

Project Update: September 2016

The situation in Kurdistan has not improved since our last report and it remains tense in our areas of operations.

Over the past months we conducted surveys/interviews at our study sites and completed two films for the Waterkeepers Iraq YouTube Channel: [Gravel Mining Destroys our Rivers](#) and [Dammimg our Rivers](#)

These were shown in our main study sites (Goptapa and Delezha) as well as at other presentations at the American University of Iraq-Sulaimani, Sulaymaniyah University and at the local Women's Centre. They were also shown on local media (KNN, NRT and KurdSat) and have been featured on WI and other social media accounts.

A local poet in Delezha said, "I didn't know about the bad affects of the dam. If I knew before, we would never let the government build this dam, because the government promises to make our lives better."

Currently we are identifying Odonata photos we took, writing the two case studies about dams and gravel mining, and developing our final report.



Presentation to community members in Goptapa Village



Presentation of videos to community members of Delezha Village