

# NEWSLETTER

## Women, Youth, Peace and Security Program



### Brief Introduction to WYPS Program

The WYPS is a four-year regional program that aims to strengthen women and youth's meaningful, enduring participation in advancing inclusive peace and security in Levant countries and Yemen.

In Iraq, Search has partnered with Women Empowerment Organization (WEO) to amplify the influence of youth and women peacebuilders at the grassroots level, catalyze broad inclusion of grassroots peacebuilders in municipal and national institutions and peace processes, and advance social norms that support meaningful inclusion of diverse stakeholders in peace and security.

The program will also foster strong alliances with men and boys to sensitize and mobilize influential male allies to promote and support women and youth's participation and leadership in peace and security and advancing regional networks, synergies, and cross-fertilization to strengthen inclusive peace and security, including through sustained relationships and networking building for Youth Peace and Security (YPS) and Women Peace Security (WPS) practitioners over Search's digital platform 'ConnexUs'. Connexus is a new global peacebuilding platform, that seeks to improve coordination and collaboration across sectors to increase the effectiveness of programming in conflict-affected contexts.

Under the WYPS program SFCG and WEO are working with 20 women rights organizations (WROs) representing all 19 governorates in Iraq, to build their capacities in order to work on advancing the WPS agenda and work closely with the established sub-networks in their governorate, in addition to leading strategic advocacy initiatives on WPS issues most relevant for each country's context.

# Project women rights organizations (WROs) and women-led organizations (WLOs)

## Ur Organization for Women and Child Culture | Dhi Qar



### About Organization:

Ur Organization for women and child culture, working on the project in Dhi Qar governorate and was established in 2005, is concerned with Iraqi women and their political, social and cultural activities and encourages women's participation in development programs as well as works to support women's rights and access to decision-making positions in a free civil society that seeks a decent life, and provide support and support to women with disabilities and try to reintegrate them into society through care and support programs and provide a friendly environment for people with disabilities in government buildings and institutions and others. governmental.

## Iraqi Al Firdaws Society | Basra



### About Organization:

Iraqi Al-Firdaws Association is a local Iraqi organization working on the project in Basra governorate and was established in 2004, The organization is working at the local and national levels, participated in many local, regional and international forums and is a member of local and international networks. Its work is based on the field of human rights and mainly targets women and youth within its projects.

## Widows Training and Development Center | Baghdad



### About Organization:

The Widows Training and Development Center is a women-led organization working on the project in Baghdad governorate and established in 2006. The organizations works to change the lives of Iraqi women and girls through changing behaviors and attitudes through the implementation of projects, programs and advocacy campaigns at the local and national levels in Iraq in the economic, social, intellectual and psychological aspects, with a special focus on legislation and policies aimed at ending and reducing violence against women and girls, especially against women, and sustainable development (economic development and promotion of the local labor market). with a special focus on the female workforce), trafficking in women and the promotion of equal rights between women and men in society.

## Nahnu Al Ghad Organization | Maysan



### About Organization:

Nahnu Al Ghad Organization is a non-governmental organization working on the project in Maysan governorate and was established in 2015. The organization is working in the governorate center and districts and its sub-districts in the field of women's issues.

## Al Shabak Women Association | Nineveh



### About Organization:

Al Shabak Women Association is an independent non-governmental non-profit organization working on the project in Nineveh governorate and was founded in 2009 by a group of women in particular from Shabak women in addition to women from other backgrounds with the aim of improving the reality of network women in particular and Iraqi women in general through programs and projects that contribute to raising women's awareness and awareness of their legal rights and developing their capabilities and capabilities in all social, educational and economic fields and making them part of society after their deliberate marginalization and exclusion. It also seeks, through advocacy campaigns, to increase the official, legal and social representation of women, support and issue legislation that enables, strengthens and contributes to improving their status within the family and in society, such as the Family Protection from Domestic Violence Law, and works to issue instructions to prevent early marriage and child marriage.

## Al-Hayat Al-Jadeedh Charity Foundation | Babel



### About Organization:

Al-Hayat Al-Jadeedh Charity Foundation is working on the project in Babylon governorate and was established in 2017, and the foundation's work is focused on providing humanitarian and legal support to women, in addition to providing material and psychological support to vulnerable and marginalized groups of widows and divorced women. During the previous two years, the foundation's interest has evolved to include women from the families of victims of enforced disappearance and missing persons and to provide psychological and legal support for this category. The foundation also focuses on the field of education for women and children who have dropped out of school for many reasons, in addition to providing psychological support to women through a range of activities, and providing support and assistance to government institutions in times of crises and emergencies.

## Shams Al Anbar Organization for Women and Child | Anbar



### About Organization:

Shams Al-Anbar Organization for Women and Child is an Iraqi non-governmental and non-profit humanitarian organization, working on the project in Anbar governorate and was established in 2020. The organization works in the field of defending the rights of women and children and empowering their abilities to live among communities in safety through equality, to end violence against women and reach lasting peace, a secure future, and a healthy, legal society by improving awareness of women's rights, equality between men and women and equity by promoting knowledge and awareness of those rights in accordance with For the Iraqi Constitution, Iraqi laws and international conventions signed by the Government of Iraq (CEDAW, UNSCR 1325) and provide full protection and support for children, orphans and displaced persons.

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## Skilled Iraqi Women Foundation | Maysan



### About Organization:

The Skilled Iraqi Women Foundation is working on the project in Muthanna governorate and was established in 2016 and is also working in the governorates of Maysan, Dhi Qar and Diwaniyah. The foundation is a member of the Board of Directors of the Iraqi Network for Resolution 1325, a member of the Sustainable Development Network 2030, a member of the Women, Peace and Climate Justice Alliance, a member of the Sumerian Network and a member of the National Society for the Defense of Human Rights in Egypt. The foundation's mission is to support and empower Iraqi women to achieve peaceful coexistence, social justice and human rights.

## Dak Organization for Ezidi Women Development | Duhok



### About Organization:

Dak organization for Ezidi women development is an independent, non-governmental, non-profit feminist organization working on the project in Duhok governorate was founded in 2014 by Yazidi activists committed to human rights and women's rights, following ISIS's horrific attack on Yazidis and other minorities. The organization focuses on women's development and capacity building in various fields, and works on advocacy campaigns to stop violence against women and girls, increase community recognition of their rights, and promote gender equality. The organization works in several key sectors including protection, peacebuilding, livelihoods, education, mental health, justice, environment and advocacy.

## Parsa Organization for Sustainable Development | Kirkuk



### About Organization:

Parsa Organization for Sustainable Development is a non-profit organization working on the project in Kirkuk Governorate and was established in 2022. The organization works in several areas, the most important of which are human rights, women's rights, Resolution 1325, in the field of youth and Resolution 2250, and in the field of education, health, societal peace and achieving equality between individuals regardless of race, religion and nationality.

## Hawaa Organization for Relief and Development | Diyala



### About Organization:

Hawa Organization for Relief and Development is working on the project in Diyala governorate and was established in 2003. It works to advance the reality of Iraqi women and women's rights and develop them in Iraqi society by introducing them to their civil rights and helping them participate in spreading democracy to build a new society in which justice, equality and freedom prevail. The organization also cares about the situation of battered women and their legal and psychological support. The organization is also keen to document the violations they are subjected to.

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## Civil Development Organization | Sulaymaniyah



### About Organization:

Civil Development Organization (CDO) is an independent, non-profit, non-governmental organization working on the project in Sulaymaniyah governorate and was established in 1999. CDO is one of the most active philanthropic organizations in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, collaborating with local NGOs, participating in regional and international networks, and working in partnership with international organizations. CDO was founded to defend the human rights of marginalized groups. On this basis, CDO has led its efforts towards assisting mainly Syrian and Iranian refugees, internally displaced persons, host communities, minorities, people with disabilities, and the most vulnerable groups in society. Furthermore, CDO focuses on reducing the gap between women and men by combating women's exclusion and violence against women. By achieving broad impact, CDO aims to ensure well-being and develop a society in which everyone is entitled to fundamental rights.

## NWE Organization | Halabja



### About Organization:

NWE organization is working on the project in Halabja governorate and was established in 2012 by a group of women and youth, as a non-governmental, non-profit and non-political organization. The organization was established in response to the need for citizens to actively participate in raising awareness about women's rights, environmental protection, and freedom of expression in the media. NWE works to build a civil society capable of protecting and respecting individual rights, providing job opportunities, and innovating in diverse fields, to build a prosperous life for all. NWE's mission is to build a civil society capable of protecting and respecting individual rights, providing employment opportunities, and innovating in diverse fields, to build a prosperous life for all. Their vision is a world where women have equal rights, the environment is preserved for future generations, and the media acts as a driver of positive social change.

## Kurdistan Women Union | Erbil



### About Organization:

Kurdistan Women Union is a civil democratic organization, working on projects in the Erbil governorate, and was established in 1952. The organization fights for women's rights, strengthens their capacities, and gives them equal participation in cultural, social, political, and economic administration. The organization seeks to be a factor in the development of democracy in Kurdistan through a mechanism that serves the needs of all women in Kurdistan. Its main objective is to eliminate discrimination at work between men and women, in all areas, and in achieving accomplishments and assuming responsibilities so that women can be courageous and free in the society where they grow permanently.

## Al Mada Foundation for Human Rights | Wasit



### About Organization:

Al-Mada Foundation for Human Rights is a non-governmental organization specialized in defending human rights, working on the project in Wasit governorate and was established in 2013. Al-Mada Foundation for Human Rights is determined to play a leading role in the development, respect, protection, dissemination and promotion of human rights in Iraqi society, stressing the importance of civil rights for Iraqis, especially women's rights, children's rights, the right to freedom of association, and the right to a sound and sustainable environment. Al-Mada Foundation is an independent and impartial NGO organization that aims to ensure the development of internationally recognized human rights principles and values in Iraq and is guided by these principles as well as accountability, rule of law, transparency, tolerance, empowerment, participation, inclusion, equality, equity, non-discrimination and attention to vulnerable groups.

## Awan Organization for Awareness and Capability Development | Al-Qadisiyah



### About Organization:

Awan Organization for Awareness and Capacity Development is an independent non-profit feminist organization working on the project in Al-Qadisiyah governorate and was established in 2009 by a group of activists and activists in the field of women's rights, as a result of the violence, exclusion and marginalization suffered by women and girls. The organization works to advance the reality of Iraqi women and girls in all aspects through awareness, capacity building and empowerment to improve their economic, cultural and legal level, support the development of women and girls in civil society and increase their contribution to achieving participation and justice, as well as working to plant the concepts of human rights and good governance in society and support the role of women in peacebuilding.

## Light of Mercy Organization for Human Rights | Baghdad



### About Organization:

Light of Mercy Organization for Human Rights is an independent non-governmental organization working on the project in Baghdad governorate and was established in 2005 by a group of intellectuals and those interested in human rights. The organization aims to disseminate and deepen the concepts and principles of human rights and fundamental freedoms contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, promote building the rule of law and civil society institutions, disseminate the concepts of basic human rights in universities, institutes, schools and youth organizations and seek to include them in educational curricula, defend women's issues, raise awareness of their rights and enable them to participate actively in life and decision-making, activate the role of women and youth in building a democratic civil society, and work to stop all forms of human rights violations.

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## Amiability Organization for Women and Child | Salah al-Din



### About Organization:

Amiability Organization for Women and Child is an Iraqi civil society organization working on the project in Salah al-Din governorate and was established in 2016. It is an institution specialized in community relief, child protection, development and capacity building of youth and women and empowering them in a way that contributes to improving the reality of their communities. The organization is concerned with humanitarian work, contributes to the service and advancement of society, focuses on empowering women and youth and protecting children through protection, relief, development and education programs, and focuses on building the capacities of women and youth and enabling them to play effective roles in advancing the reality of their societies temporarily and strategically. The organization's activities varied between the distribution of humanitarian aid, health awareness campaigns, awareness campaigns for children, youth empowerment projects, and support for female-headed families by providing children's school needs and providing a basket that includes basic needs, with a focus during the activities on strengthening dialogue bridges between society and the government to ensure the sustainability of the impact.

## Peer Organization for Youth Development | Najaf



### About Organization:

Peer Organization for Youth Development is an Iraqi national NGO working on the project in Najaf governorate and was established in 2009. It was officially registered in 2022. This organization runs a group of Iraqi youth and works in 15 Iraqi governorates, has offices in Baghdad, Basra, Nineveh, Kirkuk, Najaf and Dhi Qar, and has more than 1,000 volunteers across the governorates of Iraq. Y-Peer Iraq has established strategic partnerships with government ministries and institutions, including the Ministry of Youth and Sports, the Ministry of Migration and Displaced Persons, the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, and governors' offices across Iraq.

## The Best of Women Association for Relief & Development | Karbala



### About Organization:

The Best of Women Association for Relief & Development is an independent, non-profit humanitarian and social organization working on the project in Karbala governorate and was established in 2004. The vision of the association is a pioneer in relief work, combating all forms of violence against women and developing sustainable humanitarian work. It is a pioneering non-profit feminist organization that aims to combat violence, develop and make communities and beneficiaries happy, preserve their dignity with the best standards, provide them with support that does not conflict with national interests, and strengthen the protection of Iraqi women's rights by helping them to address violence.



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