



IRAQI ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN AND FUTURE (IOWAF)

Field of Activity

Gender Equality

Vision and mission

IOWAF mission is to advocate for gender equality, strengthen and empower women's capabilities and ensure legal protection, equality and respect of human rights for women and girls.

The main goals of the organization are:

- Protecting women and girls from gender-based violence
- Strengthening and developing women's capabilities through professional training
- Stimulating women's participation in the workforce, decision-makers, advocacy, and women's rights
- Increasing support for awareness efforts on legal, health, psychological and social issues so that they can lead their families and communities.
- Involving youth (male and female) in dialogue sessions and workshops for anti-sectarian goodness, social cohesion, social reconciliation, national unity, citizenship, and peace and stability building.
- Create awareness campaign for young people for democratic elections through an independent position.

ACTIVITIES

IOWAF program and activities are highly focused on empowering the IDPs and returnees' women and girls providing legal, psychosocial, and awareness in GBV. It also highlights the importance of social cohesion, community reintegration and building the resilience for women.

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

- ❖ 210 in Baghdad and 630 in Anbar women, girls, and IDPS were empowered by providing of legal, psychosocial support, and their GBV knowledge was raised.
- ❖ 55% of beneficiaries increased understanding of the community prospective of reintegration, 60% reduce of women's isolation, 30% local authorities were equipped with training in early warning and 50% reduce of GBV cases and minimizing in the community of Anbar.
- ❖ 55% reduce of family and societal conflicts through raising awareness in civil peace and political participating -60% women be more aware in Resolution 1325, and women rights.



Country: Iraq



Year of foundation:
2005



Areas of intervention:

Anbar-AL-Ramadi; Baghdad; Anbar



STAFF: 22 employees,
14 are women



Network: IWN;
Alliance 1325; WAG;
General Arab Women
Federation Union for
women and Kvinna till Kvinna;
TAPS, RQM, APC; and UNHCR
GBV sub-cluster



Website :
<https://iowaf.org/>

IOWAF's Contributions
to Naseej's
workstreams:

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**Community
Engagement**



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IOWAF's activities supported by Naseej: an overview

Locations



Al-Anbar Governorate: Al-Bukash, Kilo 7 Complex, Al-Ubaidi, Al-Qaim Center, A'ana, Hadetha and Baghdadi.

Budget



€ 128.448

Timeframe



14 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



Provide training and capacity building for 12 GBV service providers

Build the capacity of the GBV service providers, equip the staff to provide a high-quality services and counselling for GBV survivor, specialists in providing services on gender-based violence.

Raise awareness to transform social norms and practices that perpetuate SGBV



Targeting 72 participants including Youth, activist, and community leaders, engaging them in awareness dialogue sessions to reduce social practices that perpetuate violence against women and girls.

Create 180 clips for media campaigns

Face to face workshop for 10 participants to make posting clips. Spreading a culture of limitations, social practices, norms and traditions that perpetuate gender-based / sexual violence through the electronic space.

Share the success stories of economically and culturally empowered women and girls GBV survivors

After their signature acceptance, with the purpose of creating a network to exchange experience of economically and culturally successful and empowered women spread the survivor's successful stories



Provide access to 56 women and girls to services specialized in reducing SGBV

Targeting GBV survivor women, girls, IDPs, returnees and host community in the Anbar Governorate. 56 women and girls receive case management services for GBV provided through a fixed and mobile team of the Listening and Counseling Center for psychosocial and legal support.

Creating early warning system with civil society leaders, men, youth and activists

Monitoring violence on the basis of gender / sexuality by providing 2 two-day workshops with 10 participants (Male & Female) from community leaders, youth, activists, tribal leaders and educated elite

Provide health awareness and distribute 56 dignity kits to violence survivors



Alleviating the burdens of displaced women and girls and returnees, protecting from diseases and epidemics (COVID-19). Avoiding malignant diseases (breast cancer and uterine cancer) through health awareness, early detection, urging physical hygiene and psychological comfort.



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Against Women and Girls in the MENA Region



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