



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 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 legal and psychosocial support, and by raising their GBV knowledge.
- ❖ 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:

1

Service Delivery

2

Community
Engagement



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IOWAF's activities supported by Naseej: an overview

Project title: Transforming the social norms that perpetuate GBV with a special focus on youth engagement

Locations



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

Budget



€ 128.448

Timeframe



January 2021
February 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



Training and capacity building for 12 GBV service providers

Specialists will equip and mentor the staff to provide high-quality services and counselling for GBV survivors.

Access to 56 women and girls to services specialized in reducing SGBV

Working to provide case management services to women, girls, IDPs, returnees and host community in the Anbar Governorate. Services are provided through a fixed and mobile team of the Listening and Counseling Center for psychosocial and legal support.



Creation of an early warning system with civil society leaders, men, youth and activists

Monitoring GBV and SGBV by providing 2 two-days workshops with 10 participants (Male & Female) from community leaders, youth, activists, tribal leaders and educated elite.

Health awareness and dignity kits



Distribution of 56 dignity kit bags for alleviating the burdens of displaced women and girls and returnees, protecting from diseases and epidemics (COVID-19). Avoiding malignant diseases through health awareness, urging physical hygiene and psychological comfort.



Awareness raising about transforming social norms and practices that perpetuate SGBV

Awareness raising sessions will be provided to **72 people** through 6 dialogue sessions targeting youth, activist, and community leaders, engaging them in constructive discussions to reduce social practices that perpetuate VAWG.

Creation of 180 clips for media campaigns

10 male and female will be trained on making clips with the purpose of spreading a culture of limitations of social practices, norms and traditions that perpetuate SGBV.



Creating network and exchange experiences

Network and dialogue sessions to learn and exchange experiences for enhancing the participation of women and girls in public life. Success stories of **120** economically and culturally empowered women and girls GBV survivors will be shared.



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Against Women and Girls in the MENA Region



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