

Making eradication of poverty an integral objective of all policies: What will it take?

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One of the main goals of Imam Ali Popular Students Relief Society (IAPSRs) as an active civil organization in the field of social problems is identifying the roots of poverty and people who are affected by poverty with providing comprehensive solutions by having holistic view for reducing and minimizing poverty and its side effects. IAPSRs has always tried to have a reciprocating movement between minor and major elements are involved in and somehow being a link between people who are living in deprived areas and policy makers. From the minor levels, we can mention having a precise view about the factors affecting poverty in the region and outlining collaborative efforts with community members and active volunteers through direct participation at more than 40 marginalized areas by empowering people who are suffering poverty.

"Iranian Homes", are relief centers established in more than 35 deprived areas by Imam Ali NGO. Education is the main core of these centers. Education is provided for out-of-school children and children who are at risk to leave studying. The root of these risks is social issues like violation, addiction, committing crimes, laboring children and other effects of poverty. In fact the Iranian House connects different social classes of the society, where the upper and middle class unify to revive the human rights. The Imam Ali NGO tries to diminish the classification view of social classes and tries to develop an equal view without any discrimination in the society. Reconstructing of the social responsibility occurs in the Iranian houses by which each volunteer who is a member of the society becomes responsible for making a solution to social issues. This solution is defined in several levels; including individual, community-based intervention and rising awareness by representing the talent flourishing of the children and women in art and sports and other skills.

The data based on the issues and challenges of people suffering from poverty and small scale solutions for eradicating the poverty and empowerment of the family are presented in seminars and meetings in Universities and generally society. By this way the Iranian house promotes the society's capacity to organize resources to meet challenges and opportunities and helps each member of the society to be an actor for the advocacy.

The reason that the solutions of policy makers all over the world were not applicable enough, is that policy makers are not in the direct contact with the people suffering from poverty; thus, they could not recognize and estimate their needs and challenges. The civil organizations such as Imam Ali NGO provide a platform in order to meet the needs of both the deprived people and policy makers through drawing the reality that is happening in the poor areas and suggest solutions for the poverty eradication.

One of the distinct point of Imam Ali NGO is that not only demanding from the officials and authorities, but also inviting all the member of the society to advocate for human rights through social activities.