



Activity Report

Roza Organization for Women and Environment Protection

Erbil

Activity Report 2024



General Information:

The organization received a legal license according to the 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. Roza Organization for Women and Environmental Protection 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 .Founding member of the Shams Election Monitoring Network



-
12. Member of Resolution 1325 Resolution Group.
 - 13 .Member of Iraqi Human Rights Defenders Network.
 - 14 .Director of Network Women's Voice for Women.
 - 15 .Member of Network Yes, I Can for people with disabilities in Iraq.
 16. Founding member of the Sustainable Development Network.

The most important activities of the organization in 2024

In 2024, our organization carried out many diverse projects and participated in various activities, which are as follows:

1- On January 6, 2024

A general assembly meeting of the organization was held with the attendance of its members. During the meeting, the organization's annual report for the year 2023 was presented and discussed with the members. A unanimous decision was made during the meeting to change the organization's name from "Organization for Gender Studies and Information" to "ROZA Organization for the Protection of Women and the Environment".





2- On January 9, 2024

As part of the project to promote minority rights in Iraq, and with support from NPA (Network for the Protection of Minorities), a one-day workshop was held in collaboration with our organization for 25 partner organizations within the Minority Alliance Network. The workshop focused on monitoring institutional development among the partner organizations. A development plan for civil society organizations was prepared, along with a sustainable institutional development plan. The needs of the partner organizations were identified, to be addressed throughout the year 2024.





3- On February 10, 2024

A general assembly meeting of the **Kurdistan Women Defenders Alliance** was held in Duhok Governorate, attended by Dr. Khanzad Ahmed, Secretary General of the High Council for Women and Development, along with the participation of several activists and academics from Duhok. During the meeting, the 2023 activity report of the alliance was presented, along with an evaluation of the

alliance's performance, aimed at identifying strengths, weaknesses, and strategies for sustaining and advancing the alliance.

The meeting also included discussions on the role of women in combating violence, as well as the challenges and risks faced by women in general.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the following key proposals and recommendations were presented:

1. The alliance should hold a meeting as soon as possible with women politicians and activists in Kurdistan to develop an action plan for addressing the risks and challenges facing the Kurdistan Region.
2. Women should be included in meetings, sessions, and delegations between the Kurdistan Regional Government and the Federal Government of Iraq.
3. Serious efforts must be made to conduct elections in Kurdistan to address the legal vacuum caused by the delay and to protect the democratic process in the Kurdistan Region.





4- On February 10, 2024

A meeting of the **Kurdistan Women Defenders Alliance** was held in Duhok Governorate with the Governor of Duhok, Mr. Ali Tatar. The meeting was attended by **Dr. Khanzad Ahmed**, Secretary General of the High Council for Women and Development, along with the participation of numerous activists and academics from Duhok.





5- March 4, 2024

A visit was conducted to the Women and Juvenile Reformatory in Erbil to carry out the initial survey on the conditions of reformatories in Iraq, as part of the project "**Promoting Human Rights in Iraqi Prisons.**"

During the visit, a meeting was held with Mr. **Tayeb Abdulaziz**, Director of the Women and Juvenile Reformatory in Erbil, as well as with **Public Prosecutor Judge Kazhal Naif**, and representatives from the Health Center Department, the Monitoring and Planning Department, and the social worker at the facility. The survey generally addressed the conditions of sentenced and detained individuals, the number of staff, the state of the reformatory building, and the overall challenges and problems faced by the institution.



6- On May 1, 2024

As part of our organization's activities, a **gathering of condemnation** was held in collaboration with several non-governmental organizations to mark the **36th anniversary of the Anfal Campaign tragedy**. The event included a commemorative speech, live musical performances, and a photo exhibition showcasing the victims of the Anfal Campaign.

The activity took place at **Shandar Park** and was attended by media representatives, various public figures, and numerous organizations.





ئەنفال زامیكە دەیان سألە خویئی لیڤەچۆریت و هیشتا ساریژ نەبوو.
ئیدانە ی سیاسەتی لەناو بردن و سڕینەوێ گەلی کوردستان دەکەین.



7- On August 9, 2024

Participation in the **Conference on Combating Violence Against Women** held at the Conference Palace in Baghdad, organized by the Hikma Movement. The event was attended by Mr. Ammar al-Hakim, Mr. Mohammed Shia' Al Sudani, and Ms. Taif Sami, Minister of Finance, along with ambassadors, prominent figures, and activists from across Iraq.

The conference highlighted methods to protect women from violence and the mechanisms for implementing laws that safeguard families in general and women in particular.



8- On August 19, 2024

Our organization, as a founding member of the Kurdistan Women Defenders Alliance, together with Ema Organization for Human Development and a group of activists, participated in a gathering and press conference opposing the amendment of Personal Status Law No. 188 of 1959.

The amendment was condemned and rejected because it poses a serious threat to the rights of women in Iraq and Kurdistan in general, and to the rights and future of children in particular. It facilitates early child marriage, deprives children of continuing their education, and causes numerous social problems. The event called on the Iraqi government and the Council of Representatives not to vote for the amendment but instead to draft a new law that guarantees equality and justice for all without discrimination, supporting the rights of women, families, and children.

**Roza Organization for Women
and Environmental Protection
NGO**



رئسخرای رۇزا بۇ پاراستنی ئافرهت و ژینگه

منظمة روزا لحماية المرأة و البيئة





9- On September 2, 2024

A meeting was held with Mr. **Tayeb Abdulaziz**, Director of the Women and Juvenile Reformatory in Erbil, along with Public Prosecutor Judge **Kazhal Naif**, the heads of the Health Center Department, Monitoring and Planning Department, and the social researcher at the reformatory.

The purpose of the meeting was to conduct the **second survey** on the conditions of reformatories in Iraq as part of the project "**Promoting Human Rights in Iraqi Prisons**," in cooperation with the **Prisoners' Justice Network**. The survey generally addressed the conditions of sentenced and detained

individuals, the number of staff, the state of the reformatory building, and the challenges and problems faced by the reformatory overall.



10- On September 2, 2024

A visit was made to the Adult Reformatory in Erbil by our organization's lawyer, Abdullah Hoshyar Salim. During the visit, meetings were held with the reformatory director, social researchers, and the head of the Monitoring and Planning Department.

The purpose of the visit was to conduct the second survey on the conditions of reformatories in Iraq as part of the project "Promoting Human Rights in Iraqi Prisons," in collaboration with the Prisoners' Justice Network.

The survey generally addressed the conditions of sentenced and detained individuals, the number of staff, the state of the reformatory building, and the challenges and problems facing the reformatory overall.





11- On October 15, 2024

Our organization, as a founding member of the **Shams Network for Election Monitoring**, conducted a training course for observers to monitor the Kurdistan Parliament elections. The training was held at our organization's office in Erbil and included 15 young men and women.



12- On October 16, 2024

A training course for election observers was held in the administration of Soran District, where 25 young men and women from Soran, Rawanduz, and Doman districts were trained to monitor the Kurdistan Parliament elections.



13- On October 15, 2024

A training course for election observers was conducted in Koysinjq District, where 8 young men and women volunteers from the district were trained to monitor the Kurdistan Parliament elections.



14- On October 20–21, 2024

Election monitoring was conducted on both the special voting day and the general voting day for the Kurdistan Parliament elections. The monitoring involved six networks: **Shams Network, Tammuz Network, Iraqi Minority Alliance Network, JAF Network, Ain Network, and the Kurdistan Institute for Elections Network**, in coordination with the European Union and the NPA organization.

**Roza Organization for Women
and Environmental Protection
NGO**



ريڤخراوى رۇڤا بۇ پاراستنى ئافرهت و ژينگه

منظمة روزا لحماية المرأة و البيئة



**Roza Organization for Women
and Environmental Protection
NGO**



رۆزايى رۇزا بۇ پاراستنى ئافرهت و ژينگه
منظمة روزا لحماية المرأة و البيئة



15- On December 3, 2024

A meeting was held with Mr. **Tayeb Abdulaziz**, Director of the Women and Juvenile Reformatory in Erbil; Mr. **Shwan Saber Mustafa**, Public Prosecutor; the heads of the Health Center Department and the Monitoring and Planning Department; and the psychological researcher.

The purpose of the meeting was to conduct the **third survey** on the conditions of reformatories in Iraq as part of the project “**Promoting Human Rights in Iraqi Prisons,**” in cooperation with the **Prisoners’ Justice Network**.

The survey generally addressed the conditions of sentenced and detained individuals, the number of staff, the state of the reformatory building, and the overall challenges and problems facing the reformatory.





16- On December 4, 2024

The third visit to the Adult Reformatory in Erbil was conducted by our organization's lawyer, Abdullah Hoshyar Salim. During the visit, meetings were held with the reformatory director, social researchers, and the head of the Monitoring and Planning Department.

The purpose of the visit was to conduct the third survey on the conditions of reformatories in Iraq as part of the project "Promoting Human Rights in Iraqi Prisons," in collaboration with the Prisoners' Justice Network. The survey generally covered the conditions of sentenced and detained individuals, the number of staff, the state of the reformatory building, and the challenges and problems facing the reformatory overall.



17- On December 5, 2024

A press conference was held by the Kurdistan Women's Rights Defenders Alliance in partnership with the Eima Organization for Human Development to reject and oppose the amendment of the Iraqi Personal Status Law No. 188 of 1959. The amendment was described as a significant challenge to the rights of women in Iraq and the Kurdistan Region. The proposed changes to the law in its current form pose a threat to society as a whole and particularly to women



18- On December 16, 2024

Participation in the meeting for drafting the **Shadow Report** on the CEDAW Convention, organized by **UNAMI-PDO**. The meeting included thirty nongovernmental organizations from across the region.

During the meeting, the process of writing the shadow report was discussed, and at the conclusion, participating organizations were assigned, according to their specialization, to prepare the final report.



**Roza Organization for Women
and Environmental Protection
NGO**



رۆزىراۋى رۇزىا بۇ پاراستى ئافرىتى ۋ زىنگە

منظمة روزا لحماية المرأة و البيئة

