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

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<td>Al-Anbar Governorate: Al-Bukash, Kilo 7 Complex, Al-Ubaidi, Al-Qaim Center, A’ana, Hadetha and Baghdad.</td>
<td>€ 128,448</td>
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## Naseej’s workstreams

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### 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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