

Activity Reports of

Gender Studies and Information Organization (GSIO)

The name of the organization changed to Roza Organization for Women and Environmental Protection

Organization Activities Report for year 2023



General Information:

The organization received a legal license according to decree of General Secretariat of Ministers Council in Baghdad under number (1075356) on 09/05/2012. Legal license of organization in Directorate of Kurdistan non-governmental organization (NGO)s Registration No. (134 - G) date of Issuance of Registration Document: 26/03/2013

The organization aims to introduce and raise public awareness about gender equality and human rights principles. Gender studies and Information Organization is an independent non-governmental organization dedicated to gender and women's issues and works to consolidate democracy, spread the law and build civil society, through the implementation of programs and projects. The organization is a member of several networks including:

- 1. Human Rights Monitoring Network in Kurdistan.
- 2 Roj Network for Election Monitoring.
- 3 .MAF Network for NGO Law.
- 4 Justice Network for Prisoners in Iraq.
- 5 Network of No to Violence in Kurdistan.
- 6 No platform for female genital mutilation.



- 7 . Erbil Coordinator for UPR Group.
- 8 . Member of Anti-Human Trafficking Network.
- 9 Member of Life Group to Combat Violence against Women.
- 10 . Member of (Mrov) Group for to monitor human rights violations in Iraq.
- 11 . Member of Election Awareness Network in Erbil Governorate.
- 12 Member of Iraqi Resolution 1325 Resolution Group.
- 13 . Member of Iraqi Human Rights Defenders Network.
- 14 . Network Director of Women's Voice for Women.
- 15 . Member of Network Yes, I Can for people with disabilities in Iraq.



The most important activities of the organization on 2023

In 2023, our organization carried out several projects and activities in different fields and the most important projects that were implemented were:

1. On 11/01/2023

During the activities of the organization, they met with Mr. Elissa Masino, Director of the Human Rights Institute, Mr. (Michelle Liu) Deputy Director of Institute and a group of students of Georgetown University in the United States, and with the initiative of Ms. (Nadia Murad) discussed the issues of women, especially Yazidi women survivors of ISIS and considered it necessary to establish a special court for the crimes of ISIS.

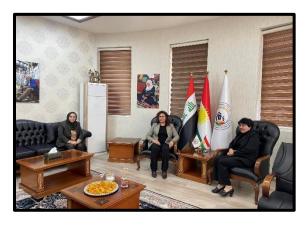


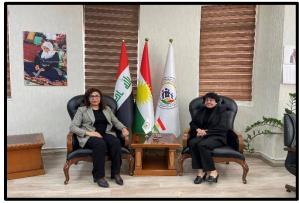




2. On 25/01/2023

Held a meeting with Mrs. (**Kwestan Mohammed**) Minister of Social Affairs in divan of ministry, in the meeting discussed the issues related to violence against women and the situation of convicted women and Directorate of reformation for Women and juveniles in Erbil, Women who are homeless and on the streets. The meeting discussed how to coordinate between the Ministry and our organization, especially that our organization is implementing the project (Return of Life) in reformation for women and juveniles in Erbil.





3. Date: 25-01-2023

Visiting the Directorate of Social Welfare and held a meeting with Director of Welfare (**Zito Tofiq**) and in the meeting discussed the most important issues related to juveniles in Directorate of Women and Juvenile Reformation in Erbil and coordination between our organization and welfare directorate and how to send the Juvenile who



are without guardians or families, especially since our organization is in the project (Return of Life) that the project is implemented in the Directorate of Women and Juvenile reformation.





4. On 31-01-2023

The Dutch Consulate in Erbil organized a meeting for a number of women's organizations. The meeting was attended by (Bahya Tahzib) Ambassador of Human Rights in the Netherlands and (Boko Birindz) General Consul of Netherlands in Erbil and several diplomats from Dutch Embassy in Baghdad discussed the situation of women and most important challenges that women's organizations face in Kurdistan and Iraq.





5. Date: 11-02-2023

The general meeting of Kurdistan Women's Coalition in Erbil in presence of coalition members in order to draw up the work plan for 2023 and elect the Administration Board of coalition, consisting of 7 members and 4 spare members. At the end of the meeting, several important issues were discussed and the role of media and how to deal with pressure and insults in social media and their role in reducing violence against women.











6. On 03 and 04-02-2023

During the activities of our organization in collaboration with NPA and Iraqi Communities Network in Iraqi Minority Rights Development Project, conducting a two-day workshop with the participation of representatives of 23 partner organizations in the Iraqi Communities Network and members of Advisory Board and Mr. (Zidan Khalaf) advisor of Iraqi Prime Minister for Human Rights, discussing of how to write a comprehensive report and characteristics of writing a UPR report. On the second day, how to write the UN report on human rights and how to write report of organizations and government reports.











7. On 19-02-2023

During the activities of our organization, the conference of the Iraqi Communities Coalition Network on the amendment of electoral law and guaranteeing the final communities in Kurdistan parliamentary elections for the communities of (Yazidis - Zoroastrians - Kakais - Faily Kurds) with the presence of (Mir Tahsin Beg), leader of Yazidis in Iraq and world, Ms. (Mian Khan) representatives of communities and UNAMI.







8. On 27-02-2023

Provide clothes and play equipment for children of women's reformation and juvenile who are in prison with their mothers in coordination with Mr. (Hawkar Osman) Head of Coordination and follow up division with help of a charity in UK (Dr. Fryad Hawezi) to distribute several clothes and toys to children who live with their mothers in prison.





9. On 15-03-2023

Held a meeting with lawyers of project (Return of Life) to follow up the problems and obstacles that the lawyers face while following up their work in women and juvenile reformation in Erbil and in court with the assistance of Marshall Legion MLI.







10. On 18-06-2023

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11. On 27-06-2023

On the occasion of World Day against Torture presenting speeches of Justice network to prisoners that was our organization is founder committee of this network that was established in 2006.



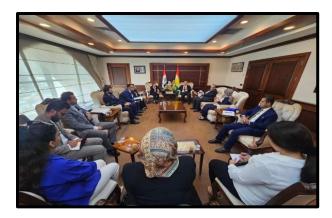


12. On 12-07-2023

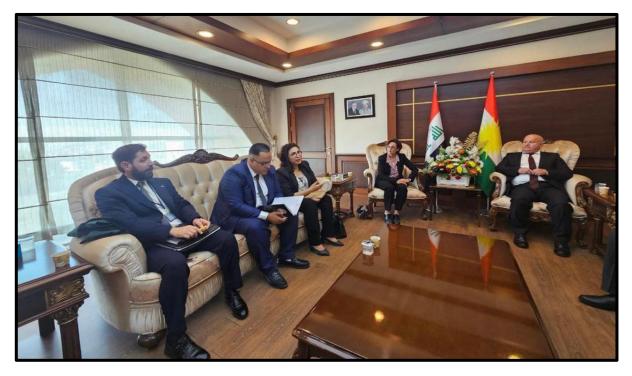
Visiting Erbil Appeal Court and meeting with President of Appeal Court (Fakhir Saber Bayaz) and Judges (Mohammed Ahmed and Dadwar Amira) with the presence of our lawyers in the project (Return of Life) with the assistance of Marshall Legion MLI and JGF partner Director Ms. (Khatam Khakani). In the meeting discussed the project (Return of Life) and introducing the project lawyers and most important obstacles that project staff face during their work and how to coordinate. The second meeting was to visit the Juvenile Police



Directorate and meet with Colonel (Awring Mohammed) to discuss how to coordinate between the two sides and facilitate the work of the project lawyers.









13. On 23-07-2023

The first meeting of our organization advisory board which consists of seven volunteer members and follow up the activities of organization and obstacles and how to develop the organization, the board members are (Pakshan Zangana, Hogar Chato, Dr. Jawan Bakhtiar, Dr. Hakim Qadir, Psychologist Yousef Osman, Nazanin Omar).





14. On 05-09-2023

Held a meeting with Mr. (Tayb Abdulaziz) Director of Women and Juvenile reformations in order to conduct first questionnaire on reality of reformations in Iraq during the project (Human Rights Development in Iraqi reformations) with help of Justice for Prisoners Network and the questionnaire included general conditions of prisoners and detainees, reformations places, number of employees, problems, shortcomings and advantages.







15. On 03-10-2023

Awareness for 20 housewives in Shawes district on impact of climate change on women and the relationship between increased violence against women and role of women in environmental protection in Democracy Support Project led by NPA-PAO.







Awareness for 20 teachers and employees in Shaqlawa district on impact of climate change on women and increase in violence against women and the role of women in environmental protection in the Democracy Support Project led by NPA-PAO





17. On 09-10-2023

Held a meeting with Mr. (Tayb Abdulaziz) Director of Women and Juvenile reformations in order to conduct the second questionnaire on reality of reformations in Iraq during the project (Human Rights Development in Iraqi reformations) with the help of Justice for Prisoners Network and the questionnaire included general conditions of prisoners and detainees, reformations places, number of employees, problems, shortcomings and advantages.







18. On 19-10-2023

Awareness for 18 housewives in Bnaslawa district on impact of climate change on women and the relationship between increased violence against women and role of women in environmental protection in Democracy Support Project led by NPA-PAO.







19. On 19-11-2023

Held a meeting with Mr. (Tayb Abdulaziz) Director of Women and Juvenile reformations in order to conduct third questionnaire on reality of reformations in Iraq during the project (Human Rights Development in Iraqi reformations) with the help of Justice for Prisoners Network and the questionnaire included general conditions of prisoners and detainees, reformations places, number of employees, problems, shortcomings and advantages.





20. On 19-11-2023

Held a meeting of the members of the Kurdistan Women's Coalition with Secretary of the High Council for Women and Development Ms. (Dr. Khanzad Ahmed) in order to prepare for 16th International Day for Combating Violence against Women, our organization is a member of Executive Committee of Kurdistan Women's Coalition, which includes 40 women's organizations and women activists at the regional level.





22. On 05-12-2023

Under the supervision of the Minister of Interior Mr. (Rebar Ahmad) and in the presence of General Secretary of High Council for Women and Development and General Director for Combating Violence against Women and Family. Within the framework of 16 days campaign to combat violence against women, a broad meeting with representatives of several women's organizations at the regional



level and directorates, offices and departments to combat violence against women and family and in the meeting will discuss the most important issues facing women's organizations and directorates for combating violence.









23. On 25/11 until 17-12-2023

On the occasion of 16-day campaign to combat violence against women and with the support of High Council for Women's Affairs and Development and the United Nations Agency UN under the slogan (Unite, and invest to prevent violence against women and girls). From 25/11 to 17/12/2023 with several activities in girls' high schools in subdistrict, districts and in the city of (Erbil), students from different communities participated in the event, including Christian, Turkmen and Arab communities and the seminars discussed several topics (Law on Combating Domestic Violence, Strategy of Kurdistan Regional Government to Combat Violence against Women and Law on Misuse of Communication Devices) with participation of (1095) girl students from (19) schools in Erbil governorate, the seminars were held on the following dates:

No.	School Name	Location	Date	No of students	Coach Name
1.	Ankawa preparatory for Girls	Ankawa District	05/12/2023	121	Ramziya Zana
2.	Anna Lindah Preparatory for Girls	Ari Qr.	06/12/2023	40	Kaniaw Bayiz
3.	Binayi Preparatory for Girls	Kasnazan District	06/12/2023	50	Kaniaw Bayiz
4.	Shapol Preparatory for Girls	Shawes subdistrict	06/12/2023	49	Kaniaw Bayiz
5.	Bekhal Preparatory for Girls	Kurdistan Qr.	07/12/2023	61	Ramziya Zana



6.	Runaki Preparatory for Girls	Runaki Qr.	07/12/2023	44	Ramziya Zana
7.	Chnar Preparatory for Girls	Kuran Qr.	10/12/2023	101	Ramziya Zana
8.	Vocational Evening Preparatory	Runaki Qr.	10/12/2023	24	Ramziya Zana
9.	Bakhan Preparatory for Girls	Bnaslawa District	11/12/2023	48	Kaniaw Bayiz
10.	Parwa Intermediate for Girls	Daratw Subdistrict	11/12/2023	39	Kaniaw Bayiz
11.	Aringoy Preparatory for Girls	Bnaslawa District	11/12/2023	41	Kaniaw Bayiz
12.	Nahrain Preparatory for Girls	Ankawa District	12/12/2023	34	Bushra Mazhar Jasim
13.	Bahra Preparatory for Girls	Azadi Qr.	12/12/2023	77	Bushra Mazhar Jasim
14.	Rewas Preparatory for Girls	Zhian Qr.	13/12/2023	133	Ramziya Zana
15.	Shabang Evening Preparatory	Mantkawa Qr.	13/12/2023	67	Ramziya Zana
16.	Gharibi Preparatory for Girls	Runaki Qr.	14/12/2023	27	Ramziya Zana

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17.	Zahra Preparatory for Girls	Runaki Qr.	14/12/2023	52	Bushra Mazhar Jasim
18.	Salahaddin Preparatory for Girls	Tairawa Qr.	17/12/2023	45	Kaniaw Bayiz
19.	Martyr Mamun Aldabagh Preparatory for Girls	Kwestan Qr.	17/12/2023	42	Kaniaw Bayiz
	Total				1095

























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24. On 31-12-2023

Held a meeting of Administration Board of Justice Network for Prisoners and in the meeting also discussed the annual report of network in Iraq specific to prisons and reformations in Iraq. Our organization is the founding committee of Justice Network for Prisoners and a member of Administration Board of the network at the Iraqi level.

