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STATELESS PROGRAM

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individuals requests initiated in court procedure.

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advocacy interventions.

in need of legal aid

provide legal aid

85

undocumented individuals mostly from Roma, Ashkalia and Egyptian communities were identified in need of legal aid. 87

undocumented individuals beneficiaries of free legal aid were equipped with civil status documents, thus enabling them utilization of other rights and services.

court representation

advocacy

CLOSE TO STATELESS PERSONS

The right to legal identity, as well as being effective members of a society with equal rights and obligations is the right of every individual. Identity and personal documentation are prerequisite to access rights and services.

With the support of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, (3) three individuals with stateless status started their path towards their equipment with personal documentation.

UNHCR and partner organization CRP/K continue to provide legal aid to vulnerable persons UNHCR cares for to enable initiation of relevant procedures under the auspices of the **#Ibelong** campaign.



Photo credit: UNHCR - Stateless persons upon delivery of positive decisions (supported by MIA/DCAM, UNHCR & CRPIK)



Photo credit: CRP/K - Information session held in Obiliq/Obilic municipality

ADVOCACY INTERVENTION

Support on integration prospects was provided to stateless persons who are particularly vulnerable in matters relating to the services provided by State institutions, especially with regard to access to health care, education, employment and social assistance.

Information sessions held jointly with the representatives of the Department for the Reintegration of Repatriated Persons and Integration of Foreigners (DRPRIH), representatives of the Center for Social Work (CSW) as well as Offices for Community and Return were a good opportunity for stateless persons to reflect on the various issues regarding their integration and access to rights.

Despite the challenges they went through as persons without legal identity, stateless persons were now relieved that they managed to be provided with an identification document.

The institutions express their willingness to cooperate and support stateless persons towards their integration into society and realization of their rights.

"Having a nationality is not a privilege, it's a human right which should be ensured to every individual".

CRP/K, as a part of the civil society organizations and a legal partner of UNHCR, continues to play an important role in cooperation with the authorities in enhancing the legislative framework through provision of the expert opinion on the observed gaps in the current normative framework and potential legal solutions that would enable identification and reduction of persons at risk of statelessness.

Two (2) legal acts are in process of revision. Comments & suggestions are provided with an aim of prevention and reduction of statelessness in accordance with the goals of **#Ibelong** campaign.



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