

Dear Excellences...

Minister Kak Karim Sinjari...

Minister Kak Falah Mustafa...

Governor Kak Nawzad Hadi . . .

JCC Council Members . . .

Representatives of the German Consulate . . . and GIZ. . .

UN Agencies and NGOs. . .

Good evening...

On behalf of the JCC, I would like to warmly welcome you all to this event and thank you for your presence, even in a very short notice. This is an indication of your support to us.

I would like to express our profound thanks and appreciation to H.E. Minister Kak Karim for giving this building to JCC and for his unconditioned support and guidance to JCC since 2014. No doubt, without his support, we would not have been able to reach this stage that we are in today.

I would also like to thank GIZ's financial and technical support for renovating the building.

JCC has enjoyed an excellent cooperation and support from its partners in the government and UN agencies, donor countries and NGOs. We highly value and are proud of these partnerships.

Through this collaboration and cooperation, we have achieved a lot in terms of institution building and also in establishing a structured humanitarian crisis coordination, response and management since 2014.

I am proud to state that with your support and together with JCC partners, we have implemented 60% of the JCC's strategic plan for establishing disaster and crisis management system in Kurdistan Region including drafting a law, developing a strategy for crisis management academy, developing a gender

policy, establishing GIS, Data and information management systems, construction of two logistic centres, electronic financial management system.

Now, we are working on several other projects within the framework of the Strategic plan including establishing rapid response teams, volunteering system, development of software for electronic management of the logistic centres, visualization of the threat and risk matrix for Kurdistan Region,

Development of an interactive map for humanitarian crisis management for the IDPs and refugees in Kurdistan, and also establishing a developed an early warning system for disaster and crisis, establishing the humanitarian operation room for crisis management.

The finished and ongoing projects, all have been supported technically and financial by our partners such as UNDP, THW, GIZ, MSB and UNHCR, IOM and WFP supported by donor countries like Germany, UK, Japan, Sweden as well as EU.

We are grateful to this cooperation and support. We look forward to working together to implement the ongoing projects and to manage the current humanitarian crisis; helping the displaced people, facilitating the return process and responding to new emergencies.

Finally, I sincerely thank the JCC team in the HQ and in the governorates, for their dedication, hardwork and commitment.

Again thank you for all your cooperation and support and highly appreciation your presence.