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Gender Studies and Information Organization (GSIO)

منظمة الدراسات والمعلومات الجندرية

Activities Report

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Erbil

Organization's activities report for the year 2022

Background:

The organization's license issued by the General Secretariat of the Council of Ministers in Baghdad No. 1075356 dated 5/9/2012.

The organization's license issued by the Department of Non-Governmental Organizations of Kurdistan's Region.

Registration number (134-i)

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The organization aims to identify and raise the level of public awareness about gender balance and human rights principles.

The Gender Studies and Information Organization is a non-governmental, non-profit organization with an independent legal personality, specialized in gender and women's issues, working to consolidate democracy and the rule of law and building civil society through the implementing of programs and projects.

The organization is a member of multiple networks, including:

1-Human Rights Monitoring Network in Kurdistan.

2-Shams Election Monitoring Network.

3-MAF Network for Non-Governmental Organization Law.

4-Justice Network for Prisoners in Iraq.

5-Nonviolence Network in Kurdistan.

6-A platform for no for female genital mutilation.

7-Erbil coordinator for UPR group.

8-Member of the Anti-Human Trafficking Network.

9-Member of the Zayan Al-Hayat group to combat violence against women.

10-Member of the Insan Group to monitor human rights in Iraq.

11-Member of the Election Awareness Forum in Erbil.

12-Member of the Network of Women Human Rights Defenders in Iraq.

13-Member of the Iraqi Minority Alliance Network.

14-Head of the “Women’s Voice for Women” campaign in Iraq.

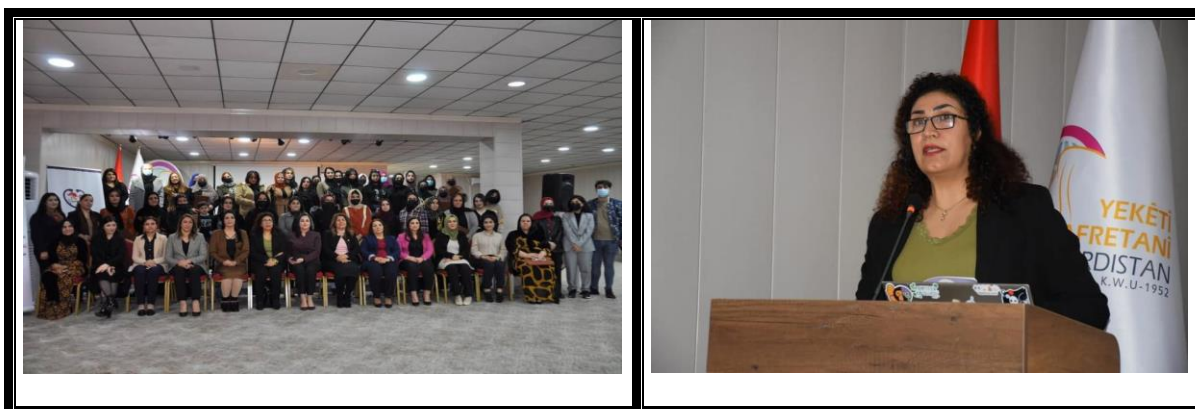
15-Yes, We Can Alliance for people with special needs throughout Iraq.

The organization's activities during the year 2022

Among the organization's most important activities for the year 2022 were the following:

1- On 2-6-2022

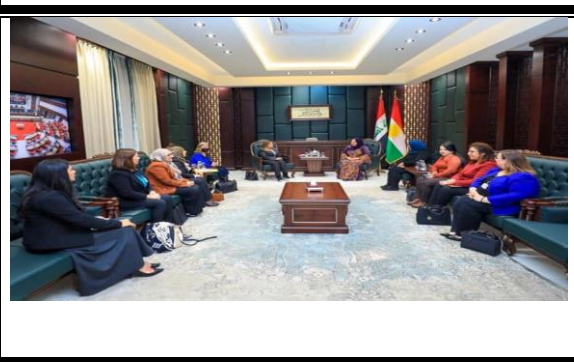
Among the activities of our organization, on the occasion of the International Day Against Female Genital Mutilation, with the participation of the IFMSA organization and students of the Faculty of Medicine from the University of Kurdistan, and in coordination with the Kurdistan Women's Union, a seminar for 70 members of the Union and women participating in a training course for the Kurdistan Women's Union on the International Day against Female Genital Mutilation was held. During which it sheds light on the harmful effects of circumcision on females from a medical and psychological perspective and its negative impact on girls in the future.





2- On 2-7-2022

As a member of the Kurdistan Women's Alliance, we visited the Speaker of the Kurdistan Parliament, Ms. Rewaz Fayek, the most important issues facing women and feminist organizations in Kurdistan had been discussed and proposals were presented to amend the law against domestic violence in Kurdistan and abolish Resolution 398 of the Iraqi Penal Code of 1969. At the end of the meeting, The Speaker of Parliament appreciated those proposals and promised to work on them during Parliament sessions.



3-On 3-8-2022 to 3-12-2022

A training course on human rights, international standards, and concerns relevant to women and juveniles for 27 male and female attorneys in the (Restoring Life) project, supported by the organization (MLI--GJF). From January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023, the project is being carried out at Erbil's Women's and Juvenile Reformatory. Lawyers work on male and female inmates in Erbil's Women and Juveniles Reformatory through legal representation for women and juveniles in Erbil's Women and Juveniles Reformatory.





4- On 3-8-2022

On International Women's Day, and with the participation of our organization's members from the Kurdistan Women's Alliance, feminist organizations and women's rights activists gathered in Erbil to demand that the government intervene in the increasing rate of violence against women in Kurdistan, as well as killings in defense of honor, and the need to punish the accused and enforce the laws.



5- On (14-15) -4-2022

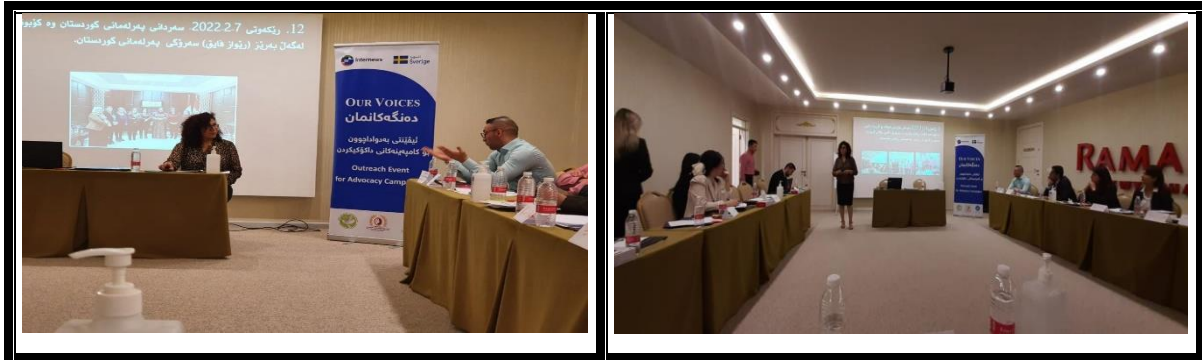
A meeting of the Kurdistan Women's Alliance in Shaqlawa in the presence of members of the coalition, which consists of 40 women's organizations and women's leadership figures in the Kurdistan Region, to discuss the most important issues and challenges facing women activists and organizations in Kurdistan, as well as hate speech and the role of the media in reducing violence against women.



6- On 6/5/2022

Participating in a meeting with partner organizations with the INTERNEWS organization about the projects implemented by the partner organizations in order to follow up on the campaigns implemented by the organizations of which our organization was

one of the organizations that implemented the campaign to repeal Article 398 of Iraqi Penal Code No. 111 of 1969. Papers were presented to Parliament for debate and cancellation.



7- On 6/11/2022

Participation in a consultative conference concerning ways to alter the laws within the framework of the project (International Assistance to Promote Equality and Human Rights in Kurdistan), which began in 2020 and will finish in 2022. We took part in a panel discussion about altering the laws in Kurdistan, how to conduct advocacy campaigns, and the most important laws altered in Kurdistan.



8- On (29-30)-6-2022

A meeting between the Kurdistan Women's Alliance and the Medica Mondial Organization to promote and strengthen the feminist movement in Kurdistan by exchanging experiences and benefiting from the Medica Mondial Organization's expertise in the field of women's rights.





9- On 8/18/2022

A visit to the General Directorate for Combating Domestic Violence to congratulate Mrs. (Fink Shafiq) on her resignation as General Director of the Directorate for Combating Violence Against Women, as well as to coordinate and cooperate between the two sides.



10- On 9/28/2022

A meeting of the organization's administrative body was held in the presence of members of the administrative body. During the meeting, the organization's work, financial reports, and issues were discussed. Members of the organization's new

administrative body were also chosen, and duties were assigned to them.



11- On 9/29/2022

Visiting the Erbil Court and meeting with a group of judges at the Erbil Court to follow up on the cases of women and juveniles in the Erbil Women's and Juvenile Reformatory, which is done through our organization's Erbil legal clinic.



12- On 10-26-2022

Meeting Judge Simko Ahmed and following up on one of the cases while visiting the Salah al-Din Resort Court for the sake of coordination and collaboration. Our group was invited to talk about significant challenges, the need for cooperation and follow-up on matters from a legal and social position, and other related topics.



13- On 10-27-2022

visiting the Erbil Women and Juveniles Correctional Facility Directorate and meeting with Mr. Tayyab Ahmed, the Director of the Correctional Facility, to discuss coordination and joint cooperation in order to launch a charitable market for women serving sentences at the Erbil Correctional Facility.



14- On (1-2) -12-2022

The Forum for Advocating for Minority Rights in the Kurdistan Region (NPA), Norwegian People's Aid Reaching international standards, was hosted by our organization on December 1 and 2, 2022, in collaboration with the Iraqi Minorities Alliance Network and with assistance from the organization itself. The Kurdistan Parliament members and advisors, representatives from the Kurdistan Region's Ministry of Endowments for Religious Affairs, clerics, figures and religious authorities from various religions, representatives of minorities, and representatives made up more than 70 official and unofficial participants in this forum. about non-governmental and international organizations, community leaders, media experts, scholars, and university professors.





15- On 12-10-2022

On the occasion of International Human Rights Day, and with the participation of our organization's members with the Kurdistan Women's Alliance (regional feminist organizations and activists), feminist organizations and activists in the field of women's rights gathered in Erbil to demand that the government take action concerning the increase in the rate of violence against women in Kurdistan, as well as killings motivated by honor, and the necessity of Punishing the Perpetrators.





16- On 12-10-2022

A group of Kurdistan Women's Alliance members met with the Speaker of Parliament (Dr. Rewas Fayek) and Mrs. (Dr. Khanzad Ahmed), President of the Supreme Council for Women in Kurdistan, to demand response to the conditions to which Kurdish women are subjected, as well as the necessity of enforcing laws and punishing those who violate them.



17- On 12-15-2022

Visiting the Erbil Court and meeting with a number of justices with the goal of coordinating between the two parties.



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