمة لایاتتی	3
Lack of social relations	
زؤربةي خةلك كةسانى تر بارة بةسةر شانيانةوة	2
Some people have become a burden on others	2
	2
قةيرةي كضان	2
Girls are spinsters	
خيزانةكان ثيّيانةوة نا رةحةت دةبن	4
Even make their families sad	
ثَمْرتَةُوازَ ةَبُوونِي خَيَزَانَ	4
Dismemberment of the family	
دابرانی خیزان لهٔ په کتری	4
# -	4
Family separation	2
تةلاق	3
Divorce	
خةلكي خيزانةكانيان ئيستيغلال كردوة	2
Their families are exploited	
خةلكى كيَشةي تةندروستى هةية	3
People have health problems	-
رؤشتني طقنجان	2
The state of the s	۷
The youth go abroad	4
بيكاري خةلك	4
People are jobless	
بذيوي ذيانيان دابين نةكراوة	10
They are not provided with needs of life	

Table 5: Causes of Problems of Torture Survivors and their families (summary of 21 Key informant interviews)

هؤكارى كيَتْمةكان	ذمارة
Cause of the problems	Numbers
Causes of feeling isolated/marginalized	
بة هؤى بى بةروبوومى حوكمةت و ناداد ثقروةرى و ئاورنة دانة و قى كؤمة أطا ليمان	14
توشی ئازار و دابران و بیزاری و تةلاق و کائةبة بوون	
Due to unfairness and the carelessness of people we have been subjected to torture,	
isolation, annoyance, divorce, and sadness.	
بةهؤى ئةوةى بة ضاوى سوككةوة سةيردةكرين ئيمة بيزاردةبين و همست بقدابران دقكةين زةواجمان بؤ ناكريت	10
Because we are treated poorly we feel annoyed, isolated and cannot get married.	
به هؤی نةبوونی طورانکاری لةنیانمانداو بیزاربوون و نةبوونی زةمانی ذیانمان و	9
نازاری جةستةی و کةم ئةندامی بیر لة خؤکوشتن دةکةینةوة ئاوات بة مردن	
دةخوازين و هةست بةكةمي دةكةين	
Due to the lack of changes in our life, annoyance, physical pain and handicap, we	
think about suicide, we wish we were dead and we feel inferiority complex.	
بةهؤى نةتوانيمان بو دابين كردنى ثيداويستةكانى مندالةكانمان توشى كةم	7
تَقَحَةُمُولِي و دَابِرِانَ بِووِينَ حَقَرَ بِقَتَقَنَهَايِي دَةَكَةَينَ و هَقَسَتُ بِقَنَا بُارِامِي بِيَزارِي	
دةكةين	
Because we cannot provide our children's requirements we have been faced with	
isolation and impatience and we feel instability.	
ناهؤشیاری و دواکةوتنی خةلك هؤكارن بؤ نادادثةروةری ولات 🕣 هةست	4
بنتقنهای 🕣 کقمی بکتین	
Unawareness and lack of education of people are the reasons of injustice of the	
country, feeling alone and inferiority complex.	
كةمي ئمكانياتمان بؤتة هؤى تةلاق دان و بيتاقةتى و هةست كردن بةنةقس	4
و دلَ ثیسی	
Income shortage becomes the cause of divorce, tiredness, inferiority, jealousy.	
بةهؤى كيشةى داتةنطي و حةمؤكى حةز بةتةنهايى دةكةين و خةز دةكةبن	4
شت بنووسین	
Due to the problem of sadness and depression we would like to be alone and	
writing (poem, book, article, .etc.).	_
بة هؤى ئة وةي كة سو كاريان نةماوة و كة سيش هاتوضؤيان نا كةن هة ست بة	3
تةنهايى دةكةن	
Because they lost their family and there is nobody to visit them, they feel alone.	
بةهؤي كيشةي دةرووني يةوة علاقاتي ئيجتماعيان تيك ضووة	2
Due to mental problems their social relationship has been destroyed.	
بة هؤي ناضار بوون بؤ كار كردن بقرامبةرةكانيان ئيستغلاليان كردوون	2
Because they are obliged to work they are exploited. الله على الله الله الله الله الله الله الله ال	2
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We are not confident because of the lack of truthfulness. بة هؤي جباكر دنة وقبان تووشي عقدة بوون بة ضاوى نزمة و سقير دةكريَن	2
	2
Due to discrimination, we face psychological complex and are treated poorly.	

بةهؤى ئةوةى ميشكمان ورةوريكى تياداية و نائاسايية وايكردوة حقز بة تيكةلاوى خةلك نةكةين و حةز بةتقنهايى دةكةين	2
We don't like to mix with other people and we want to be alone because there is an abnormal sound in our brain.	
Causes of family problems	
که می نمکانیاتمان بؤته هؤی ته لاق دان و بیّتاقه تی و هه ست کردن به ته ته ته	4
و دلَ ثیسی	7
Income shortage becomes the cause of divorce, tiredness, inferiority, jealousy. هةست بة فقراغى عاتفى دةكةين و بةهؤى لقدةسدانى كةس و كاريان و بير	2
	3
كردنةوة لقرابردوو	
We feel affection gap due to loss of our relatives and thinking about the past.	2
بةهؤى لةدةست دانى ئةندامة سيكسيكان و لاوازى سيكسيان و نقزؤكى بؤتة هؤى	2
خوکوشتن لای شیاوان یان لای همندیکیان بؤته هؤی بیتاقمتی و خموکی همندی	
جاریش شیت بوون و تةلاق و شقرمقزاری	
Due to impotence and infertility, men suicide. Some of them are annoyed and	
depressed and sometimes makes them mad, divorced and shame. بةهؤى هةستكردن بة تةنهابيةوة توشى كيَشةى خيزانى بوون	
	2
Loneliness has led them to family problems.	
Causes of insomnia	1.5
بةهؤى زؤربيركردنةوة و قةلةقى و لةدةست دانى شتةكان توشى كةم خةو ى و	15
نةخؤشى دةروونى و بيَهيواى بووين	
Due to thinking a lot, anxiety, and losing our properties we have insomnia mental	
illness and desperation.	
بةهؤی بیر نةضوونةوةی شتة ناخؤشةکان تووشی دلتةنطی و صدمُةو کةم	4
خةوى بووين	
We are sleepless, depressed and shocked because we cannot forget the terrible	
things (the terrible things that they had faced).	
Causes of feeling sad or depressed	
حةزبة مردن دة كةين بة هؤى ئةوةى ثاداشت نة كراوين	9
We wish we were dead because we have not been compensated.	
بةهؤى نةبووني طورانكارى لةذيانمانداو بيزاربوون و نةبووني زةمانى ذيانمان و	9
ئازاری جةستةی و كتم ئةندامی بير لة خؤكوشتن دةكةينةوة ئاوات بة مردن	
دةخوازين و همست به كهمى ده كهين	
Due to the lack of changes in our life, annoyance, physical pain and handicap, we	
think about suicide, we wish we were dead and we feel inferiority complex.	
بةهؤى بيركردنةوةمان لة مردني براو ميردو كةسو كارمان هةست بة دلتةنطى	6
دةكةبين زياتر لاى ئةنفالكراوةكان ئةم حالةتة هةية	
Because of thinking about the death of our husbands, brothers and relatives we feel	
sad. It is common among anfalled (killed) people.	
بة هؤى بير نةضوونةوةى شتة ناخؤشة كان أ تووشى داتة نطى و صدمة وكةم	4
خةوى بووين	
We are sleepless, depressed and shocked because we cannot forget the terrible	
things. (the terrible things that they had faced).	
بةهؤى ويَرانى شارةكةيانةوة تووشى دلتةنطى دةبن	4
Their collapsed cities make them sad.	

بةهؤى نةبوونى مندالَ و خيزانةوة تووشى كةئابة بووين الله We are depressed due to lack of children and family.	2
بةهؤی لةدةست دانی ئةندامة سیکسیکان و لاوازی سیکسیان و نةزؤکی بؤتة هؤی	2
خوکوشتن لای قاوان یان لای هاندیکیان بؤته هؤی بیتاقاتی و خاموکی هاندی	2
حروس شیک بوون و تةلاق و شقرمقزاری	
Due to impotence and infertility, men suicide. Some of them are annoyed and	
depressed and sometimes makes them mad, divorced and shame.	
بةهؤى ئةوةى ئقوةندة ناخؤشيمان لةذياندا بينيوة وة لةلايةن بقر ثرسانةوة ليَمان	2
ناثرسريَتةوة خؤزطة بقمردن دةخوازين	
Because we suffered a lot in life and there is no official person (in power) to ask	
about us (no one visits us and questions about our life), we wish we were died.	
Causes of feeling tired	
كةمى ئمكانياتمان بؤتة هؤى تةلاق دان و بيَتاقةتى و هةست كردن بُةنةقس	4
و دلَ ثیسی	
Income shortage becomes the cause of divorce, tiredness, inferiority, jealousy.	
به ماندوبون بوین به المانه و ب	4
	4
Due to permanent waiting (waiting for their killed relatives to come back) we are	
anxious, annoyed and tired.	
بةهؤى هةلضوونى دةروونيةوة ميشكيا ن هيلاكةو تةحةموليان كةمة	2
Due to angriness, they are impatient and their brain is tired.	
بة هؤي نةمانيان لة شويَني جيَطةي يةكةميان بؤ جيَطةيةيكي تر بؤتة هؤي	2
بيَزاري و بيَتاقةتيان وة توشي نةخؤشي دةرووني بوون	
Because they are displaced from their original place to another place, it	
(displacement) makes them tired annoyed and they have got mental illness.	
Causes of ruminating/poor thinking	
بةهؤی خةوی ناحؤشةوة رابردووة بیرناضیّتةوة و مورتاح نین گ	4
Due to nightmares they cannot forget the past and they are uncomfortable.	7
به المعنوى كانتبة وة دةست دة جولينين و دالخةيان زؤرة و شتيان بير دة ضيّتة وة	3
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Due to depression they move their hands, think a lot and get amnesia.	
بةهؤى دودلى وماندويَتيمانةوة ناتوانين بريار بؤ ضارةنوسى خؤمان بدةين	2
Due to tiredness and anxiety we cannot decide our destiny.	
بةهؤي نقبووني تموح بؤ ذيان لاي طقنجان بؤتة هؤي زؤر بيركردنةو قيانوا هنست دةكةن شايقني هيض شتيك نين	2
Due to the lack of ambition of life, the youth are thinking a lot and they feel that	
they do not deserve anything.	
بة هؤي لقدةستداني كةسة طقورةكانقوة هقست دةكةن زةعيفن و ناتوانن بريار	2
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Because they lost their head of the family, they feel that they are weak and they	
cannot make decisions.	
Causes of anxiety and irritability	1 /
بةهؤی بی بةروبوومی حوکمةت و نادادثةروةری و ئاورنةدانةوةی كؤمةلطا لیمان	14
توشی ئازار و دابران و بیزاری و تةلاق و کائتبة بوون	
Due to unfairness and the carelessness of people we have been subjected to torture,	
isolation ,annoyance, divorce, and sadness.	
بةهؤى ئةوةى بة ضاوى سوككةوة سةيردةكرين ئيمة بيزاردةبين و هةست بةدابران دةكةين زةواجمان بؤ ناكريت	10
Because we are treated poorly, we feel annoyed and isolated and we cannot get	
married.	
بةهؤى نةتوانيمان بؤ دابين كردنى ثيَداويستةكانى مندالةكانمان توشى كةم	7
به هوی کارای بو دابین کردنی کیه ویست کاری کارامی بیزاری این ده که این این این کارامی بیزاری ده که این کارامی بیزاری ده که کین و هه ست به نا دارامی بیزاری ده که کین ده که کین ده که کین کارامی کارامی بیزاری کارامی کارامی کردندی کارامی کردندی کارامی کردندی کارامی کردندی کارامی کردندی	,
Because we cannot provide our children's requirements we have been faced with	
isolation and impatience and we feel instability.	

بةهؤى ضاوةرواني بةردةوامانةوة توشى دودلى و بيَتاقةتى و ماندوبون بوين	4
Due to permanent waiting (waiting for their killed relatives to come back) we are	
anxious, annoyed and tired.	
کةم خةوی هؤکاریکة بؤ تووش بوونی عصةبیةت و نةخؤشی دةروونی 🕩	3
Insomnia is one the causes of nervousness and mental illnesses.	
بةهؤى هةلضوونى دةروونيةوة ميشكيا ن هيلاكةو تةحةموليان كةمة	2
Due to angriness, they are impatient and their brain is tired.	
بة هؤي نةمانيان لة شويَني جيَطةي يةكةميان بؤ جيَطةًيةيكي تر بؤتة هؤي	2
بيَزاري و بيَتاقةتيان وة توشي نةخؤشي دةرووني بوون	
Because they are displaced from their original place to another place, it	
(displacement) makes them tired annoyed and they have got mental illness.	
Other	
بةهؤى كةمى لايةنى ماددى دةبيتة ضارةسةر نةكردنى نةخؤشيةكانيان 🗗	6
Due to bad economic condition, their illnesses cannot be treated.	
خؤشةويستى نامينيت بةهؤى جياوازى خويندةوارييةوة	3
Love is meaningless (there is no real love relationship) due to educational	
discrimination.	
لةبةر ئةوةي تا ئيست هيض تويذينةوةيةكي كؤمة لايةتي دةرووني نةكراوة بؤ	2
ثاشماوةي ئةنفال بؤية تووشي تيكضووني دةرووني بوون	
They have mental problem because no mental and social research has been done to	
the survivors of Anfal.	
بةهؤی ئازار و هیلاکیةوة و توشی کیَشةی تةندروستی و دةروونی بوون	2
Due to torture and tiredness we have been subjected to health and mental problem	
	2
بةهؤی دةرمان و خواردنی بقرضووةو توشی نةخؤشی دةروونی و نةخؤشی	
ترسناك بووين	
Due to taking expired pills, we have been subjected to dangerous and mental	
illnesses.	
لةبةر ئةوةى زؤربةى خةلك خةمؤكيان تيداية وة طؤشةطيرن ئارةزووى ديدار	2
ناکةن و ضیّد له هیض خوشیه کی ذیان ناببینن	
People cannot live happily due to depression and introversion and they don't like to	
be interviewed.	
بةهؤى نةبوونى ئاسايشةوة لةناو ولاتةكةماندا هةست بةترس دةكةين	2
Due to the lack of security in our country, we feel fear.	

Table 6: What people do about selected problems (summary of 21 Key informant interviews)

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What people do about the problems?	Number
Resort to suicide.	11
ئةم جؤرة كةسانة ثيويستيان سقردان هقية These kinds of people should be visited.	5
ثةنا بردن بؤ مادة هؤشبةرةكان Resort to alcohol.	3
لةناو مالةكانى خؤماندا بميّنينةوة	3
They want to stay in their own houses. هاوار ئەكەتن بۇ ئەتوةى يارمەتتيان بدرىت	
They speak aloud and shout to be helped.	3
ثيَويستى بة كار هةية ضونكة حةز دةكات مُشغول بيَت 🗗 ئازارةكانى لةً بير بضيتةوة	3
They need to work in order to forget the past.	
کردنةوةی نةخؤشخانةیةکی دةروونی بؤ ضارفسةرکردنی کیشة دةروونیةکان To open a psychiatric hospital for treating psychological problems.	3
دابین کردنی زةوی بؤیان To provide them with housing or some areas to build their own houses.	3
دة رطای دراسات هقبیَت بؤ لیکؤلینةوة لقم رووداوة To establish a center to study this event.	2
تموحیان هاتیهٔ 🕣 ذیانیان ئاتویت 🕣 بضنهٔ داراهوای 🕣	2
They have ambition, they want to live, take them abroad. ثَيُويستة بة ضاوى سؤزةوة سةيريان بكريَت	
سوریست به مسروی سوری محریف بدریت We must look at them sympathetically.	2
كردنةوةى دةورات لة لايةن ريكخراوةكانةوة لة لايةن ئيوةوة بؤ بةرزكردنةوةى وورة و ئاستى هؤشياريان To open course by the organization and you to raise the moral and awareness of the people.	2
هة ولَ دةدة ين منالة كانمان و قكو خؤماني ليَ نةية ت We work and do our best for our children so they will not face the same problem as we do in the future.	2
ثيُويستة ئة يارمة تيانة بؤ خزمة تكردنى خةلكانى ثيُويست بيَت نةك بؤ خةليَك كة ثيُويست بيَت نةك بؤ خةليَك كة ثيُويستيان بة يارمة تية نبية Those aids must be provided to those that are in real need of it, not to those who do not need it.	2
وةزارةتى تُقروةردة كقسي شارةزا دابين بكةن بؤ قوتابخانةو باخضةكان بؤ ئقوةى فيرى خؤشةويستيان بكةن Ministry of education must dedicate skilled people to schools and parks to teach them how to love and like people.	2
لَّهَ الْهَ الْهَ الْهُ ال Due to poverty, their relatives adopt and raise their kids.	2
كة دةرئةضت لة مالَ خواخوايانة كةسيك نةيان بينيت	2
On going out from home, they hope not to seen by people. ققرة بو بكريَنة و له رووي مادية و بؤ نقوة ي هةنديَ له نازة رقكانيان له بير بضيَتة وة They must be compensated financially to forget the past	2
They must be compensated intendently to forget the past	<u> </u>

	لمرتن هةية	بة طويَ	ثيَويستيان	جؤرة كةسانة	ئةم .	2
These kinds of people must be list	tened to.					2
خةمةكانمان	كةمكر دنة <i>و</i> ةى	ت بؤ	دةست دبَ	طريانمان لة	تةنها	2
Crying is our only way to allevia	te our depres	sions.				2