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Activity Report

**Roza Organization for Women and Environment
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Erbil

Activity Report 2025



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 nongovernmental 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 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. Shams 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.

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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.
 17. Member of Network Ozon to protect Environment.



The most important activities of the organization in 2025

In 2025, our organization carried out many diverse projects and participated in various activities, which are as follows:

1. On March 26, 2025

Our organization participated, alongside several women's organizations, in a protest vigil organized in front of the Erbil Citadel to express concern over the increasing rates of killings of women during the first three months of the year. The event included a minute of silence in mourning for the innocent victims of these violent and brutal crimes. Following this, a joint statement was read on behalf of the participating organizations, emphasizing that the campaign will continue its activities and advocacy efforts to end the killing of women. The statement also stressed the importance of closely monitoring the actions taken by the government and other relevant stakeholders, with the aim of achieving lasting solutions and putting a definitive end to these crimes.

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2. On May 6, 2025

A meeting was held bringing together the Independent High Electoral Commission, the coalition of networks and organizations, the Ministries of Culture and Higher Education, and the Ministry of Endowments, to discuss the Iraqi Parliament election program. The meeting aimed to promote democracy, transparency, and neutrality in the electoral process. Our organization is among the civil society organizations actively working in the field of elections

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3. On May 20 ,2025

A meeting of the Prisoners' Justice Network's Board of Directors was held to discuss the roles of member organizations, the distribution of responsibilities among them, and coordination mechanisms for implementing joint projects. Our organization is a member of the Justice Network's Prisoners' Board of Directors.

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4. On June 30, 2025

A meeting was held with Mr. Ihsan Abdulrahman Baban, Director General of the Social Reform Directorate, to present our organization's new project focusing on women's and juvenile reform facilities in Erbil. In addition, a visit was conducted to the Women's and Juvenile Reform Facility – Planning Department, with the aim of identifying the institution's needs. A meeting was also held with the psychological researcher at the women's reform facility to assess the needs of women beneficiaries within the framework of the Health Awareness Week project.





5. On July 15, 2025

Our organization's new project, **“Enhancing Women's Participation in Elections,”** has been officially approved. The project is implemented with financial support from Women for Women International and funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO). This project is part of the NISSAM Project. The project aims to increase women's participation in the 2025 electoral process in Erbil Governorate, Shaqlawa District, and the Soran Independent Administration. The project targets a total of 610 women beneficiaries, including women voters, female candidates, and participants in forums, distributed as follows:

- Organizing 15 seminars, including 5 in Erbil city and its surrounding areas, 5 in Shaqlawa District and its surrounding areas, and 5 in the Soran Independent.
- Implementing 16 radio programs dedicated to elections, conducted in partnership with Radio Nawa. The programs hosted prominent figures in

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the field of elections as well as civil society activists. The programs were broadcast every Saturday at 11:00 a.m., with a rebroadcast on the same day at 5:00 p.m.

- Conducting a 4-day training program for female candidates from political parties participating in the elections.
- Four community forums were organized to promote dialogue among women and men, community and religious leaders, youth, and local government officials. The sessions focused on designing and strengthening women's participation in political life, preventing harassment, building alliances, and promoting inclusive governance. The forums were facilitated by specialists with expertise in gender and governance issues. Each forum targeted between 25 and 35 participants in Erbil, Soran, Shaqlawa, and Harir.
- Conducting a 2-day training program for newly elected women parliamentarians, involving 9 members from the Kurdistan Parliament and the Iraqi Parliament.
- A meeting dedicated to the newly elected female candidates, supervised by three successful women parliamentarians from previous parliamentary terms.

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6. On July 20, 2025

Our organization, together with the Justice Network for Prisoners, met with Mr. Ihsan Abdulrahman, Director General of the Social Reform Directorate, as part of ongoing efforts to strengthen cooperation with relevant government authorities and improve the conditions of detainees. The meeting aimed at coordinating the

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implementation of our organization's project in collaboration with the Justice Network for Prisoners.



7. On August 1, 2025

As part of our organization's activities to support women's political participation, coordination was made with **Radio Nawa** to deliver 17 special programs focusing on women and elections. The programs hosted prominent figures in the fields of human rights, civil society, election experts, and former members of parliament. The programs were broadcast every Saturday at 11:00 a.m., with a rebroadcast on the same day at 5:00 p.m., The programs were presented by **Ms. Awaz Salim**. Their objective was to raise awareness among women about the importance of participating in elections, highlight the role of women in parliament and government institutions, and share the experiences of prominent figures and members of parliament. This activity is part of the "Enhancing Women's Participation in Elections" project, which is implemented with financial support from Women for Women International and the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO). The program guests included the following individuals:



- **2025-8-2:** The guest of the episode was Tavga Omar Rashid, General Director of the Human Rights Commission. The title of the episode was Election Promises and the Care for Female Candidates in the Elections.
<https://www.radionawa.com/ku/show-detail.aspx?jimare=214&znjera=6681>
- **2025-8-9** The guest of this episode is Sarbast Amedi, former head of the Independent High Electoral Commission of Iraq. The title of the episode was: The Impact of the Commission's Neutrality on the Integrity of Elections.
<https://www.radionawa.com/ku/show-detail.aspx?jimare=214&znjera=6682>
- **2025-8-18** The guest of this episode is Fink Shafiq Hamdamine, Director General of the General Directorate for Combating Violence against Women and the Family. The episode's title is: The Role of the General Directorate for Combating Violence against Women and the Family in Protecting Female Candidates in Elections.
<https://www.radionawa.com/ku/show-detail.aspx?jimare=214&znjera=6683>
- **2025-8-26** This episode's guest was Hogr Chato Shekha, general coordinator of the Shams Election Monitoring Network. The episode's title: The importance of transparency in the electoral process, the pivotal role of women in elections, and how to protect them.
<https://www.radionawa.com/ku/show-detail.aspx?jimare=214&znjera=6685>
- **2025-8-30** This episode's guest is Mayada Al-Najjar, a former member of the Iraqi Council of Representatives. Episode title: Your previous experience as a member of the Iraqi parliament and your advice to female candidates in the elections.
<https://www.radionawa.com/ku/show-detail.aspx?jimare=214&znjera=6686>



- **2025-9-8** This episode's guest was Kanyaw Baez, a feminist and political activist. The episode's title “The Role of Political Parties in Supporting Women in General and in Elections in Particular.”
<https://www.radionawa.com/ku/show-detail.aspx?jimare=214&znjera=6687>
- **2025-9-14** The guest of this episode was Farman Fatih Shuker, a member of the Board of Directors at Shams Network. Episode title: How do you see the role of academia in using art in elections? Why do we hear songs more than other arts in elections?
<https://www.radionawa.com/ku/show-detail.aspx?jimare=214&znjera=6688>
- **2025-9-20** This episode's guest is Delsoz Shafiq, a women's rights activist and head of the Dabin Organization for Human Development. Episode title: What are the most prominent challenges women face in Iraq and Kurdistan when engaging in politics and elections?
<https://www.radionawa.com/ku/show-detail.aspx?jimare=214&znjera=6689>
- **2025-9-28** This episode's guest is Hoshyar Malo, head of the Kurdistan Human Rights Monitoring Organization. The episode's title is "The most prominent obstacles women face in elections, and the challenges female candidates face in their campaigns."
<https://www.radionawa.com/ku/show-detail.aspx?jimare=214&znjera=6691>
- **2025-10-4** This episode's guest was Dr Khanzad Ahmed, Secretary General of the High Council of Women and Development – “The reality of women's participation in elections and the Council's role in protecting female candidates”



<https://www.radionawa.com/ku/show-detail.aspx?jimare=214&znjera=6694>

-2025-10-11 This episode's guest is Salar Ahmad, CEO of the Shyaw for Youth and People with Disabilities Organization “ Role of Youth and People with Disabilities' Requirements and Participation in the Election Process “.

<https://www.radionawa.com/ku/show-detail.aspx?jimare=214&znjera=6699>

➤ **2025-10-18** This episode's guest is Pakhshan Kakawis - A Gender and Peacebuilding activist - “How Women can participate in the electoral process and how they can be partners in the political process and decision making “.
<https://www.radionawa.com/ku/show-detail.aspx?jimare=214&znjera=6701>

➤ **2025-10-26** This episode's guest was Aram Kamal, Projects Director at Kurdistan for All Organization – “The importance of women's participation and their role in the Iraqi elections and increasing women's role in establishing democratic life in Iraq“ .

<https://www.radionawa.com/ku/show-detail.aspx?jimare=214&znjera=6702>

➤ **2025-11-1** This episode's guest was Tania Talat Gli, A former member of the Iraqi parliament and a Women's Rights activist, “The challenges facing Women in the political process amidst current changes and the importance of Women's Quotas “

<https://www.radionawa.com/ku/show-detail.aspx?jimare=214&znjera=6705>

➤ **2025-11-8** This episode's guest was Marwan Mohammed, Director of the Independent High Electoral Commission in Erbil – “ The most important tasks of the commission and their role in conducting fair and impartial elections

<https://www.radionawa.com/ku/show-detail.aspx?jimare=214&znjera=6708>



- **2025-11-12** This episode's guest is Rezan Sheikh Dalir, a former member of the Iraqi parliament and a Women's Rights activist, “The importance of women's political participation in decision-making positions and the role of political parties in facilitating women's participation in these positions “.

<https://www.radionawa.com/ku/show-detail.aspx?jimare=214&znjera=6710>

- **2025-12-28** This episode's guest is Ramzia Zana -CEO of Roza Organization for Women's and Environmental Protection – “ Explanation of the steps of the project to enhance women's participation in elections Erbil and the project's implementation mechanism”

<https://www.radionawa.com/ku/show-detail.aspx?jimare=214&znjera=6713>

Program Link:

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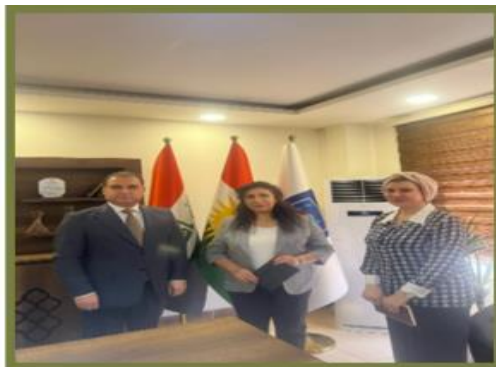
8. On August 4, 2025

Our organization, in collaboration with Wafedi Organization, visited the Chinese Consulate in Erbil and held a meeting with Mr. Jin Liu Jun, Consul of the People’s Republic of China. During the meeting, the general situation in the Kurdistan Region was discussed, with a particular focus on women’s issues. The discussion also covered mechanisms for joint coordination to improve and develop women’s conditions and implement collaborative projects serving this goal.



9. August 4, 2025

As part of our organization's activities, a visit was conducted to the office of the Independent High Electoral Commission in Erbil to meet with Mr. Marwan Mohammed. The purpose of the visit was to coordinate efforts under the "Enhancing Women's Participation in Elections" project. This project is implemented with financial support from Women for Women International (WFWI) and the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO).





10. On August 12, 2025

On August 8–10, 2025, the General Meeting of the Kurdistan Women's Alliance was held in Rwanuz District, with the participation of all members and invited guests of the Alliance from across the Kurdistan Region. Our organization participated in the meeting as a member of both the Administrative Board and the Founding Board of the Alliance. The meeting covered several key topics, including:

- An opening speech delivered by Bahar Ali.
- The Alliance's general report, presented by Administrative Board members Vian Nader, Kwestan Akram, and Dilsuz Shafiq.
- A discussion session about women with special needs, facilitated by Bahar Mahmoud, where Hajar Ismail and Kinar Tariq addressed the obstacles, challenges, and issues faced by women with special needs.
- Another session focused on women's conditions in Rwanuz and the Soran Independent Administration, presented by Ramzia Zana, with participation from Haza Suleiman, former member of the Kurdistan Parliament and political activist.

On the second day of the meeting, participants worked in groups to evaluate the Alliance's activities and work, supervised by Rizan Sheikh Dalir. At the conclusion of the meeting, a new Administrative Board for the Kurdistan Women's Alliance was elected, and our organization was selected as a member of the Administrative Board.

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II. On August 17, 2025

Preparations were made for the implementation of Health Awareness Week at the Women's and Juvenile Reform Facility in Erbil, a project of our organization. A meeting was held at the General Directorate of Social Reform in collaboration with the Justice Network for Prisoners and (NPA), under the supervision of the General

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Director of Social Reform and in the presence of the Deputy Director of Health, as well as representatives of local and international organizations, the Medical Syndicate, and pharmaceutical companies. The meeting aimed to prepare for the implementation of Health Awareness Week within the reform facilities. During the meeting, discussions focused on program implementation and health mechanisms to ensure the provision of comprehensive medical care to all inmates.



12. On August 18, 2025

As part of our organization's activities under the **“Enhancing Women's Participation in Elections”** project, our staff visited the District Governor of

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Choman, Mr. **Ahmed Barzan**, with the aim of coordinating between the two parties and preparing for the implementation of activities for women in Choman District.



13. On August 18, 2025

A seminar was conducted for 17 women in Choman District as part of the “**Enhancing Women’s Participation in Elections**” project. The project is implemented with financial support from Women for Women International and the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO). The seminar aimed to encourage women to vote for female candidates in the elections, strengthen their active role in the democratic process and decision-making, and raise women’s political awareness and participation.



13. On August 18, 2025

A seminar was conducted for 16 women in Warti Subdistrict as part of the “Enhancing Women’s Participation in Elections” project. The project is implemented with financial support from Women for Women International and the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO). The seminar aimed to encourage women to vote for female candidates in the elections, strengthen their active role in the democratic process and decision-making, and raise women’s political awareness and participation.



15. On August 19, 2025

As part of our organization’s activities under the “Enhancing Women’s Participation in Elections” project, our staff visited the office of the District Commissioner of the Soran Independent Administration, Mr. Rajab Zubair, with the aim of coordinating between both parties and preparing for the implementation of activities for women in the Soran Independent Administration.

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16. On August 19, 2025

As part of our organization's activities under the project "Enhancing Women's Participation in Elections," a seminar was conducted for (20) women in the Soran Independent Administration, with financial support from Women for Women International and the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO). The seminar aimed to encourage women's active participation in the electoral process, promote voting for female candidates, strengthen women's role in democratic processes and decision-making, and raise political awareness to enhance women's participation in public and political life.



17. On August 19, 2025

As part of our organization's activities under the project "Enhancing Women's Participation in Elections," a seminar was conducted for (20) women at the Cultural Center in Rawanduz District, with financial support from Women for Women International and the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO). The seminar aimed to encourage women to actively participate in the electoral process, promote voting for female candidates, strengthen women's effective role in democratic processes and decision-making, and raise political awareness to enhance women's participation in public and political life.



18. On August 20, 2025

As part of our organization's activities under the project "Enhancing Women's Participation in Elections," a seminar was conducted for (21) women at the Cultural Center in the Soran Independent Administration. This activity is part of the NISSAM Project, implemented with financial support from Women for Women International

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and the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO). The seminar aimed to encourage women to participate actively in the electoral process, promote voting for female candidates, strengthen women's effective role in democratic processes and decision-making, and raise political awareness to enhance women's participation in public and political life.



19. On August 24, 2025

The Health Week campaign was launched at the Women and Juveniles Reformatory in Erbil from **24 to 28 August 2025**, in the presence of the Governor of Erbil, Mr. Omid Khoshnaw, along with the Director General of Health and the Director General of Social Affairs. The campaign continued for one week at the Women and Juveniles Reformatory for inmates and included the implementation of various activities aimed at improving the health conditions of prisoners.

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20. On August 25, 2025

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The activities of the second day of the Health Week campaign at the Women and Juveniles Reformatory in Erbil were carried out in coordination with, in cooperation with the Justice Network Prisoners' and NPA. During the day, several activities were implemented, including a range of health-focused awareness and support initiatives aimed at improving the well-being of inmates.

- Cleaning the women's section (both detainees and convicted inmates)
- Receiving medications from **Awa Medica Company**.
- Conducting a first aid training session for convicted inmates.
- Receiving a batch of mattresses/supplies from **Bakhtiyari Company**.
- Donating cleaning supplies and materials by our organization and the Prisoners' Justice Network to the Reformatory Administration.





21. On August 26, 2025

The activities of the third day of the Health Week campaign at the Women and Juveniles Reformatory in Erbil were carried out in coordination in cooperation with the Justice Network Prisoners' and NPA organizations. Several activities were implemented during the day as part of the ongoing health campaign aimed at improving the well-being and living conditions of inmates.

- Conducting medical examinations for female inmates by a gynecologist from the General Directorate of Health / Erbil.
- Conducting medical examinations for female inmates by an ENT (Ear, Nose, and Throat) specialist from the General Directorate of Health / Erbil.
- Organizing a seminar on breast cancer by Noyatari Human Development Organization.
- Conducting health checks, including blood tests, diabetes screening, blood pressure measurement, ECG, temperature monitoring, and blood oxygen level measurement, by Hezi Tak Human Development Organization in collaboration with the Kurdistan Health Employees Union.

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22. On August 27, 2025

Activities of the Fourth Day of the Health Week Campaign at the Women and Juveniles Reformatory in Erbil on **27/08/2025** included:

- Medical examination and treatment of children and juveniles, distribution of gifts to children, provision of medications based on test results, and application of burn treatment creams for young children, conducted by Juzoor Sustainable Development Foundation and Shana Plus Organization.
- Conducting a workshop on using art (ART) for psychological therapy for women, organized by PAO Relief and Community Development Organization.

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- Delivering a seminar on social cohesion from the perspectives of Islam and Christianity, organized by the Ministry of Endowments and Religious Affairs.
- A lecture on chronic women's diseases, presented by the Women's Diseases Hospital – Erbil, under the Directorate of Health / Women's Diseases Unit.



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23. On August 28, 2025

Activities of the Final Day of the Health Week Campaign at the Women and Juveniles Reformatory in Erbil on 28/08/2025 included:

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- Conducting medical examinations for female inmates by a gynecologist specializing in breast cancer from the General Directorate of Health / Erbil.
- Donation of a Lenovo All-in-One desktop to the Reformatory Health Center by PAO Organization.



24. On September 1,2025

Our organization conducted a seminar for 10 activists at the Cultural Center in Ankawa District, as part of the activities of the “Enhancing Women’s Participation in Elections” project. This project is implemented with financial support from Women for Women

International and the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO). The activity is part of the NISSAM Project. The seminar aimed to encourage women to participate actively in the electoral process and to vote for female candidates, as well as to strengthen women's role in the democratic process and decision-making, and to raise political awareness regarding women's participation in public life.



25. On September 9 / 8-7-6-5-2025

A training course was organized for 18 female candidates in Erbil Governorate, representing different political parties within the Erbil electoral district for the 2025 Iraqi Parliamentary Elections. The training lasted for **four days** and aimed to strengthen the capacities and skills of female candidates within the framework of the “Enhancing Women’s Participation in Elections” project. This project is implemented with financial support from Women for Women International and funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO). This activity is also part of the NISSAM Project, which aims to encourage women to vote for female candidates during elections. The training was as follows:

- Day One: Trainer **Mr. Hagr Chato**, an elections specialist, delivered a training session on the legal framework of elections.

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- Day Two: Trainer **Ms. Nazem Ahmed** conducted a session on the mechanisms of managing successful electoral campaigns.
- Day Three: Trainer **Mr. Aso Abdulwahab**, a technology specialist, delivered a session on how to utilize technology and integrate it into electoral campaigns.
- Day Four: Trainer **Mr. Khidr Domli**, a media specialist, provided training on how to effectively use media tools in managing electoral campaigns.



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26. On September 14, 2025

A seminar was conducted for 20 persons with disabilities at the hall of Shiaw Organization for Youth and Persons with Disabilities, as part of the “Enhancing Women’s Participation in Elections” project. This project is implemented with

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financial support from Women for Women International and the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO). The activity is part of the NISSAM Project. The seminar aimed to encourage women to vote for female candidates in elections, strengthen women's active role in the democratic process and decision-making, and raise political awareness regarding women's participation in public life



27. On September 17, 2025

A seminar was conducted for **47 Women**, including activists and representatives of organizations, at the **Najiba Khan Hall in Koya District**, as part of the “**Enhancing Women's Participation in Elections**” project. This project is implemented with financial support from Women for Women International and the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO). This activity is part of the NISSAM

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27. On September 24, 2025

A seminar was conducted for 23 Women from Helawa Village, as part of the “Enhancing Women's Participation in Elections” project. This project is implemented with financial support from Women for Women International and funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO). The activity is part of the NISSAM Project, which aims to promote women's political participation and encourage women to vote for female candidates during elections. The seminar aimed

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to encourage women to actively participate in the electoral process, support voting for female candidates, strengthen women's role in the democratic process and decision-making, and raise political awareness regarding women's participation in public life.



29. On October 5, 2025

A seminar was held for 16 female activists in the Shaqlawa district as part of the project (Strengthening Women's Participation in Elections). This project is implemented with financial support from the Women for Women International Organization and the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Commonwealth (FCDO). This activity is part of the NISSAM project, and this seminar was held to

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encourage women to vote for female candidates in the elections and to strengthen their active role in democratic processes, creating diversity and raising the political level of women's participation.



30. On October 7, 2025

As part of our organization's activities under the "Enhancing Women's Participation in Elections" project, our staff conducted a visit to the President of the Polytechnic University, Dr. Abdulkhaliq Nader, with the aim of strengthening coordination between the organization and the university and preparing for the implementation of a seminar for university students.



31. On October 7, 2025

A seminar was held for 115 students and professors from the Polytechnic University in Shaqlawa District as part of the project (Enhancing Women's Participation in Elections). This project is implemented with financial support from Women for Women International and the French Ministry of Foreign and Commonwealth Cultural Affairs (FCDO). This activity is part of the NISSAM project, and this seminar aims to encourage women to vote for female candidates in elections, enhance their active role in democracy, create diversity, and raise the level of women's political participation.



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32. On October 15, 2025

A seminar for 21 women from the Shawis District, as part of the project (Encouraging Women's Participation in Elections), is implemented with financial support from the Women for Women International Organization and the British Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO). This activity is part of the NISSAM project, and this seminar was held to encourage women to vote for female candidates in elections and to enhance their active role in democracy and industrialization and raise the political level of women's participation.

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33. On October 19, 2025

A seminar for 45 female students and teachers at the Evening Commercial Preparatory School, as part of the project (Enhancing Women's Participation in Elections). This project is implemented with financial support from Women for Women International and the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO). This activity is part of the NISSAM project, and this seminar aims to encourage women to vote for female candidates in elections, enhance their active role in the democratic process and decision-making, and raise the level of political awareness for women's participation .





34. On October 24, 2025

A seminar for 47 Christians in the Shaqlawa Church, as part of the project (Promoting Women's Participation in Elections). This project is implemented with financial support from the Women for Women International Organization and the British Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO). This activity is part of the NISSAM project, which aims to promote women's political participation and encourage women to vote for female candidates during elections.



34. On October 25, 2025

As part of the organization's activities, a special election forum was organized, attended by **26 representatives** from international organizations,

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civil society organizations, government ministries, and public figures. The forum addressed topics including women's participation in decision-making positions, cultural differences between men and women, and the impact and effectiveness of the quota system in supporting and representing women in elections. This activity was conducted under the "Enhancing Women's Participation in Elections" project, implemented with financial support from Women for Women International and the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO). It is part of the NISSAM Project. The session was facilitated by two trainers specializing in women's issues:

- **Ms. Wahbia Zarar** – Lawyer and women's rights activist
- **Ms. Shahla Hussein** – Sociologist and women's rights specialist

Activities like this represent an important step toward raising community awareness about the importance of women's participation in the democratic process and elections, and encouraging women to reach decision-making positions in official and political institutions.



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36. On October 27, 2025

As part of the organization's activities, a special election forum was organized in Shaqlawa District, with the participation of 36 representatives from the local

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administration, including the Deputy District Commissioner of Shaqlawa, representatives from the Directorate of Education, the Directorate of Endowments, the Police Directorate, civil society organizations, and several public figures. The forum addressed the topic of women's participation in decision-making positions, cultural differences between women and men, and the impact of the quota system and its effectiveness in supporting and representing women in the electoral process. This activity was implemented within the framework of the project "Enhancing Women's Participation in Elections," carried out with financial support from *Women for Women International* and the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO). The session was facilitated by two trainers specialized in women's issues:

- Ms. Wahbia Zrar – Lawyer and women's rights activist.
- Ms. Shahla Hussein – Sociologist and specialist in women's rights issues.

Such activities represent an important step toward raising community awareness about the importance of women's participation in democratic processes and elections, and encouraging women to access decision-making positions within formal and political institutions, contributing to more inclusive and equitable participation.



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36. On October 30 , 2025

Within the framework of the organization's activities, a training was conducted for 15 volunteers to enhance their capacities in monitoring the Iraqi Parliamentary elections, in coordination with the SHAMS Network for Election Monitoring.



38. On November 3, 2025

Within the framework of our organization’s activities under the project “Enhancing Women’s Participation in Elections,” the organization’s staff conducted an official visit to the District Commissioner of Hareer District, Mr. Sherwan Jalal. The visit aimed to strengthen coordination between both parties and to prepare for the implementation of a seminar targeting women at the carpet factory.



38. On November 3, 2025

As part of the “Enhancing Women’s Participation in Elections” project, a seminar was held for 25 women workers at a carpet factory in Hareer District. The project is

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supported by *Women for Women International* and the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) and implemented within the NISSAM Project. The seminar aimed to raise political awareness among women, encourage them to vote for female candidates, and strengthen their role in democratic participation and decision-making.



39. On November 4, 2025

As part of the organization's activities, a special election forum was organized in Hareer District, with the participation of 34 representatives from the local administration, including the Deputy District Commissioner of Hareer, representatives from the Directorate of Education, the Directorate of Endowments, the Police Directorate, civil society organizations, and several public figures. This activity was implemented within the framework of the project "Enhancing Women's Participation in Elections," carried out with financial support from *Women for Women International* and the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO). The session was facilitated by two trainers specialized in women's issues:

- Ms. Wahbia Zrar – Lawyer and women's rights activist.
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41 On November 7, 2025

A seminar was conducted for 24 women in Baharka Subdistrict as part of the project “Enhancing Women’s Participation in Elections.” The project is implemented with financial support from *Women for Women International* and the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO). This activity is part of the NISSAM Project.

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41 On November 10 , 2025

As part of the organization's activities, a special election forum was organized in the Soran Independent Administration, with the participation of 26 representatives from the local administration, as well as representatives from the Directorate of Education, the Directorate of Endowments, the Police Directorate, civil society organizations, and several public figures. The forum addressed women's participation in decision-making positions, cultural differences between women and men, and the impact of the quota system and its effectiveness in supporting and representing women in

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elections. This activity was implemented within the framework of the project “Enhancing Women’s Participation in Elections,” carried out with financial support from *Women for Women International* and the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO).



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43 On November 9-11, 2025

As part of the organization's activities, and in coordination and collaboration with the Shams Network for Election Monitoring, field visits were conducted to several polling centers across different areas to observe and monitor the electoral process and to verify its implementation in accordance with principles of transparency and integrity.





44 . On December 13/14, 2025

As part of the project “*Enhancing Women’s Participation in Elections,*” a two-day training was conducted for nine elected women representing different political parties within the Erbil electoral district, following the 2025 Iraqi Parliamentary Elections. The training aimed to strengthen participants’ leadership capacities, legislative knowledge, and practical skills to support their effective engagement in political and parliamentary processes , The activity was implemented with financial support from Women for Women International and funded by the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), and formed part of the NISSAM Project, which promotes women’s political participation and encourages voters to support female candidates. The training was delivered according to the following components:

- Day One: Mr. Ayad Namik, former Member of Parliament, delivered a session covering the internal regulations of the legislative authority, including the Iraqi Council of Representatives and the Kurdistan Parliament. The session also addressed the executive branch, mechanisms for communication with parliament, and procedures related to parliamentary membership and committee work.
- Day Two: Mr. Hawkar Jato, an elections specialist, delivered a session focusing on electoral representation systems, political party programs, electoral lists and alliances, and institutional efficiency, alongside presentations of comparative models and experiences from different countries.

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45 . On December 18, 2025

As part of the organization's activities under the project “*Enhancing the Rights of Iraqi Minorities*,” our organization, in cooperation with the Iraqi Minorities Alliance Network (NPA) and with support from the Norwegian People's Aid (NPA), organized a celebratory carnival in Erbil on 18 December 2025. The event marked the thirty-third anniversary of the 1992 *Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities*. The carnival aimed to emphasize the importance of respecting cultural, religious, and linguistic diversity within Iraqi society, while highlighting minority rights and the need to protect and promote them in line with international human rights standards. The event

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also provided a space for community interaction and engagement, delivering a message of solidarity that promotes peaceful coexistence.

