



Gender Studies and Information Organization (GSIO)

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Introduction:

Gender Studies and Information Organization (GSIO) is a non-governmental and non-profit organization with a prime focus on gender issues.

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GSIO was founded on January 27th, 2005 by Ms. Pakhshan Zangana, which she led until 2010.

The values and principles of GSIO

- Recognition of the international conventions.
- Recognizing the principles of democracy.
- Cooperation, equality, gender balance, teamwork.
- Volunteerism.

Location: Provinces of Duhok, Erbil and Sulaymania of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq

Message

GSIO is concerned with issues of gender, youth, and child. Women, and work for the consolidation of democracy and the rule of law, building civil society, through the implementation of programs and projects.

Goal

Designed to promote gender balance and the principles of human rights, gender-identification and to raise public awareness of gender, working in the area of rule of law and work in the community.

Strategies

- 1 - Rely on the system of institutions.
- 2 - Meeting the needs of the needy ones.
- 3 - Benefit from the expertise and experiences and developments that occur in the world.

Objectives

- 1 - work for equality between men and women in the society.
- 2 - Working to promote gender balance.
- 3 – Working in order to enhance the principle of democracy and citizenship.
- 4 - Work for cohabitation and non-violence.
- 5 - Work in the field of Education
- 6 – Working in the area of rule of law in society

Support Base

Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG), Women Higher Consoler, UN Women, UNICEF, WADI, UNDP, ICSP, IR, ICNL, UNOPS, UNFPA, and the Amman Center for Study of Human Rights Masala.

Partners

Local and international Organizations,. The local NGO are CDO, DHRC, DHRD, PAO, the International donors are UNDP, UNFPA, KRG, Women Higher Consoler, UNISEF, ICSP, IR, ICNL, UNOPS, WADI, UNSCO and the Amman Center for Study of Human Rights.

Beneficiaries

Rights in general and especially the young generation, child and women, IDP's and refugees.

Activities:

Since its inception, the GSIO has had a number of activities in Kurdistan and abroad, such as:

- 1) We proposed a draft of law to parliament to women against protect domestic violence in Kurdistan and we succeeded with help of UN Development ORG in 14-6-2011 (Cod 8-2011)
- 2) Cooperatively with UNFPA and Time center participating in printing a booklet about the day 8 of March 2012 then distributed in the different places then holding 5 seminars in the schools and different centers in (Shaklawa district, Bnaslawa, Kwshtapa, Khabat district, and Daratw
- 3) In the past 10 years, we have taken part in numerous activities, especially for meetings, seminar and some special sessions in cities and rural governorates of Erbil, Duhok, and Slemania on the concept of gender, customs and traditions of the Kurdish community and the face of violence and how to take advantage of the departments of violence against women.
- 4) Organized seminars about laws and the mechanism to protect women against domestic violence with KRG and International Organization
- 5) Campaigned against the bombing in the border regions by Iran and Turkey, and organizing 50 NGO in Erbil and Demonstration outside of the Iranian Consulate
- 6) On December 06, 2011, in partnership with five organizations on the World Day against Child Labor ceremony, we invited government officials, parliament members, general managers, organizations, foster care social workers, and street children, where music and plays were performed.
- 7) Organized a seminar about UPR in the College of Law on Oct.18, 2010, with student and teachers to discuss civil society law with the ICNL Organization, which involved 30 organizations from Erbil.
- 8) In coordination with the Ministry of Health, on the occasion World Breastfeeding week on January, 08, 2011, we held the two sessions, a group of 83 female students and the

second in a Bastorah village with 30 housewives and the presence of Dr. Bereevan. Adnan. The importance of breastfeeding and the necessity of breastfeeding were addressed.

Summary of work History:

For the last 10 years, the GISO has had a numbers of workshops, Education for Youth, labor training, which includes sewing salon and first aid, societal problems, awareness against violence, family problem solving, helping IDP and Refugees, and public activities. Also, GISO attended a number of international training programs and traveled to other countries to attend special seminars and training programs.

No	Information	Organization	Starting date	Ending Date
32	Providing eight Seminar on the rights of prisoners and detainees in international treaties for 220 women Prisoners an Detainees in (women and Child Labor Reform)	Justice network for prisoners and NPA organization.	30-4-2018	15-5-2018
31	Voter Education by CSOs – Kirkuk. The project location is Kirkuk Province, in 4 locations, center of Kirkuk, Dakok district, Dobiz District, Haweja District. The targeted population is internally displaced people-IDPs with majority minority background residing in the 4 mentioned locations.	CREATIVE ASSOCIATES INTERNATIONAL, INC.	3 April 2018	30 MAY 2018

30	Preventing and responding to Gender Based Violence among IDPs women and Girls in Ainkawa and Shawez District	UNFPA	2-1-2018	On going.
29	5 seminar on the rights of prisoners and detainees in international treaties for 250 students of the Salahaddin University.	Justice network for prisoners and NPA organization.	7-11-2017	30-11-2017
26	Tasawi Program, training English and computer skills to IDPs Minorities (Yzedi, Turkish, Kakai, Arab, Zardashti ,.....) Open 8 class.	US-Department of State	17/2/2016	15/10/2017
25	Preventing and responding to Gender Based Violence among IDPs women and Girls in Ainkawa and Shawez district	UNFPA	1-9-2014	On Going
24	Tasawi Program, training English and computer skills to IDPs Minorities (Yzedi, Turkish, Kakai, Arab, Zardashti ,.....) Open 2 class.	US-Department of State	17-2-2016	1/7/2016
23	FGM Intervention Strategy Survey	Heartland Alliance International- UNCIF – Women KRG	5-8-2015	15-9-2015

22	Preventing and responding to Gender Based Violence among IDPs women and Girls in Ainkawa and Shawez district	UNFPA	15-2-2015	On Going
21	Better Health for Women IDPs in Ankawa district	UN. Women Erbil	15-11-2014	15-2-2015
20	FGM survey and awareness about FGM for 2 years contract	WADI UNICEF Erbil	1-9-2014 To 1-2-2016	On Going
19	Protecting IDPs Women from GSBV	UNFPA Erbil	1-9-2014	31-12-2014
18	Conference Support Forum for Women Participation in the Eights Ministerial Cabinet of Kurdistan Region of Iraq. From 28th May 2014 – 15th June 2014. With NPA organization.	NAP	28-5-2014	15-6-2014
17	Joint with PAO (Public Aid Organization), Opening 21 Seminar (in the university for the student of college) on the occasion of World Day violence against women from three governorates of Duhok, Erbil and Sulaymania for awareness about Domestic Law and Valiant agent's women's .	KRG Women's High consolors.	25-11-2014	10-12-2014
16	Project with UNSCO about Educational Support Programmers targeting IDPs Communities in Erbil Aynda2 School\ Banslaw	UNSCO-Erbil	17-9-2013	1-8-2014
15	Combating Human Trafficking in Kurdistan Region Project	KRG-NGO Duhok, Erbil and Sulymania	1-6--2013	31-12-2013

14	Sewing course for 25 widows (Anfal) in Garmian with under supervisor of Miss Kurdistan (Shene Aziz). After graduation 25 sewing machines distributed among the widows.	Miss Kurdistan (Shene Aziz).	15th MAY 2013	15th July 2013
13	Training course on sewing widows in the district of Khabat, which participated with 20 widow of different ages, and post 8 families were displaced IDP s and the rest of the widows of the region.	the International Relief Organization	1-7-2011	1-9- 2011
12	The opening of a course to teach sewing to 30 women in the Topzawh village. To teach them sewing .	GSIO	26 Nov 2011	26 Dec 2011
11	Sewing course for 15 widows in Khabat district in the end of project sewing machines distributed among the widows.	KRG- Erbil,	1-2-2013	1-3-2013
10	Managing Seminar for 10 photographer of world on World Human Rights	KRG Women's High consolors -Chief of Kurdistan Parliament	Dec-10-2012	Dec-12-2012
9	Joint with PAO for opening 21 Seminar of World day violence against women, Women's High Consul	KRG Women's High consolors -Duhok, Arbil and Slaymania	Nov-25-2012	Dec-10-2012
8	Joint with ART rolls British Org, Expo and Show for women in Rehabilitation handmade and generating income	ART rolls British Organization	Nov-6-2012	Nov-11-2012
7	Training Couse for 10 NGO in Iraq, how to write, projects contact other Org,	Women's rights	Feb-10-2012	Nov-10-2012

	Coordinating with International organization	in Baghdad		
6	10 Seminar in secondary schools and women's associations and youth about the law of domestic	KRG- Erbil	Nov-11-2011	Dec-10-2011
5	Holding a seminar for 180 women in the Hardi School in Bnaslawra district to the women whom participating in the course of literacy in the occasion	KRG- Women's High consolors Erbil	Mar-8-2011	Mar-8-2011
4	opened an exhibition of handicrafts for women in the reform of women in Erbil, and Shelter s women in Erbil, and handicrafts were sold at the show25 Nov 2011to	ART rolls British Organization	25/11/2011	27 Nov 2011.
3	Project for 2 years How to take advantage of the departments of violence against women in all Governments	KRG Women's High consolors, Duhok, Erbil and sulyaimania	Nov-27-2007	2008
2	Project to promote youth and women in Political process	United Nations ACHRC	Jul-15-2006	Oct-10-2014
1	Joint with PAO Laindh Network (future)for monitoring of media during elections in Iraq total of 12 NGO was working to gather	ICSP- Duhok. Erbil and Kirkuk	Jan-12-2005	Dec-20-2005

Gender participant in the activities of the following network:

- 1- Member of Human Rights monitoring network in Kurdistan.
- 2- SHAMS Network of observe the elections.

- 3-** Rights of the Law of the Non-governmental organization.
- 4-** Member of network Prisoners Justice in Iraq.
- 5-** . Network of Non-Violence in Iraq
- 6-** Member in a platform named (no for female genetic mutilation)..
- 7-** Erbil group coordinator UPR.
- 8-** Member of the Anti-Human Trafficking Network.
- 9-** Member of the Zhyan (Life) Group, a Women Rights Organization\
- 10-** Member of (Mrov grope) for monitoring human rights violation in Iraq.