



Bent Al-Rafedain Organization (BROB)

Field of Activity

Gender Equality and Gender Based Violence (GBV)

Vision and mission

BROB is engaged to **create an integrated society based on equal opportunities**, justice and equality through effective and efficient women's participation in all fields. This civil society organization is working to achieve a fair environment for women, children and vulnerable groups in society to enable them to access opportunities and rights through training, awareness and provision of services in various fields. They are actively involved to support women's rights and reduce pressures and problems that Iraqi women are facing in the process of reform and democratization encouraging their participation in social, cultural and political life.

ACTIVITIES

BROB program and activities are highly concerned with Iraqi women activities developing their capacity in the social, cultural and political fields. In addition, they encourage the participation of women in development programs. Reducing the percentage of GBV through prevention and protection programs, providing the psychosocial, legal support services, case management, empowerment, and awareness raising.

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

- ❖ Since 2005 activities for **Women Protection against GBV**: capacity building, training, rehabilitation and empowerment, legal rights representation and counseling, psychosocial support and case management, economic empowerment, granting loans for work, awareness raising on rights, gender, and violence.
- ❖ Since 2016 **Child protection**: community centers; psychosocial support; legal support; juvenile program
- ❖ Since 2018 **Economic and societal development for young people**: training, qualification and capacity building; psychological support; training in professional trades; providing works to start small projects.
- ❖ **Emergency response** for IDPs in Iraq since 2014, with ISIS occupying the cities of Iraq (protection, relief, legal support, economic empowerment).
- ❖ **Since 2015 Community peace** raising awareness, training, capacity building, and community dialogues. Media professionals, civic activists, and opinion leaders in joint exercises on coexistence and community peace.
- ❖ In 2012 submitted a proposal for **Law of Assistance from Domestic Violence** to the Babil Governorate Council approved the same year, with a set of activities that included a study on the reality of violence in the province, many seminars and opinion sessions with decision-makers and leaders. Now working with the Iraqi Women's Network in a campaign to submit the Law to Parliament.
- ❖ Create local governmental structures to work on the implementation of the second national plan of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 about women in the governorates of Babil, Karbala, Salah Al-Deen and Anbar.
- ❖ Campaigns to raise awareness about the importance of participating in elections. Working on **amending the Iraqi Juvenile Law** in the paragraphs related to homeless girls.



Country: Iraq



Year of foundation: 2005



Areas of intervention:

Babil; Karbala; Najaf; Salah AL-Deen; Al-Anbar; Baghdad; Al-Diwaniyah



STAFF:

21 employees, 13 are women. 142 executive employees, 58 are women



Network:

Babil Governorate Office; Provincial Office of Salahaddin, Al.Anbar and Karbala; Iraqi network for a decision 1325 Sustainable Development Network (TAMM); Iraqi Network for Education; GBV sub-sector in Iraq; GBV Central and Southern Region Working Group / GBV SC; Case Management Working Group/GBV SC, CPSC, Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action and Child Protection Strategic Advisory Group/ CPSC



Website:

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BROB's Contributions to Naseej's workstreams:

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Policy Change



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BROB's activities supported by Naseej: an overview

Locations



Baghdad governorate

Budget



€ 148.872

Timeframe



12 months

Naseej's workstreams

Stream 1 (Services Delivery)

Strengthening support and referral services and reporting systems for women and girls GBV survivors

Stream 2 (Community Engagement)

Transforming the social norms that perpetuate GBV with a special focus on youth engagement.

Stream 3 (Policy Change)

Strengthening development and implementation of national GBV legislation



Preparatory and coordination preparations

Addressing the relevant sectoral entities and sending an invitation letter to them to participate in the activities of the project. Holding 6 consultative meetings in the presence of the legal expert, discussing the applicable law and gaps therein, and what are the proposals provided for improving that law and ways to provide a safe and protective legal environment for the homeless and homeless girls.

Writing the amendment proposal



Writing the proposal for amendments, where the legal expert, after taking into account all the outputs of the **six consultative** meetings held during the first preparatory stage, holding two workshops to discuss the proposed amendment, targeting 20 persons from the relevant sectors specialized in gender-based violence.

Provide a draft of the final amendment proposal

Holding a meeting in the General Secretariat of the Council of Ministers in the presence of the legal expert to present a draft of the final amendment proposal and discuss the timetable for the inclusion and review. Meetings with the General Secretariat of the Council of Ministers to follow up on the voting on the proposed amendments.



Launching a media advocacy campaign in issues regarding gender

Conducting a discussion meeting in an Iraqi satellite channel hosting a representative of the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs and relevant personalities. Ads on satellite channels and producing a short film about the importance of the proposed amendments to be published on social media.

Holding a consultative workshop

With members of the General Secretariat of the Council of Ministers, the Supreme Judicial Council, and the task rate of **(15) participants** to present the draft amendment proposal in its final form.



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