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Gender Studies and Information Organization (GSIO)
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Annual Report

Gender studies and information organization

Erbil

Organization's activities report for 2015



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 (ط- 134), which was issued on **26 March, 2013**.

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 non-governmental and non-profit organization, with an independent entity, which deals with women gender issues particularly, and work 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.



- 2- Shams (Sun) Network for Election Monitoring.
- 3- The MAF Network for NGOs Law.
- 4- Justice Network for Prisoners in Iraq.
- 5- Non-violence network in Kurdistan
- 6-Non-genital mutilation platform.
- 7- Erbil coordinator of the UPR group.
- 8- Member of the Anti-Human Trafficking Network.
- 9- Member of the Zhyan (Life) Group, a Women Rights Organization.
- 10- Member of (Insaan group) for monitoring human rights violations in Iraq.

Organization's most important activities of 2015:

1-The project (Together for a Better Health) was directed to the displaced women in Ankawa's camps, schools, and churches to provide them with First Aid training. The beneficiaries were (20) women (10) of them were IDPs another (10) from hosting community who were biologist and whom graduated from medical institute or with other medical specialties, by coordinating with Iraqi



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Red Crescent, thence these (20) women have been provided with TOT in seven days, so each one of them trained another (20-25) displaced women about what they learned in that practical and theoretical training. So the total number of beneficiaries in this project were (456) displaced women in Ankawa, and took three months from 15 November, 2014 till 15 February, 2015.





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2 -We implemented the project of (Campaign against Female Genital Mutilation) to provide an awareness sessions to girls and women among villagers about the negative effects of Female Genital Mutilation and combating FGM through medical and legal lectures on **2nd January, 2015 till 31 December, 2015**, in order to awareness them about Gender Based Violence Act which contains the law of punishing anyone who mutilate his daughters with prison or sanction. During this project a (Halajay Gawra) village was declared to be GBV and FGM free so as a reward the village received small service by opening children's playground in the area on the project's budget. This project was funded by WADI a German Humanitarians Organization along with Unisef Organization.

N.B. / the project have been completed in two stages;

- **2nd January, 2015 till 30 April, 2015.**
- **1st August, 2015 till 31 December, 2015.**



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3- We held a seminar for (40) people from parliament members and the representatives from civil society organizations and national organizations on 13 February, 2015, within the activities of Campaign against FGM. During the seminar we shed light on the Act of Combating Domestic Violence in Kurdistan Region (Act No.8 from 2011) and discuss the Gaps, and how to implement this law (Act of combating the violence against women) which isn't implemented till now since it has been issued in 2011.





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4- In 7 March, 2015 we coordinated with (Raf for Humanitarian Services) Foundation of Shekh Thani Bn Abdullah and PAO, to provide (250) (Ezedi, Christian and Shabak) displaced families with basic distribution of foodstuffs and hygiene kits in our center in Shawes.



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5 - Participating in (woman, peace and security) workshop from 16 March, 2015 till 18 March, 2015 in Baghdad during Rasid project under the resolution (1325) of Iraq Foundation. In this workshop the discussions aimed to holistically address Gender Based Violence, also pointed to an acknowledgment of the importance of women in the peace building process and how to implement the resolution (1325) in Iraq



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6 -We implemented (Gender Based Violence) project to displaced women and girls on **1st February, 2015** in Ankawa and Shawes distrect. Through this project we provide an awareness sessions as well as (Sewing and Hairdressing) trainings to displaced women from Ankawa and Shawes distrect along with psychological and social Counselling. in each training we had (25-30) displaced woman in our both centers and 22 trainings, each training in each center for one month so the average number of beneficiaries were 650 in (Sewing and Salon) training. As for



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awareness session was once a week,(8) sessions a month for both centers, each center(4) sessions and participant were (20 to 30), in which women got awareness about the Act(law) of combating violence against women, underage marriage, sexual harassment and other topics. The duration of project was 11 months.

N.B.\ the project was implemented by four stages;

- 1- 1st February, 2015 till 1st April, 2015.
- 2- 1st April, 2015 till 1st July, 2015.
- 3-1st July, 2015 till 1st October, 2015.
- 4- 1st October, 2015 till 31 December, 2015.





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7 –During the project of awareness raising campaign about the negative effects of (Female Genital Mutilation), we provided training to (30) women and girls from (Halajay Gawra) village for about a month on 30 April, 2015, at the end of the training we delivered each participant a sewing machine in the presence of village's headman, the project was funded by Wadi Organization and Unisef.





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8 –We participated in the Advisory Council Commission of Integrity in Kurdistan Region on 30 June, 2015. As I was a consultant in commission of integrity in Kurdistan we met with activists of civil society organizations in the headquarters of commission in Erbil, and the focusing was on how to fight the administrative corruption.



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9 -GSIO participated in Organizations Fair along with other Organizations from Erbil, Duhok and Sulaymania in Divan hotel, which was held by Mercy Corps Organization on 8 September, 2015.



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10 -The distribution of (500) household materials and hygiene kits to (500) displaced families in Shawes within (Combating of Gender Based Violence) against displaced women and girls in Ankawa and Shawes on **9 September, 2015**. This project was funded by UNFPA and Qandil.





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11 -Our organizations team along with representatives from KRG high council of women's affairs, Unisef Organization and Heart Land Organization had field visit to Erbil's countryside during the outreach project of FGM to awareness women and girls about the negative effects of female genital mutilation on **14 September, 2015**. This project was funded by Wadi a German Organization and Unisef Organization.





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12 -GSIO staff visited (Halajay Gawra) village on **26 October, 2015**.

Within the project of awareness raising campaign about the negative effects of FGM on girls, and they met with the villages headman to talk about building a children's playground in the village on project's budget. This project was funded from Wadi and Unesif.





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13 -We held a seminar for (45) of civil society Organizations about the Act of Combating Domestic Violence with in the awareness raising campaign project among women villagers about the negative effects of FGM upon girls on **5 November, 2015**. The project was funded by Wadi and Unisef.





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14 - Our staff had a visit to the Kurdistan Islamic Scholars Union on 23 November, 2015 to research and discusses the articles of combating domestic violence against women.





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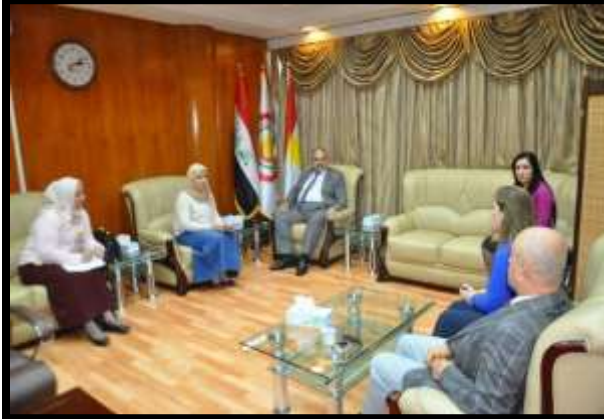
15- Our staff had a visit to the minister of health (Dr. Rekaut Hama Rashid) on **24 November, 2015**. During the meeting they shed light on awareness raising campaign project among women villagers about the negative effects of FGM upon girls, that funded by Wadi and Unisef . The minister welcomed the coordination and corporation with our organization for eliminating of violence against women in Kurdistan. In this aspect sovereignty issued the decision to prevent FGM and punishing any midwife or medical staff whom preform FGM for girls.

The link below has the details of meeting;

<http://www.radionawxo.org/kurdi/index.php/all-news/kurdistan/item/28424-2015-11-24-16-17-17.html>
<http://xelk.org/dreja.aspx?=hewal&jmare=33775&Jor=1>



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16 -During the campaign of 16 days activism to end violence against women, on **26 November, 2015**. We participated in Opining of exhibition for handicrafts and knitting for IDPs and Emigrants women at United Nations Headquarters in Erbil, during this exhibition all profits from exhibits gone to IDPs and emigrant women.





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17 –On 26 November, 2015 the opening of a playground for children in (Halajay Gawra) village within the project of awareness raising campaign among women villagers about the negative effects of FGM upon girls, this project was funded by Wadi and Unisef.





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18 -We had an interview in Rega TV about International Day of Eliminating of Violence Against Women and Human Rights Day on **10 December, 2015** and the role of Organizations in reducing violence? Also we discussed the role of administrations in eliminating violence against women.

19 -We had seminar in Shamamic Township on **21 December, 2015** in the presence of the Director of Shamamic district and another (97) men from distinct about the Law of Combating Domestic Violence.

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