

# ANNUAL REPORT 2020

**Jinda NGO  
For Women  
and Girls  
Effected by  
War**



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# WHO WE ARE

## Jinda organization – A Center for Ezidi Women and Girls.

The Jinda center opened in July 2015 as a long-term response to the overwhelming needs of women and girls who have escaped or been rescued from Daesh (ISIS) captivity. When they arrive in the Dohuk area, these women and girls, are in urgent need of care. Although we do not wish to sensationalize their experiences, it is important to understand that many (if not most) have suffered extreme violence, torture, beatings, forced conversion to Islam, sexual violence, captivity, and being sold as slaves.

Many have seen entire branches of their families killed, others have lost their husbands, brothers, and have their male children forcibly taken from them. Upon their return, they are in a fragile mental and emotional state, many feel conflicted about having ‘made it out’ while others are still held captive.

The center follows up on the work of the Mobile Teams by offering an inviting and pleasant (all woman) space where groups consisting of up to 35, are offered in depth counseling treatment, vocational courses such as crafting, knitting and sewing, agricultural skills, social activities, and most of all a safe space where they can share their experiences without judgement. In Kurdish ‘Jinda’ means new life, and that is what the center stands for, a place to regain strength, and hope, and start new chapters in their lives. With the knowledge they gain from different vocational courses, the goal is that they can provide for themselves and their families financially, and feel proud of their accomplishments. Jinda became a civil society NGO in 2015 .

**“When they first arrived, they were collapsed, totally. Psychologically, health-wise – everything, step by step, we are reintegrating them into society.”**



## Cheman Rashid

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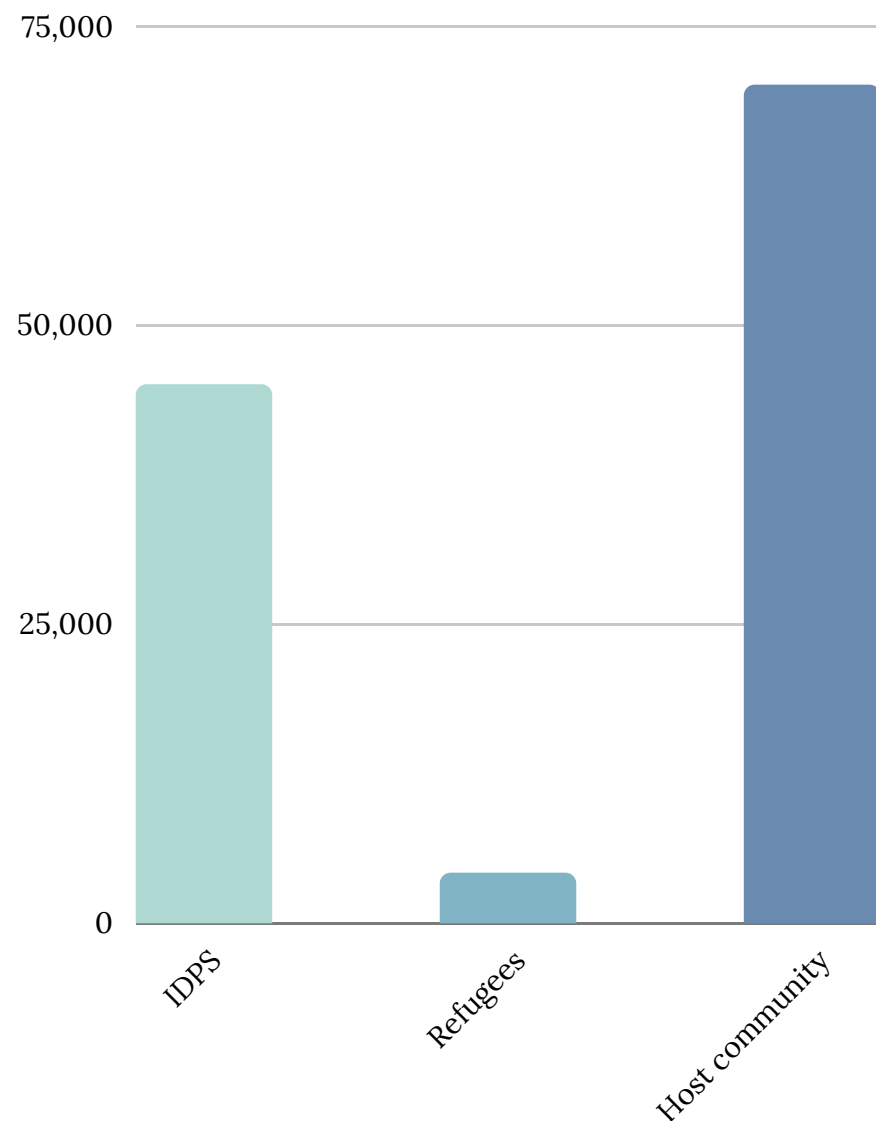
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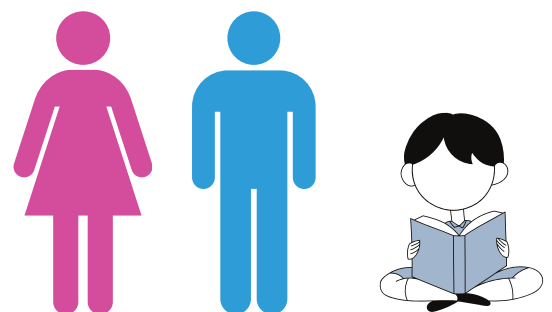


# 2020 BENEFICIARIES



**119,203**

During 2020, 119.203 individuals from IDPS, Refugees and host community in Dohuk, Erbil and Sulimaniah cites have been supported by Jinda projects.



Jinda have been supporting Ezidi IDPS from kabarto 1 and 2 , Sharya, Esyan, Khanki, Rawanga camps in addition to the unfinished building's. Jinda also had programs for syrian Refugees and people from the host community of Dohuk.

According to the Kurdistan Ministry of Interior Humanitarian situation report, 304,549 Idps and 84,182 Refugees are still living in the camps in Dohuk.



# OUR PROGRAMS

## **Tahawer By British Council**

190 youth from Kabarto1 and 2 , Esysan, Shikhan and Zakho

## **Our Eyes behind the Mask Funded By Crosspoint Europe**

12 Yazidi women sewing hand made masks from Kabarto1, 2 , Sharya and Esysan Camps

## **"Access to inclusive quality primary and secondary education for Syrian Refugees in KRI"**

Funded by UNESCO and being Implemented By Wadi , Jinda and Qubahan.

## **Corona Response**

By Wadi and SEZ

## **Christmas for Orphans**

By Wadi, Khalsa Aid and private Donor

# OUR EYES BEHIND THE MASK BY CROSSPOINT EUROPE

## Program

2020 was a difficult year for the whole world due to the spread of the pandemic. In March, The first case of the Covid-19 have been tested in Dohuk city. In response, Jinda have started spreading the awareness to follow the WHO organization instructions to avoid the spread of the virus. The awareness including the distribution of face masks to encourage people to wear it and also brochures for the ways of protection and information and publications for awareness to the people to be more careful about their health and their loved ones.

The pandemic unfortunately started spreading to reach the IDPs camps, The camps already in a lack of health and services.

The Center which has been taking care of refugees and especially Yazidi women for years, has been involved in the distribution of food and basic necessities, but also of sanitary material, such as masks and disinfectants. Hence the idea of producing masks and protective material for the distribution to the Yazidi community and in general to the population in need.

Jinda continued producing protective materials to be distributed in the camps, schools, universities and other public places. The recent Covid-19 pandemic oblige people to stay at home without work and with supply difficulties especially those whom doesn't have breadwinner and no income. Due to the global financial crisis and especially in Kurdistan. This situation is very difficult and affects the women and girls and also their kids. This activity gave the possibility to generate income and gave effective help in this difficult situation.

Twelve women who have been trained previously in the courses opened in Jinda on how to use sewing machines have been trained again on the way of sewing a face masks with medical materials.



# OUR EYES BEHIND THE MASK BY CROSSPOINT EUROPE

## Activities

Monthly medical materials needed for sewing handmade masks have been provided for twelve women who live in different camps in Duhok. The ladies started sewing the masks and the team distributed the masks with spreading the awareness to wear it. During Covid-19, the prices of face masks, gloves and medical materials have risen. The IDPs lack of financial incomes so they don't afford buying protective masks.

The project have started in May, and continued implantation until November 2020. During this duration 18550 handmade masks have been made and distributed to the IDPS camps , Refugees camps, Schools during exams, hospitals, Bazar, and areas around Duhok.

This project gave the possibility to those women who have been effected generate income and to give effective help in this difficult situation. With Crosspoint Europe help , these ladies have supported their family financially after they lost their men and family members during the attack of ISIS on their village in 2014.

In addition to the above mentioned activities, and with the support of Crosspoint Europe, Jinda team distributed sanitization stands for public places and Duhok Government offices such as (IDPs and refugees camp managements, Directorates of Education, Dohuk court and other places). The goal is to encourage people to keep on sanitizing and to spread the awareness against COVID-19. The distribution was successfully done by Jinda volunteers from different camps in Dohuk.

Big thanks to Crosspoint Europe team especially Maria Vitagliano who have been supporting Jinda since 2018. you can check Crosspoint website for more information about our project <https://crosspointeurope.org/> and donate to support more women through their donation link <https://crosspointeurope.org/donate/>





# TAHAWER YOUTH PROGRAM

## Program

One of the programs that Jinda implemented through 2020 is Tahawer youth program in cooperation with British council.

The program focused on the ethnics and religious minorities around Dohuk governorate from both genders, different areas, cultures, habits and traditions. The program focused on different religions and minorities and was implemented inside the camps, provincial district centers and peripheral centers where the minorities are located. The program have created a mixed panel from different minorities, ethnic groups, sectarian backgrounds and religions with one goal “peace building”

Within the project, the selected youth had the opportunity to discuss topics with people from different areas and countries in Iraq. The discussion was held in a safe place where the youth can discuss different topics that aims on peace building and development.

The aim of Jinda NGO is to deliver a message to the world is that no matter where you from are or which religion you follow we are all “human”.

The project started implementing the face to face in January 2020, it targeted 190 youth their ages between 15-25 from both genders male and female and in different background and education including (educated, students, graduated, and less educated)

## Implementation

The project staff started implementing since Nov 2019. It started with the selection of the Tahawer youth from Kabarto 1, 2 and Eshan camps and also from Zakho and Shikhan districts. The selection was based on a criteria and a special tool followed by the selection of the safe places for the debate sessions. The program discussed different topics including:

- Gender & Inclusion
- Cultural Heritage & Traditions
- Education & Opportunities
- Peacebuilding & Co-existence
- Media & Expression
- Citizenship & Identity

Due to the spread of Covid-19 and the increment of cases, a curfew was imposed in Kurdistan Region which effected on the activities of the project in which we were forced to complete the project online. Since May 2020, We started the debate sessions through Zoom application. Managing the sessions online was challenging because of the limited access and poor internet connection especially for the IDPs living in the camps. Nevertheless, The youth participated in the sessions succesfully with reaching the target number. The program is planning to complete its activities for 2021.



# COVID-19 RESPONSE

## Project by SEZ and Wadi

Due to the global virus COVID-19 and its spread in Kurdistan and especially in the IDPs camps, Jinda With help of SEZ (Baden-Württemberg) and cooperation of Wadi NGO started the implementation of Sewing masks project for the month of October and November.

The idea of this project is to spread the awareness and to encourage everyone to wear their masks and reduce the spread of the virus. One of the reasons that the IDPs didn't wear masks because they couldn't afford buying due to the increase of prices of masks and gloves. In Kurdistan, 96,201 total confirmed cases of Corona virus according to the statistics of ministry of health of Kurdistan <https://gov.krd/coronavirus-en/situation-update/>

As the beginning of the project, Jinda started the selection of the target women. The selection criteria was based on the skills, situation (survivors or non-survivor) and financial situation. The women who have been selected have participated previously in Jinda's sewing courses.

The team started introducing the idea of the project to the women and a trainer trained the women on how to do the masks as it is a new experience for them. The team supervised their work daily and a social worker supported the women and gave psychosocial sessions before sewing the masks. The sessions were individual and group following the instructions of Ministry of Health. The five women have been trained about the way of sewing the masks properly using the medical equipment's.

The women have produced 6100 masks during two months. At the beginning, sewing a proper face masks with same size was hard for them, but day by day they started learning the skill and started their own design.

After producing the masks, Jinda and Wadi Dohuk team started weekly distribution of the face masks to the people living in the camps. In addition to distributing brochures of awareness to follow the Ministry of health instructions showing the ways of protection from Covid-19.



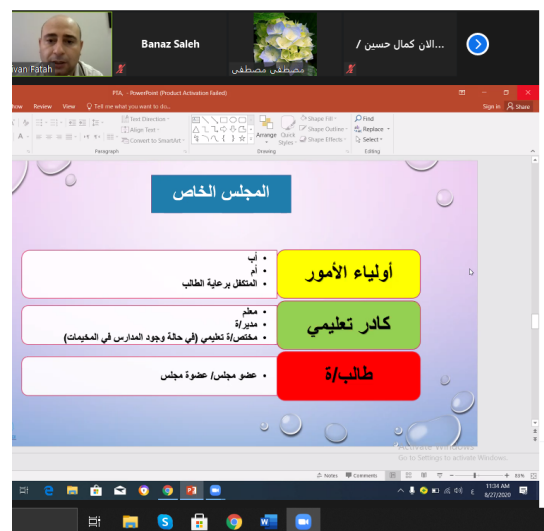


# ACCESS TO INCLUSIVE QUALITY PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES IN KRI PROJECT

## Refugees program

For the third year, Wadi continued providing support to Syrian Refugees education in KRI under UNESCO supervision and EU funding. The project implemented in a partnership with two local organization, which are Jinda organization for women and girls affected by war, and Qubahan organization for development QoD. Since a year ago until now, the world is under Covid-19 attack, the virus that led governments around the world to impose full shutdown in their countries. This decision included closing the schools and education system. Wadi decided to develop a plan to continue supporting Syrian Refugees in KRI, therefore, the education team developed a Facebook pages/ groups for 15 primary and secondary schools located in the camp and linked all students to their schools' pages. In addition, the project team created an online group for Parents and Teachers Association members (PTA) to link them all in one place and give them a chance to discuss their children problems and work to find solutions. Since Jan 2020, Wadi implemented the following activities:

- Re-enrolled 79 dropped out students.
- Hiring 116 teachers to deliver online catch-up classes through Facebook and Zoom App. In conclusion, 1604 students participated in these online catch classes.
- Monthly providing sanitization and cleaning materials
- Distributing gloves and masks to teachers and students during their attendance to schools.
- Providing daily transportation support to 334 students.
- Providing stationery kits for 2210 secondary schools students.
- Providing psychosocial support (PSS) to 2350 students.
- Expanding and providing furniture for six secondary schools.
- Distributing teacher/classrooms kits for 777 teachers.
- Hiring and providing incentives for 180 secondary schools teachers
- Hiring and providing incentives for 16 guards/ service workers who are working in the secondary schools.
- Conducting Teachers online training for 410 teachers.
- Observe and mentoring teachers.
- Conducting online workshops for 27 of Parents and Teachers Association members (PTAs).
- Conducting Safely Back to School campaign.





# CHRISTMAS FOR ORPHANS

## Project

For the occasion of Christmas and the New Year, Jinda NGO have supported 75 orphans in Sharya, Eryan and two orphanages in Dohuk governorate. The selected orphanages have been provided all the life necessities including health, psychological , disciplinary and pedagogical care. These kids have lost their parents (father, mother or both during the teriorst attack of ISIS during 2014. they didn't only take their dreams, they took their families! These kids have been neglected by the NGOs and government as they need special care and intensive support to heal from their trauma.

With the support of Wadi, Khalsa Aid and our private donor, Jinda was able to buy new clothes, shoes, blankets ,toys, bed sheets and Food supplies. The kids have been brought by a bus to a shop in Dohuk to start buying new clothes and shoes. Our volunteers helped in the process of finding suitable clothes with the suitable size for the kids from different ages( infants, child and teenagers). The kids received new toys to complete their joy and celebrated the new year with them with dancing and singing songs. Big thanks to Wadi, Khalsa Aid and our private donor for their support for bringing joy to these kids



# SUCCESS STORY

## Kachona story

Kachona is a 24 years old Yazidi woman who lives in Sharya camp located in Northern Iraq Kurdistan Region. Sharya is one of the 13 camps in Dohuk that IDPs and Refugees settle in. Kachona is from Shingal Wardya village.

In August 3, 2014, Kachona, her husband, and their child left their home. Like tens of thousands of other Yazidis, they hoped to take shelter on Mount Sinjar. But they never made it. Within a matter of hours, the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL, also known as ISIS) had encircled the city of Sinjar and its surrounding villages. Kachona's family was captured on the road and taken with dozens of other Yazidis who had tried to escape.

The men were separated from the women and children. The women and children were beaten, insulted, threatened and starved, Kachona said. I wasn't separated from my husband and my child, we begged them not to separate us in return of doing whatever they want. Our family have been captured for one year and seven months. We followed their religion and we have been treated as slaves.

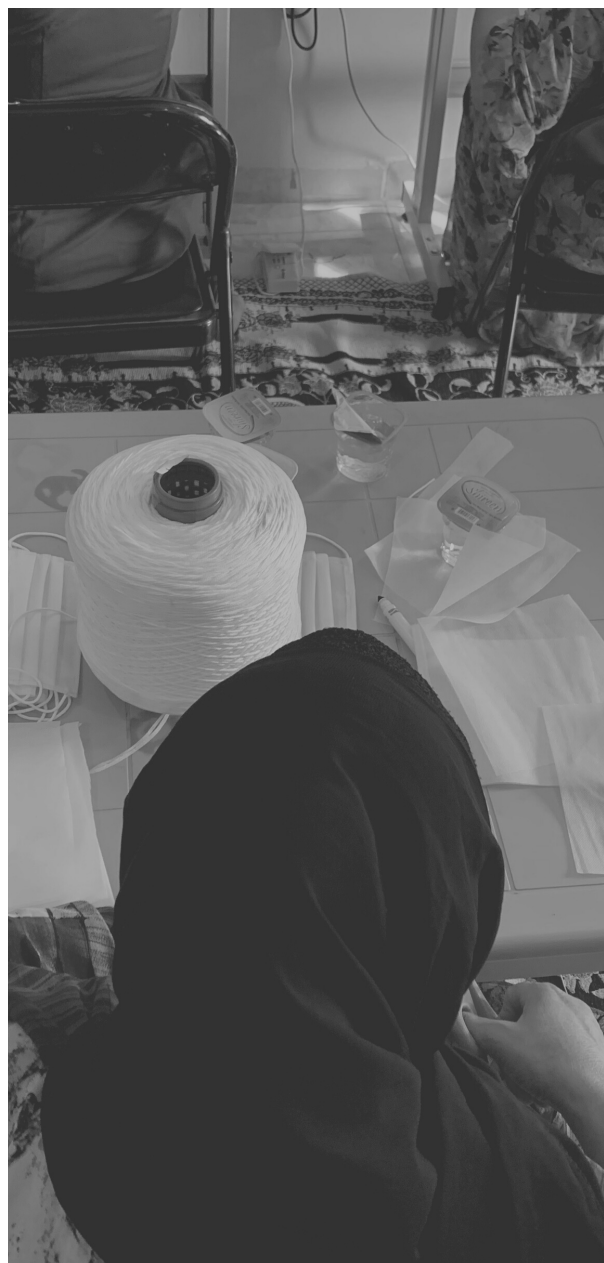
***"When I got married, my dream was to live a happy life with my husband and kids and a good future and Education for my family. They took all my dreams and turn it into a nightmare. Kachona added.***

Returning back from slavery and starting a new life was very difficult. Since then she have been settled in Sharya camp. Her Husband couldn't find a job because of his bad psychological statue.

*"I have started to see life from different perspective. Joined many courses provided by NGOs to learn new skills. One of them by Jinda NGO. I was interested in sewing". In May, I started working with Jinda as a sewer, I made hand made face masks. It was challenging in the beginning, per day i produced 20 masks. Now I produce 100" She added Proudly.*

Kachona worked to support her family and to buy new clothes, food and other daily needs. With the " Behind our Eyes" project by Crosspoint Europe support Kachona was able to support her family and her community.

Kachona is one of the twelve women supported in the project.



# LIVLIHOOD ACTIVITIES IN 2020

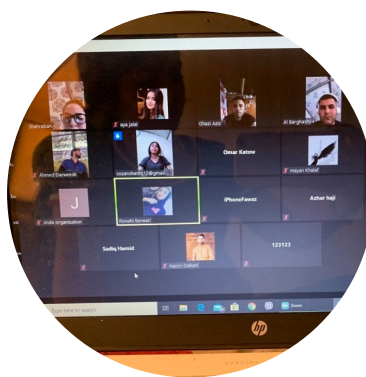
## Art Class for Kids in Sharya

One of the vocational courses that have been provided for Idps Kids in Sharya camp was the art class. in times of Pandemic it was very challenging to have a large participants in one hall, so the planned days of the courses have been increased and separated to two groups and also the number have been reduced in order to follow COVID-19 PPE. The vocational training halls for each course were installed in a way that the COVID-19 PPE measurements and materials were provided to the trainer and the participants. The goal from this course was to encourage kids to be involved in learning new skills and the pandemic forced them to stop learning as the schools have been closed. Thanks to our private donor for support.



## Online English Class

In 2020, an online English course have been organized for women and girls by Jinda NGO. The course was held during August 2020 targeting ages above 15 years old. The course was managed through zoom application and targeting 65 ladies from Dohuk Governorate. The course provided basic speaking English language skills which most of the women have requested, the materials have been delivered by a young college student volunteer.



## Dessert & Art Classes

In January 2020, Jinda held Art and dessert classes for 46 Yazidi women and girls from Kabarto 1, 2 , Khanki and Esyan camps. Before the spread of the pandemic in Duhok governorate, the courses were delivered in Jinda center, the women and girls have been brought to Duhok by renting a bus. The ladies have showed a big interest in the classes provided by Jinda so they sent pictures applying their learned knowledge in their tents. The classes were funded by SEZ and Crosspoint Europe and were supervised by Wadi.



## Women Role in Society Seminar

In coordination with WEP, a seminar have been conducted In December 2020 in Jinda NGO Discussing the topic of Women's role in the society, women from the community, staff members and victims and non victims have participated in the seminar.





# OTHER ACTIVITIES

## Jinda Member in C4JR

The Coalition for Just Reparations (C4JR) is an alliance of Iraqi civil society organizations (CSOs), representing Iraq's linguistic, ethnic and religious diversity, supporting reparation claims of survivors and other victims of crimes perpetrated during the conflict with the self-declared Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS conflict in Iraq). C4JR draws on international human rights and national law to advance the right to reparations of all civilian victims of ISIS armed conflict in Iraq.

## Participation in UNITAD Roundtable Online Meetings

Jinda is one of the civil Organizations that have participated in the roundtable meetings held by UNITAD INGO. The aim of the meetings is that UNITAD can strengthen its work with NGOs to enhance its investigations into ISIL crimes affecting children. UNITAD has successfully partnered with a variety of NGOs documenting ISIL crimes, including crimes against children. Through these partnerships, UNITAD has been able to identify patterns of crimes against children and the context in which they occurred. These partnerships have also led to the identification of witnesses, including affected children. A broader goal of UNITAD is to support the children and their families in their efforts to participate in accountability processes in a manner that is sensitive to their experiences and in particular any trauma they may have suffered as a result. These meetings are an opportunity to identify challenges and potential avenues through which such partnerships between UNITAD and the NGO community can be strengthened further.



## 16 Days Of Activism

Jinda NGO for women and girls effected by war had a ceremony for signing the book (ways for a Successful relationship between Families) by the author (Abd Alaziz Mohsen ) for the occasion of 16 days of activism against gender-based violence. The ceremony was held on Thursday 10/12/2020.

## Appreciation from Ministry Of Education of Kurdistan Region

The Ministry of Education in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq awarded Wadi for helping the school programs for Syrian refugees for three years. This project is implemented and conducted by Wadi Duhok team in cooperation with Jinda and supported by UNESCO.

## Webinar With UN Women Iraq

Discussion meeting have been held in October 2020 regarding the topic "Impact of COVID-19 on Violence Against Women and Girls in Iraq through the Lens of Women's Civil Society Organization", During the session, a rapid Assessment results of COVID -19 Effects in Iraq have been presented. The methodology used was based on a survey of 49 questions in English, Arabic and French, including both multiple choice and open questions to gather quantitative and qualitative data. The data was collected from 6 to 20

May 2020. UN Women received inputs from over 220 CSOs from 15 countries across the Arab States region :Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait , Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia



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