



BUSTAN ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS PROTECTION & EDUCATION & AWARENESS OF MINES & WAR REMNANT DANGER

Field of Activity

Mine Risk Education including capacity building of the local communities & Advocacy and Public Education campaigns.

Vision and mission

BUSTAN works on **protection, education, media and communication** as the means to an ambitious goal: to help **build a better and a more peaceful world for the vulnerable groups** where their rights are respected and protected. Their aim is to improve the status of Human, Women and Children's rights in Iraq. Help decrease the impact of wars, conflicts and violence on young people and women. And promote tolerance by conducting peace-building programs.

ACTIVITIES

BUSTAN program and activities are highly focused Mine Risk Education including IED and ERW education, Community Liaison and Capacity building Public Education Campaigns. They also have experience on provision of GBV services.

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

- ❖ Working in Iraq since the year 2003, they have till now successfully implemented more than 80 programs in 15 Iraqi governorates
- ❖ Risk education projects for thousands of children, teenagers, men, women and caregivers in Iraq governorates
- ❖ Trainings to educational supervisors
- ❖ Peace building awareness sessions in the newly liberated areas of Ninewa, Salahaddin and Anbar
- ❖ Provision of GBV services to girls and women
- ❖ Two pilot projects in partnership with a US-based NGO called Children's Culture Connection which involved Iraqi and USA youth in development of online communication channel and a joint story that promoted tolerance and respect for diversities and pluralism



Country: Iraq



Year of foundation:
2003



Areas of intervention:

Anbar, Dyalah, Ninewa, Kirkuk, Salah Al-Din, Koot, Baghdad.



STAFF: 47 staff members, 26 are women. 20 volunteer, 11 are female.



Network: Committee on the Woman, Family and Childhood in the Iraqi Parliament; Sport Spirit Organization; Spirit of Soccer; Orchard Foundation for Human Appeal; International Relief & Development; DPNA and MCC.



Website:

<https://www.bustan-iraq.org/>

BUSTAN's Contributions to Naseej's workstreams:

- 1 Service Delivery
- 2 Community Engagement
- 3 Policy Change



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BUSTAN's activities supported by Naseej: an overview

Project title: Combating the harmful social norms, which facilitate GBV, via implementing digital & community-based artistic/sport/advocacy schemes with the women, youth and local partners of Anbar

Locations



Governorate of Anbar

Budget



€ 72.170

Timeframe



August 2021
June 2022

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



Promote defensive measures against the most harmful social norms generating GBV

Working with existing non-formal community-based female groups among peers, colleagues, relative and friends by creating **20 Think-Twice Girl Groups (TTGG) with 10 young girls per group**. Building together a defense mechanism against GBV and SGBV.

Advocacy campaign against deceitful harmful norms



Producing interactive web series and clip songs by involving youth and women in the process, following a holistic approach in partnership with Iraqi parliament (committee of family and children) and with inputs from the judges of the courts of Anbar.



Awareness outreaches in the University of Anbar

Conducting **train-the-trainers for 15 University professors** from the Universities of Anbar. The trained professors will then start conducting series of **awareness outreaches targeting 1500 university students** to lash out the deceitful harmful norms and habits generating GBV (highlighting their ambiguity and their legal baseless status) in partnership with the Women's Affair Committee within the University of Anbar/ College of Law & Political Science.



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