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Activities Report

Gender Studies and Information Organization

Erbil

The organization's activities report for 2021



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General information:

The organization's license issued by the General Secretariat of the Council of Ministers in Baghdad No.1075356 on 9-5-2012, and the organization's license issued by the Department of Non-Governmental Organizations in the Kurdistan Region, registration number (134-i) and the date of issuance: 26-3-2013.

The organization aims to identify and raise public awareness of gender balance and human rights principles. The Gender Studies and Information Organization is a non-governmental and non-profit organization, with an independent legal personality, specialized in gender and women issues and working to consolidate democracy and the rule of law. And building civil society, through the implementation of programs and projects. The organization is a member of more than one network :

1. The Human Rights Watch Network in Kurdistan.
2. Shams Network for Election Observation.
3. (MAF) Network for the Law of Non-Governmental Organizations.
4. Justice network for prisoners in Iraq.
5. The non-violence network in Kurdistan.
6. Platform for not female genital mutilation.
7. Arbil Coordinator of the UPR Group.
8. Member of the Network against Trafficking in Human Beings.
9. A member of the group (Zhian) life to combat violence against women.
10. A member of a conversation about human rights in Iraq.
11. Member of the Elections Awareness Forum in Erbil.



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12. A member of the network of women human rights defenders at the level of Iraq.
13. A member of the Minority Alliance network at the level of Iraq.
14. Head of the (Voice of Women) campaign in Iraq.

The main activities of the organization during 2021

During 2021, four projects were implemented, and the main activities for 2021 were as follows:

- From 25-3-2021 to 27-3-2021 our organization's activities included a training workshop on the rights of religious minorities as part of) the Iraqi Minority Rights Promotion) Programmed for (18) members of the Minority Alliance Network and the Iraqi Minority Alliance Network at the level of Iraq with funding from the NPA.





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- Project (Promoting of women's participation in the upcoming elections in Iraq - 2021). The project was carried out in three Iraqi governorates. (Erbil, Kirkuk and Diyala) With the participation of (50) organizations, (14) NGOs in Erbil Governorate, (12) NGOs in Kirkuk Governorate and (14) NGOs in Diyala Governorate, the project has a three-month duration from 23-6-2021 to 30-10-2021, volunteers of both sexes, the number of beneficiaries was (14,253) and the activities were as follows:
- Training course for project staff on 26-6-2020
 - (452) Awareness sessions - in Erbil governorate (154) awareness sessions (130) Awareness sessions for women the number of attendance (3655) and (24) Awareness sessions for men the number of attendance (1148). In Kirkuk governorate (148) awareness sessions (100) sessions for women the number of attendance (3555) and (48) sessions for men the number of attendance (816). In Diyala governorate (150) sessions awareness session (110) for



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women Number of attendees (2943) and (40) sessions for men Number of attendance (586) Number of participants (14253) participants.

- Peer Education: (20) young men and women in Erbil governorate, (25) young men and women in Kirkuk governorate, and (20) young men and women in Diyala governorate were trained and sensitize young people and encouraging them to participate in the upcoming Iraqi elections.
- Peer Education. The total number of participants was as follows: (800) young men and women, (337) young women and (473) young men in Erbil governorate, (750) young men and women, (320) young women and (430) young men in Kirkuk governorate, and (700) young men and women, (253) young women and (417) young men, and (417) young men in Diyala governorate.
- Distributing (600,000) brochures on how to participate in elections, electoral awareness and encouragement to participate in elections in Erbil, Kirkuk and Diyala governorates, in awareness sessions and peer education.





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3. On [26-6-2020](#), a consultative meeting was held in Erbil for project staff (strengthening women's participation in the upcoming 2021 Iraqi elections) to discuss the project and set up an action plan for the implementation of the project in three governorates (Erbil-Kirkuk-Diyala), the duration of the project is three months from [23-6-2021](#) to [30-10-2021](#) funded by [UNDP-UNAMI](#).





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4. On [27-6-2021](#), the Independent Electoral Commission was visited in Erbil and met with Mr. (Haider Ali), Director-General of the Electoral Commission, for the purpose of coordinating and cooperating in the implementation of our organization's project (Strengthening Women's Participation in the Upcoming Elections - 2021), funded by [UNDP-UNAMI](#).





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5. On [7-7-2021](#) the meeting of the administrative body of our organization at the organization's center in Ankawa for the purpose of consultation and implementation of the organization's projects and the participation of members in it.



6. On [4-7-2021](#), the team of our organization visited the Independent Electoral Commission in Kirkuk governorate and met with the Director-General of the Electoral Commission (Loay Arkan Ali) and the Deputy Director-General (Ahmed Laman) for the purpose of coordinating and cooperating in the implementation of our organization's project (Strengthening Women's Participation in the Upcoming Elections - 2021), funded by UNDP.



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7. On 8-7-2021, a meeting was held with Mr. (Ahmed Mazen), Director of the Training and Media Department of the Independent Electoral Commission in Erbil Governorate, for the purpose of coordinating and cooperating in the implementation of a project (strengthening women's participation in the upcoming elections – 2021).



Erbil organized within the project (Strengthening Women's Participation in the upcoming Iraqi elections 2021) on (Democracy and Elections), funded by UNDP-UNAMI.



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9. On [12 & 13-7-2021](#) a two-day training course for [\(20\)](#) young women and men (Peer Education) in Erbil was organized within (Strengthening Women's Participation in the Upcoming Elections of Iraq 2021) on encouraging young people to participate in the elections at the level of four electoral districts in Erbil governorate, funded by [UNDP-UNAMI](#).



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10. On 12,13 & 14-7-2021, a three-day training course for (24) members of (12) non-governmental organizations in Kirkuk Governorate was organized within a project (Strengthening Women's Participation in the Upcoming Elections of Iraq 2021) to encourage women to participate in elections and vote for them in elections. NGOs were distributed to three constituencies in Kirkuk Governorate, funded by UNDP-UNAMI.



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11. On 14 & 15-7-2021, a two -day training course for (24) members of (12) non-governmental organizations in Erbil Governorate were organized within a project (Strengthening Women's Participation in the Upcoming Elections of Iraq 2021) to encourage women to participate in elections and vote for them in elections. NGOs were distributed to four constituencies in Erbil Governorate, funded by [UNDP-UNAMI](#).



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12. On 15 & 16-7-2021, a two -day training course for (28) members of 14 non-governmental organizations in Dyala Governorate was organized within a project (Strengthening Women's Participation in the Upcoming Elections of Iraq 2021) to encourage women to participate in elections and vote for them in elections. NGOs were distributed to four constituencies in Diyala Governorate, funded by [UNDP-UNAMI](#).



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13. On [07/27-2021](#) a day-long training course was held for [\(25\)](#) young women and men (peer education) in Kirkuk governorate within the project (Strengthening Women's Participation in the upcoming Iraqi elections 2021) to encourage young people to participate in the elections at the three-constituency level in Kirkuk governorate, funded by [UNDP-UNAMI](#).



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14. On 7-8-2020 Day Training Course for (20) Young Men and Women Christians (Peer Education) from Shaklawia District within Project (Supporting the Electoral Process in Iraq) to encourage young people Christians in Shaklawia to participate in elections and vote for Christian Minority in Elections, funded by [UNDP-UNAMI](#) and Minority Alliance Network.





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Project activities include:

15. Peer Education After training (20) young Christian men and women from Shaqlawa district, each participant interviewed (10) Christians from Shaqlawa for the purpose of encouraging them to participate in the upcoming Iraqi elections and to vote for minorities, especially for the Christian candidates they represents.





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16. On [21-9-2021](#), our organization's activities raised awareness of (20) Christians in a project (Supporting the Electoral Process in Iraq) for the purpose of encouraging the Christian minority to vote for the Christian candidates in the elections, funded by [UNDP-UNAMI](#) and the Minority Alliance Network.



17. On [23-9-2021](#), one of our organization's activities raised awareness of (20) young men and women from (Akad Sports Club) within a project (Supporting the Electoral Process in Iraq) for the purpose of encouraging the Christian minority to vote for Christian candidates in the elections funded by [UNDP-UNAMI](#) and the Minority Alliance Network.





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18. On [25-9-2021](#), one of our organization's activities raised awareness of (20) Christians from Armouta in Koyeh district in within the project (Supporting the Electoral Process in Iraq) for the purpose of encouraging the Christian minority to vote Christian candidates in the elections funded by [UNDP-UNAMI](#) and the Minority Alliance Network.





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19. On [25-9-2021](#), one of our organization's activities awareness-raising for (18) people from Armouta Christians in Koyeh district within the project (Supporting the Electoral Process in Iraq) for the purpose of encouraging the Christian minority to vote Christian candidates in the elections funded by [UNDP-UNAMI](#) and the Minority Alliance Network.





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20. On [30-9-2021](#), one of our organization's activities awareness-raising for (20) Christians from Ainkawa within the project (Supporting the Electoral Process in Iraq) for the purpose of encouraging the Christian minority to vote Christian candidates in the elections funded by [UNDP-UNAMI](#) and the Minority Alliance Network.



21. On [10-10-2021](#), monitoring the process of the Iraqi parliamentary elections as a coordinator for the Shams network with three teams of our organization's observers at the level of four constituencies in Erbil Governorate.





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22. On [20-10-2021](#), as part of the activities of the campaign (elimination of the right to exempt a rapist from punishment if he marries the victim in accordance with article 398 of the Iraqi Penal Code, No. 111 of 1969)

No impunity at the expense of my feelings - attended by (27) members of Parliament, the Supreme Council of Women, NGOs and women's rights activists in Erbil governorate, funded by [INTERNWS](#).





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23. On [27-10-2021](#), the second activity of the campaign (elimination of the right to exempt a rapist from punishment if he marries the victim in accordance with article 398 of the Iraqi Penal Code, No. 111 of 1969)

No impunity at the expense of my feelings - attended by (20) members of Parliament, NGOs and women's rights activists in Sulaymania governorate, funded by [INTERNWS](#).





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24. On [30-10-2021](#), the Third activity of the campaign (elimination of the right to exempt a rapist from punishment if he marries the victim in accordance with article 398 of the Iraqi Penal Code, No. 111 of 1969)

No impunity at the expense of my feelings - attended by (21) members of Parliament, NGOs and women's rights activists in Duhok governorate, funded by [INTERNWS](#).





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25. On [13-11-2021](#), as part of the activities of the campaign (elimination of the right to exempt a rapist from punishment if he marries the victim in accordance with article 398 of the Iraqi Penal Code, No. 111 of 1969)

No to impunity at the expense of my feelings – attended by [\(16\)](#) women activists at the level of the Kurdistan region to gain support for the success of the campaign, funded by [INTERNWS](#).



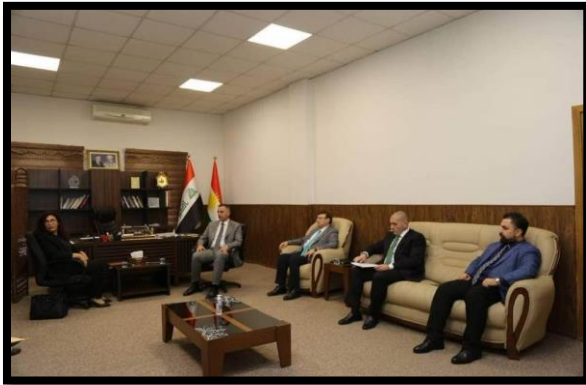


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26. On 14-11-2021, as part of the activities of the campaign (elimination of the right to exempt a rapist from punishment if he marries the victim in accordance with article 398 of the Iraqi Penal Code, No. 111 of 1969)

The Ministry of Religious Affairs and Endowments was visited and met with the Deputy Minister and Director General of Christian Affairs and Director General of Yazidi Affairs, to gain support for a success of the campaign, funded by [INTERNWS](#).





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27. On 14-11-2021, as part of the activities of the campaign (elimination of the right to exempt a rapist from punishment if he marries the victim in accordance with article 398 of the Iraqi Penal Code, No. 111 of 1969)

Kurdistan Scientists' Union was visited and met with the President of the Union and two members of the Union to gain support for a success of campaign, funded by [INTERNWS](#).



28. On 16-11-2021, as part of the activities of the campaign (Elimination of the Right to exempt a rapist from punishment if he marries the victim in accordance with article 398 of the Iraqi Penal Code, No. 111 of 1969)

Kurdistan Parliamentary Union was visited and met with the President of the Union (Jamal Mohammed) and Union member Mr. (Kareem Bahry) to gain support for a success of the campaign, funded by [INTERNWS](#).



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29. On [16-11-2021](#), as part of the activities of the campaign (elimination of the right to exempt a rapist from punishment if he marries the victim in accordance with article 398 of the Iraqi Penal Code, No. 111 of 1969)

The Supreme Judicial Council was visited and met with Mr. (Abduljabbar Aziz Hassan), President of the Supreme Judicial Council of Kurdistan, to gain support for a success of the campaign, funded by [INTERNWS](#).





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30. On **16-11-2021**, as part of the activities of the campaign (elimination of the right to exempt a rapist from punishment if he marries the victim in accordance with article 398 of the Iraqi Penal Code, No. 111 of 1969)

The Independent Human Rights Commission was visited and met with Dr. (Mona Yuqa), President of the Independent Human Rights Commission of Kurdistan to gain support for a success of the campaign, funded by **INTERNWS**.



31. On **18-11-2021**, as part of the activities of the campaign (elimination of the right to exempt a rapist from punishment if he marries the victim in accordance with article 398 of the Iraqi Penal Code, No. 111 of 1969)

The Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs was visited and met with Mrs. (Questan Abdallah) Minister of Labour and Social Affairs to gain support for a success of the campaign, funded by **INTERNWS**.



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32. On [20-11-2021](#), as part of the activities of the campaign (elimination of the right to exempt a rapist from punishment if he marries the victim in accordance with article 398 of the Iraqi Penal Code, No. 111 of 1969) The Directorate-General for combating Domestic Violence was visited and met the Director-General Mrs. (Kurdo Omar) to gain support for a success of the campaign, funded by [INTERNWS](#).





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