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Annual Report Gender Studies and Information Organization Erbil

Organization's activities report for 2014



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General information

Gender Studies and Information Organization GSIO is one of Iraqi non-governmental organizations NGOs that authorized by General Secretariat of Ministers Council in Baghdad No. 1075356 which established in 9 May, 2012. And GSIO was registered by Kurdistan NGOs Directorate under the license number (\(^{\(\frac{1}{2}\)}\) 134), which was issued on 26 March, 2013.

The Organization (GSIO) aims to define and raise public awareness by means of gender equality and the principles of human rights.

The Gender Studies and Information Organization is a nongovernmental and non-profit organization, with an independent entity, which deals with women gender issues, and works for the consolidation of democracy and the rule of law, as well as building strong civil society through implementing programs and projects.

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

1- Human Rights Watch Network in Kurdistan.



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- 2-Sun Network for Monitoring Elections.
- 3- MAF Network for NGOs Law.
- 4- Justice Network for Prisoners in Iraq.
- 5- Non-violence network in Kurdistan.
- 6- Platform (No for Female Genital Mutilation).
- 7-Erbil Coordinator for the UPR Group.
- 8- Member of the Anti-Human Trafficking Network.
- 9 Member in the Zhyan (Life) Group, a Women Rights Organization.
- 10 Insaan Group for monitoring human rights violations in Iraq.

The most important activities of 2014:

1 -GSIO held a seminar for (40) women from Bastora Township on 26 January, 2014, during GSIO activities with Unisef and WADI a German



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Organization, to provide these women with legal and medical awareness about Eliminating of Female Genital Mutilation in Kurdistan.





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2 – We held another seminar to awareness (45) women about the negative effects of Female Genital Mutilation in Bnaslawa district on 27 January, 2014. Within GSIO activates with Unisef and WADI Organization during the campaign against FGM.





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3 –On 16 November, 2014 till 1st December, 2014 we initiated a center in Bnaslawa under the name (Ainda2) for IDPs to eliminate Illiteracy and we trained them on life skills.

During this project we trained IDPs women who were between (15-50) years old on life skills (sewing and computer) training, along with social and psychological counseling in Benaslawa district. The total beneficiaries were 97 people (75 women and 22 men).

the duration of the project was 8 months, we signed this project on 6 August, 2013 and was implemented on 16 November, 2013 only for three months after that we have been informed that there isn't enough funding, so they end the project but we decided to complete it by paying for our employers and teachers for two months, then we stopped for three months. But on 1st October, 2014 we started again this time the funding was from UNISCO, in the end of this project we organized a celebration for graduated participants and honored succeeded ones.



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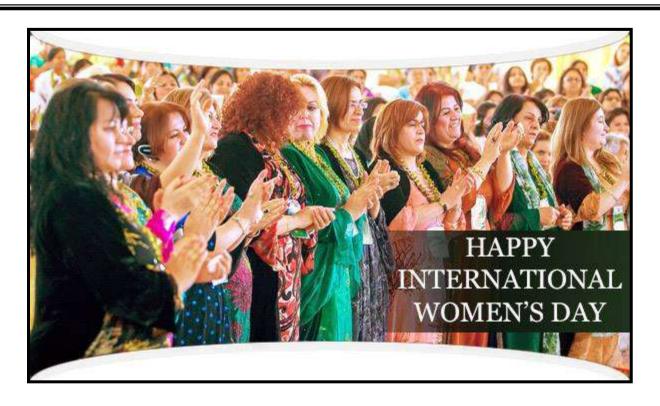


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4-On 7 February, 2014 till 10 February, 2014 GSIO participate in international women conference in India along with another (58) countries, the attending of (1000) women from around the word, in the presence of (Sri Sri Ravi Shankar) Indian spiritual leader and founder of the Art of Living Foundation. During this conference many researches and reports were presented about women's issues around the word and how to eliminate violence against women. Among participants there were (25) members from Kurdistan Region who were; general directors, deputies, managers of non-governmental organizations and human rights activists.



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5 - On 2nd June, 2014 I was been hosted in (Kurdistan Voice) radio broadcast, to discuss the role of women Organizations in Eliminating the violence against women in Kurdistan with activist and journalist Alan Naqashbandi and the program host Choman Hiwa.





6 - On 9 June, 2014 we participated in conference to urge KRG Kurdistan Region Government to provide women a chance to have an effective role in decision making by involving them in KRG cabins and political sphere, because the political participation of women is at least 30% in KRG. Among the participant there were political leaders from Kurdish parties and international and local organizations along with

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many consulates representatives which exist in Kurdistan and the Supreme Council for women affairs in Kurdistan as well as Ashti Group(Peace Group) A Kurdish activist women group which combines leader women from all political parties in Kurdistan. In Mamosta Saad Abdullah Hall and this conference was funded by NPA Norwegian Organization.

The duration of project was: one month.

Beneficiaries: were (217), (137 women and 80 men).







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7 -On 27 August, 2014 we participated in campaign (Bring Back Our Yezidi women) along with Human Rights Commission in Kurdistan in presence of many civil society activists and journalists in Kurdistan to urge the International Organizations to rescue Yezidi girls who were taken captive by the ISIS.









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8 -On 30 August, 2014 along with many Civil Organizations GSIO distributed gifts to the children in Baharka camp.











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9 - On 1st October, 2014 till 30 November,2014 an Awareness Raising Project to ban FGM was implemented for women villagers, to awareness them about the negative effects of FGM on girls through providing medical and legal lectures to make them aware about Domestic Violent Low which contain an article to punish whoever circumcised his daughter by imprisonment or a fine .this project was funded by Unisef and WADI Organization.

Projects duration: three months

Total beneficiaries : (1142)







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10 - On 3rd September, 2014 till 3^{rd Desember}, 2014 we implemented (Combating Violence against Women) project to eliminate sexual violence among IDP girls and women in Ankawa and Shawes. We provided these women with (Sewing and Salon beauty) trainings along with psychological and social counseling. This project was funded by UNFPA.

Duration of project: three months.

Beneficiaries: (720) IDP women from Ankawa and Shawes township.

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11-On 20 November,2014 I participated in a conference about(
Protecting Women and Strengthening Peace) which sponsored by
Kurdistan's Prime Minister, during this conference many female and
male Activists been honored with the(Peace Scarf) by peace Activist
and spiritual leader (Sri Sri Ravi Shankar) in the presence of Minister of
Women's Affairs, Consulates and United Nations Agencies
representatives along with many Parties and Civil Society Organizations
representatives and Human Rights Activists.







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12 -On 25 November, 2014 in a cooperation with IAHV International Association for Human Values along with an American DLS Disability Law Service, GSIO distributed (3500) piece of winter clothes in Sharia Camp in Duhok during the 16 days of campaign of violence against women.



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13- On 12 December, 2014 for three days a workshop about (Peer Education) for 20 of our Organization's volunteers, during our organizations activates with UNFPA and in cooperating with (Together for Human and Environment) foundation.





14-On 18 desember,2014 another workshop for three days to another (20) volunteers from our organization center in Shawes, about (PeerEducation), during our activities with UNFPA in a cooperating with (Together for Human and Environment) Foundation



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