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Activities Report

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Erbil (2013)

Background:

Gender Studies and Information Organization (**GSIO**) is one of the Iraqi Non - Governmental Organizations (NGOs) that registered by the directorate of organizations registration / General Secretary of Ministers Council. GSIO registered according to the Iraqi law and constitution with the No. **1075356**, dated at **May 09, 2012**.

Gender Studies and Information Organization (**GSIO**) is established to raise the awareness towards gender and public gender problems in the Iraqi community and finding the best solutions to keep the gender equation and the main principles of human rights.

Gender Studies and Information Organization (**GSIO**) is an organization, which is non-for-profit NGO, independent entity, specialized with gender studies and issues in addition to women affairs and works on settling the democracy practices and the capacity building for our communities.

Gender Studies and Information Organization (**GSIO**) is an active member of many social organizational networks as:

- Human Rights Watch Network in Kurdistan
- Shams Network of Referendum Monitoring
- MAF Network for NGOs Law
- Justice for the Prisoners Network in Iraq
- Network of No Violence in Kurdistan
- Platform “No for Female Genital Distortion”
- UPR Group – Erbil Coordinator
- Network Against Human Trafficking
- Zayan Group (Network Against the Violence towards Women)
- Insaan Group for Monitoring of human rights violations

GENDER STUDIES AND INFORMATION ORGANIZATION (GSIO) ACTIVITIES

(GSIO) implemented and conducted many activities during the period **January 1st 2013** and **December 31st 2013**. These activities varied in the type of the activity and the place of implementation in addition to the funded international organization, activities presented as below:

1- **January 02, 2013:** (GSIO) initiated a sewing training course for (15) poor women in Khabat as a start for empowering them to help and assist their families financially. The training course lasted for (1) month with (3) days per week; during the training period, GSIO conducted several lectures on their social and legal rights provided by specialists.



2- **February 03, 2013:** (**GSIO**) attended a workshop on how to cooperate and coordinate with other Non-governmental organization in Kurdistan. The workshop held by the directorate of NGOs / KRG for the representatives of all NGOs in Kurdistan.



3- **February 07, 2013:** (**GSIO**) started a donation campaign in direct coordination with group of NGOs in Kurdistan to gather donations for the Syrian families who were refuge in Erbil.



4- **February 27, 2013:** (**GSIO**) held a photographic exhibition for **(10)** artists in Fine Arts Institute – Erbil. The Exhibition was titled “Children as Shot by Photographers”, the exhibition lasted for **(2)** days.



5- **February 28, 2013:** (**GSIO**) participated in a training course for **(2)** months titled “Charter of the partnership between the public and non-governmental organizations and authorities” . In the training course participated **(150)** NGOs from Kurdistan region, Mrs.Ramzia (GSIO representative) was nominated as the senior trainer for this charter.



6- **March 08, 2012:** (GSIO) held (2) lectures in Bansalawa and Qawshtaba on Women's rights and the world day of women. These two lectures were attended by (200) women from different social backgrounds. During the lectures were some discussions on the women rights and the violence against them and how to reduce or eliminate it, at the end roses were distributed on the attendance presented from the Supreme Council for Women.



7- **March 09, 2013:** (GSIO) celebrated with women who are in Erbil penitentiary as of the world day of women and distributed gifts on them.



8- **May 12, 2013:** (**GSIO**) participated as a guest on air by radio Rodaw, I talked about the women role in Kurdistan societies development and shed the light on the current main obstacles that hinder them.



9- **May 28-30, 2013:** (**GSIO**) participated in the Regional Partnership Conference and Development and Partnership Conference on the level of Middle East countries. These conferences were attended by (65) university staff, representatives of local and national NGOs in addition to human rights practitioners. These conferences were sponsored by USAID and INSAAN Organization and held in Amman, Jordan.



- 10- **June 06, 2013:** (**GSIO**) participated in Erbil protest against the offense of the women who are activists in NGOs work and the violence towards women in general. The protest held in direct coordination between the main NGOs in Kurdistan region (Sulaymania and Erbil).



- 11- **August 13, 2013:** (**GSIO**) initiated a sewing training course for (25) widow women from Anfal affected families. The course sponsored by Miss Kurdistan 2012 Shini Azeez Nako and funded by Vice Prime Minister of Kurdistan for (2) months.





12- **October 07, 2013:** (**GSIO**) delivered a lecture on life skills for (25) managers of NGOs and Social center in Sulymania.

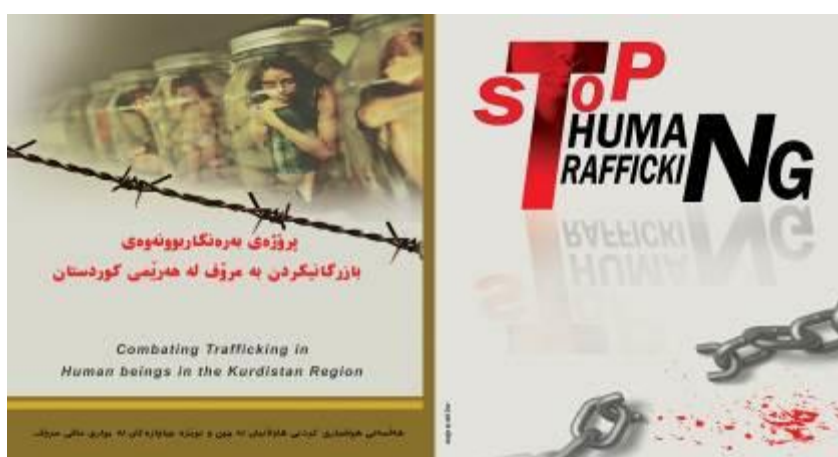


13- **February 22, 2012:** (**GSIO**) implemented the anti-human trafficking project in the Kurdistan Region with Rasan Organization for the Defense of Women's Rights in collaboration with non-governmental organizations the Directorate in Kurdistan.

- **Project Name:** Opposition to human trafficking in the provinces of Kurdistan
- **Project Duration:** 6 Months
- **Project Place:** Kurdistan Region
- **Direct Beneficiaries:**

- 15 Male and female social workers and legal and police officers in Erbil.
- 15 Male and female social workers and legal and police officers in Duhok.
- 15 Male and female social workers and legal and police officers in Sulymania.
- 50 Male and female 50 participants from international organizations, community leaders, judges and non-governmental organizations representatives
- Project Print:
 - 500 Guide of Opposition to human trafficking in the provinces of Kurdistan
 - 1200 Posters
 - 3000 Brochures
- Project Activities:

No.	Name of Activity	Place	Date	Notes
1	Workshop in Erbil	Sky Star Hotel	June 23-25, 2013	3 days
2	Workshop in Sulymania	Rasan Organization	July 3-7, 2013	3 days
3	Workshop in Duhok	Tanmia Organization	October 3-6, 2013	3 days
4	Kurdistan Regional Conferece	Banouz Hotel	Dec. 12, 2013	1 days



Erbil Workshop:



Duhok Workshop:



Sulymania Workshop:



The Regional Conference



14- **November 25, 2013 – December 10, 2013:** In the occasion of the world day of opposition to violence against women, (**GSIO**) cooperated with AlNajda AlShaabia Organization to deliver (21) seminars funded by Supreme Council for Women in Kurdistan.

The seminars topics included:

- Analysis of the law against domestic violence and the miss use of the law and means of communication

- Domestic violence and it's psychological effects
- The happy family

The seminars' participants: 794 male and females' students.

These seminars delivered in universities and institutes in Kurdistan region (Erbil, Sulymania and Erbil) as in the below table:

Province	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Erbil: 8 Seminars	Salahudin University	Dijla University	Jihan University	Kurdistan University	Shaqlawwa Institute	Jouman University	Soran University	Koya University
Sulymania: 8 Seminars	Rania Institute	Sulymania University	American University	Chamchamal Institute	Halabja Institute	Dar Bandikhan Institute	Kalar University	Qaradagh University
Duhok: 5 Seminars	Nakry Institute	Namidy Institute	Duhok University	Newroz University				

Erbil Seminars:

Place	Salahudin University		Lebanese French Univisity	Jihan University	Juman Institute	Rawanduz Institute	Shaqlawa Institute	Koya Uniiversity	Fine Arts Academy
Date	Nov. 27, 2013		Nov. 28, 2013	Dec. 02, 2013	Dec. 04, 2013	Dec. 05, 2013	Dec. 08, 2013	Dec. 08, 2013	Dec. 10, 2013
Participants	Male	16	38	8	12	14	12	12	10
	Female	33	8	11	17	8	31	12	15
	Total	49	46	19	29	22	51	24	25
Male		122	Female		133	Total		255	



Duhok Seminars:

Place		Nakiry Institute	Namidy Institute	Duhok University	Duhok Institute	Zakho Institute	
Date		Dec. 10, 2013	Dec. 8, 2013	Dec. 4, 2013	Dec. 6, 2013	Dec. 9, 2013	
Beneficiaries	Male	25	23	7	25	40	130
	Female	15	22	29	15	33	104
	Total	40	45	36	40	73	234





Place	Chamchamal Univ.		Halabja	Rania	Sulymania Univ.	Sulymania Institute	Qaradagh Univ.	Dar Bandikhan	Karmian Univ.
Date	Nov. 28, 2013		Dec. 5, 2013	Dec. 04, 2013	Dec. 02, 2013	Dec. 01, 2013	Dec. 01, 2013	Dec. 04, 2013	Dec. 08, 2013
Participants	Male	11	5	20	13	11	21	11	24
	Female	21	28	48	10	25	9	25	24
	Total	32	32	68	23	36	30	36	48
Total									305



15- **October 19, 2013 – November 30, 2013:** (**GSIO**) participated in the Change Path Program, which was delivered by International League for Human Values Organization; the course was intensive on how to reduce violence through special exercises and yoga.



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