

JINDA 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 arrived in the Dohuk area, these women and girls, are in urgent need of care. 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. The center follows up on the work of the Mobile Teams by offering an inviting and pleasant (all woman) space where groups 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 Jinda Director Reported.

Jinda Mission:

Our mission is to raise awareness, represent and rehabilitate survivors affected by wars and to seek the implementation of human rights principles to create a society where men and women are treated equally.

Jinda vision:

The vision of Jinda is to become an instrumental actor towards the empowerment and support of women and girls of Yezidi and other minority groups who have been affected by Daesh (ISIS) atrocities and community.



2024 PROJECTS

PROJECT	DURATION	FUNDED BY
EMPOWERING WOMEN FOR LEADERSHIP AND PROTECTION: PREVENTING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN THE KURDISTAN REGION OF IRAQ (DUHOK GOVERNORATE)	15/10/2024 31/12/2024	UN WOMEN -WPHF
BETTER LIFE FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS	01/01/2024 ON GOING	CROSSPOINT EUROPE
RECYCLING PLASTIC WASTE IN IDPS CAMPS	01/01/2024 ONGOING	WADI-BMZ
PLAY BUS	01/07/2024 ONGOING	GERMAN COUNSLATE THROUGH WADI
WE TASTE IT	01/02/2024 31/12/2024	MC MC ORG





EMPOWERING WOMEN FOR LEADERSHIP AND PROTECTION: PREVENTING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN THE KURDISTAN REGION OF IRAQ (DUHOK GOVERNORATE)

This initiative aims to empower women in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq by fostering leadership skills and promoting gender equality while addressing and preventing gender based violence (GBV). The project spans a period of two and a half years and seeks to engage women in leadership roles across various sectors, create safe spaces, and improve legal and social frameworks for addressing GBV.

At first ,five specialized trainings have been organized to enhance leadership, negotiation, and conflict resolution skills for women in government and political sectors. The sessions took place in Dohuk (two sessions), Zakho, Sumel, and Shekhan, engaging 100 women and girls aged 16-55. The trainings were delivered by expert facilitators using interactive methodologies such as role-playing, case studies, and group exercises. The project organized four trainings to enhance the knowledge of women and girls on UNSCR 1325 and leadership skills. These trainings were conducted in Dohuk, Zakho, Sumel, and Amedi, targeting 100 women and girls in leadership positions and the security sectors.

the continuation of women's safe spaces inside Dolsa center in khanki camp provided vital support to women and girls, addressing their legal, mental health, and psychosocial needs. The safe space offered mental health services to 100 women, legal support to 50 women, and psychosocial assistance to 250 women. These services were provided through a combination of individual counseling, group therapy, and legal consultations, delivered by trained professionals.

Establishing a religious and societal discourse that adopts the principles of tolerance, respect for women's rights, diversity, and coexistence, the capacity development training sessions were conducted for religious leaders and media representatives in Duhok Governorate during November 2024. The sessions, held in Duhok and Zakho, engaged 50 participants, including imams, priests, Yazidi spiritual leaders, university lecturers, government officials, and media representatives. Key topics included advocacy against child marriage, promoting women's participation in decision-making, and raising awareness of women's rights.

Activities featured interactive discussions, case studies, and role playing exercises. And an awareness campaign on Gender-Based Violence (GBV) was conducted across schools and universities in Duhok Governorate. The campaign aimed to enhance students' understanding of GBV, its implications, and prevention strategies. Also an awareness campaign on GBV targeting Zirka Prison in Duhok have been conducted in two days in Dec 2024. The campaign aimed to conduct four awareness sessions.

The topics included Understanding Gender-Based Violence (GBV), Legal Frameworks and Rights, Impact of GBV on Communities and Role of Rehabilitation in Preventing GBV. Establishing preventive measures in all entities to prevent gender-based violence in conflict settings, Jinda conducted capacity development training sessions for law enforcement agencies in Duhok Governorate during December 2024.

The sessions, held in Duhok, Bardarash, Zakho, and Amedi including police officers, security personnel, and other law enforcement representatives from general directorate of Police and sub offices, Zirka prison, Law enforcement from community police and many other related agencies.

Key topics included international humanitarian law (IHL), legal frameworks for women's protection, and the practical application of these laws in humanitarian contexts. Activities included case studies, group discussions, and practical exercises to enhance field skills. Community awareness on cyber abuse was raised through a targeted social media campaign. The initiative aimed to reach 5,000 individuals through multiple awareness activities. The campaign successfully achieved its goal through hiring one designer who published online materials, This outcome reflects increased awareness of cyber abuse and its impact on women and girls.

Also Two meetings have been conducted through in Dolsa Directorate office on “strengthen protection measures for survivors and victims of GBV and to ensure accountability”. Each meeting, 20 participants have participated from DCAVW, DOLSA, Legal entities, and civil society NGOs active in GBV sector. Two advocacy meetings were successfully conducted with representatives from the Directorate for Combating Violence Against Women (DCAVW) and other GBV actors. These meetings resulted in two significant commitments including formalizing the referral form of GBV to ensure streamlined and effective case management among government agencies, aimed at enhancing protection measures and increasing accountability for addressing GBV cases. And the other decision is DCAVW will draft a letter of recommendations and instructions to formalize the 119 awareness materials. These materials will serve as a standard reference for NGOs conducting GBV awareness activities, addressing the numerous complaints regarding inconsistencies.



The activity successfully met its targets, with 100 women receiving mental health services, 50 benefiting from legal support, and 100 receiving psychosocial support. Also comprehensive research was conducted to analyze Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and its consequences in Duhok Governorate. The research included both qualitative and quantitative methodologies. Qualitative data collection involved 20 in-depth interviews and focus group discussions with survivors of violence, stakeholders, and service providers from key organizations, including DCVAW, lawyers, professors, and relevant government offices. Otherwise we had Improving the response to gender-based violence in different sectors like Media campaign was launched During Dec 2024 to improve the response to gender-based violence (GBV) through the creation of 3 videos, each aimed at educating the public and advocating for the elimination of GBV.

These videos were published on Jinda social media platforms facebook and Instagram with the goal of reaching 10,000 views and interactions. Since the start of the project, we started community awareness campaign to encourage women to use hotlines for support.

The campaign in collaboration with WPS Network represented by Suzan Arif the director of WEO Ngo and in collaboration with DCVAW, as designing poster and three radio episodes were produced and aired via Radio Duhok's social media platform.

Also Developing legal and institutional frameworks for accountability and justice we had one meeting conducted in Duhok which focused on Strengthening Accountability and Justice in Gender Based Violence (GBV) Cases, participants from High Women Council represented by Dr.KHanzad, DCVAW, DOLSA, DMCR, Directorate of Youth, Directorate of Police and relevant government entities. Three recommendations collected and reported to HICWA to be proposed for inclusion in the next Iraq National Action Plan (INAP) 2025, ensuring that the voices and needs of survivors are addressed and prioritized in national strategies.



BETTER LIFE FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS AND THEIR CHILDREN

We are excited to implement STEM education activities for children with the support of Crosspoint, reaching over 75 children. These activities are designed to introduce and engage young learners in the core disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). By participating in hands-on experiments, challenges, and interactive lessons, children are developing critical thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration skills.

Through the support of Crosspoint, we have been able to create an enriching environment where children explore various STEM concepts. They are introduced to scientific principles, experiment with technological tools, understand engineering processes, and develop mathematical thinking, all in a fun and engaging manner. These activities are fostering a deeper interest in STEM fields and encouraging children to think creatively while tackling real-world problems. The initiative has proven to be a valuable resource in sparking curiosity and preparing the next generation for future opportunities in these vital fields.



In May, a computer course was held in Kalakje District for 18 boys and girls, spanning 8 days.

The course aimed to provide essential computer skills and increase digital literacy among the participants.

Over the course of the program, participants were introduced to a range of topics, including basic computer operations, internet usage, and Microsoft Office applications such as Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

The course was structured to be interactive and hands-on, allowing the participants to practice their skills through various exercises and tasks. By the end of the 8 days, participants had gained a solid understanding of computer basics, which will be valuable for their academic and future career pursuits. The course was a success, with all participants showing great enthusiasm and improvement throughout the sessions.



In July, an 8-day tailoring course was held in Kalakje District for 16 girls. The primary goal of this course was to provide the participants with the skills and knowledge necessary to become proficient in basic tailoring techniques. Over the span of the 8 days, the girls learned essential skills such as stitching, fabric cutting, measuring, and pattern-making, all fundamental components of the tailoring profession. The course was designed to be practical and hands-on, allowing the girls to practice the techniques as they learned. Under the guidance of experienced instructors, they worked on creating simple garments, building their confidence and skillset. By the end of the course, each participant had successfully completed at least one garment, demonstrating their ability to apply what they had learned.

This tailoring course not only taught valuable technical skills but also promoted creativity and independence. The girls left the program feeling more confident in their abilities, with a sense of accomplishment and a newfound skill set that could lead to future opportunities in tailoring or entrepreneurship. The program was a great success, giving the girls both a practical skill and the confidence to pursue their interests further.

RECYCLING PLASTIC BY WADI AND BMZ PROJECT

LOCATION : KABARTO 1 & 2 CAMPS

BENEFICIARIES: IDPS FROM SHINGAL

We proudly exhibited our recycling project during the International Women's Day celebration organized by the German and Dutch Consulates General in Erbil. This project, a collaboration with WADI and funded by BMZ, aims to raise awareness about plastic recycling and its environmental benefits. We showcased the tools and products created through our efforts, giving attendees a firsthand look at what can be achieved by reusing plastic. It was an exciting opportunity to engage with the community and demonstrate the positive impact of sustainable practices.

Our recycling team in Kabarto camp is actively spreading awareness in local schools about the importance of recycling and its role in protecting the environment. Through educational sessions, they emphasize the harmful effects of plastic pollution and how recycling can help reduce waste. The team engages students with practical examples and activities, encouraging them to adopt sustainable habits in their daily lives. This initiative aims to inspire the younger generation to take responsibility for their environment and contribute to a cleaner, healthier future.

Glimpses from our ongoing recycling center in Duhok's Kabarto Camp showcase the dedication of our team, who work daily to collect plastic waste. Along with waste collection, our team is committed to raising awareness among the camp residents about the importance of recycling and environmental protection. Through their efforts, they are not only reducing plastic pollution but also empowering the community to take active roles in safeguarding their environment. The recycling center continues to be a vital resource in promoting sustainability and fostering a cleaner, healthier living space for all.

For 35 years, WADI has been dedicated to raising awareness and inspiring individuals to embrace change by providing valuable information and experience. With the launch of our new citizenship program, we now encourage people to put these tools into action. This program reflects our decades of collaboration with government institutions and citizens, working together toward a common goal. To bring this initiative to life, WADI has teamed up with seven diverse organizations, each presenting their vision for the next two years. Our NGO is proud to be one of these seven organizations. Our collective aim is to mend relationships between individuals and authorities, while also enhancing internal organizational dynamics. This invitation is proudly supported by the Dutch Consulate, whose partnership helps further strengthen this important initiative.



Glimpses from the Active Citizenship Project highlight our ongoing efforts to empower citizens and raise awareness of their rights. The project's primary goal is to ensure that every individual feels equal, valued, and informed about their role in society. Implemented by Jinda and supervised by WADI, this initiative is designed to foster a sense of civic responsibility and inclusivity. Proudly funded by the Dutch Consulate General, the project continues to create meaningful change by encouraging active participation and strengthening community bonds.

Our team continues to spread awareness about the concept of citizenship and human rights as part of the "Active Citizenship" project, supported by WADI NGO and funded by the Dutch Consulate. During December 2024, we successfully conducted awareness sessions across several camps, reaching 140 teenagers and adults. These sessions took place in Sharya, Eryan, Domiz, and Khanke IDP and refugee camps. The goal was to educate participants on their rights and responsibilities, fostering a deeper understanding of active citizenship and empowering individuals to take an active role in their communities.

PLAY BUS PROJECT BY WADI

the Play Bus project, implemented by WADI in partnership with BMZ, is a mobile initiative designed to support the educational and emotional well being of children living in camps and urban areas of Duhok. By delivering structured play, creative expression, and informal learning opportunities, the project aims to foster the emotional, cognitive, and social development of children affected by displacement and other challenging life circumstances.

- Provide consistent access to recreational and educational activities for displaced and vulnerable children.
- Support children's psychosocial well being through play, creativity, and group interaction.
- Enhance learning and personal development through interactive and age appropriate programming.



Target Group for the Children aged 5 to 12 years living in camps and underserved neighborhoods in Duhok.

Project Activities

Over the reporting year, the Play Bus traveled to multiple camps and urban locations across Duhok on a regular basis. The team conducted activities 12 days per month, ensuring a sustained and reliable presence over a 6-month operational period within the year.

- Interactive Learning Stations equipped with books, puzzles, and educational games aimed at stimulating intellectual development.
- Art and Creativity Workshops drawing, painting, and crafting sessions encouraged self-expression and emotional processing through art.
- Recreational and Group Activities sports, dance, and team-based games helped build cooperation skills, confidence, and physical fitness.

The Play Bus project served as a safe and inspiring space for children navigating the impacts of trauma and displacement. Its mobile nature allowed access to communities with limited infrastructure, ensuring that children who might otherwise be excluded from enrichment opportunities were actively engaged. Through this initiative, WADI and BMZ provided a holistic support model that addressed both the educational and psychosocial needs of children. The Play Bus not only brought joy and structure to their daily lives but also played a vital role in building resilience and hope in a difficult environment.

Conclusion

The Play Bus project continues to demonstrate the importance of mobile, inclusive, and child centered approaches in humanitarian contexts. By reaching children where they are, it affirms their right to play, learn, and grow, regardless of their circumstances.

WE TASTE IT BY MC MC ORG

Jams and Pickles Production Training – Domiz 1 Camp and Domiz Area

As part of our ongoing efforts to empower women and promote sustainable livelihoods within displaced communities, a specialized training program was launched in early 2025 targeting young women from Domiz 1 Camp and the surrounding Domiz Area. The program was specifically designed to teach participants the skills needed to produce homemade jams and pickles—products that are in steady demand in local markets. A total of 32 girls were enrolled in the initiative.

The primary goal of the program was to equip the participants with practical, income-generating skills that could help foster economic independence and long-term resilience. The participants received hands-on training in various aspects of food production. The general goal of the project was to empower women affected by war, strengthen their self-confidence, and provide them with pathways toward financial independence.

To achieve this, two intensive training cycles were organized through which 30 women successfully completed technical training in food production, including jams and pickles. In addition, all participants received training in financial and logistical management. As a result, the project achieved 100% of its planned training activities, and participants reported improved confidence and greater capacity to establish small businesses. One of the participants reported:

“ Before joining this project, I had no source of income and felt dependent on others. Through the training, I learned not only how to prepare and sell food products but also how to manage a small business. Now I am able to contribute to my family's expenses and feel more confident about my future.

Alongside the training, a fully equipped women-led shop was established and furnished with essential tools such as a refrigerator, canning supplies, furniture, with four women selected as shop owners. To further support independent work, 26 participants received toolkits to launch their own home-based businesses. Follow-up monitoring demonstrated that at least 70% of the women began producing and selling products, thereby generating supplementary income for their households. The project also integrated psychosocial and social support, with ongoing supervision and assistance provided by a social worker. At least 10 women received individual counseling and follow-up, while group support sessions contributed to improved mental well-being and strengthened peer networks, ensuring that participants felt supported both socially and professionally.





The training combined technical instruction with entrepreneurial guidance, ensuring that the girls not only learned how to make the products but also gained a fundamental understanding of how to market and sell them.

At the conclusion of the training, the program entered its second phase enterprise development. Based on performance, interest, and leadership potential, four of the most skilled and motivated participants were selected to manage a newly established small scale production facility within the camp.

This facility serves as a mini factory for the production of jams and pickles, providing a structured environment where the selected girls can work collaboratively to supply their products to local shops and small markets. This facility not only enhances production capacity but also opens the door for future employment opportunities, allowing the business to expand and potentially hire additional women from the community as demand increases. The remaining 28 participants were each provided with a comprehensive starter kit to help them continue production independently from their homes. Each kit included:

- Essential cooking utensils and tools
- Jars and lids for packaging
- Pre-printed labels and branding materials
- Raw ingredients to create initial batches

This approach ensures that all participants whether managing the factory or working independently have the resources they need to generate income and put their new skills into practice.

This initiative has had a significant impact on the lives of the participating girls. It has empowered them to take active roles in supporting themselves and their families, shifting their roles from aid recipients to small business contributors. Moreover, the project has created a replicable model for community-driven economic development, especially within camp settings. The broader community has also benefited through improved access to local products, increased economic activity, and the potential for job creation.

The WE TASTE IT project has been a successful step toward empowering war-affected women in Dohuk, combining skills training, business opportunities, and psychosocial support to help participants rebuild their lives with dignity and independence. Through the establishment of a women-led shop and the distribution of toolkits, the project created long-term opportunities for sustainability, ensuring its impact continues beyond the official end date. This initiative stands as a testament to the power of targeted skill building and community empowerment. By investing in the skills and ambitions of young women, the program has fostered economic resilience while laying the foundation for a more self-reliant and hopeful future for displaced populations.

Jinda Organization expresses its deep gratitude to MC-MC Organization for their valuable support and partnership in making this vision a reality.

CARAVAN OF HUMANITY SUPPORT



From July 22nd, an 8-day computer course was held at the Jinda Office for 8 children's aged between 8 and 10 years. The course was designed to introduce young learners to the basics of computers and digital literacy in a fun and engaging manner. Under the guidance of a skilled trainer, the children explored essential topics such as using a computer, navigating the internet, basic typing skills, and using educational software. The course focused on hands-on activities, ensuring the children were actively involved in learning and practicing new skills. By the end of the 8 days, the participants had gained confidence in using computers and were more comfortable navigating different programs. The course was a valuable experience, helping to lay the foundation for future learning and giving the children the tools to thrive in an increasingly digital world.



A 16-day tailoring course was conducted at the Jinda Office for 8 girls, aiming to equip them with practical sewing and garment-making skills. The course was designed to provide hands-on experience and teach essential techniques such as stitching, pattern-making, fabric cutting, and fitting. Throughout the 16 days, the participants worked closely with skilled instructors to gain the necessary skills for basic garment construction. The course was both educational and creative, allowing the girls to work on personal projects, including simple clothing items. By the end of the course, each participant had completed at least one garment, showcasing their new abilities. The program was a great success, giving the girls not only valuable skills for potential future careers but also increased confidence and creativity in the craft of tailoring.



An 8-day computer course was held at the Jinda Office for 8 girls from the camp. The course aimed to provide the participants with essential computer skills, enhancing their digital literacy and preparing them for future opportunities. Over the 8 days, the girls learned how to operate a computer, use basic software like Microsoft Word and Excel, and navigate the internet safely. The course was structured to be interactive, with a focus on hands-on practice. The girls worked on individual and group tasks, reinforcing their understanding and boosting their confidence in using technology. By the end of the course, each participant had developed a strong foundation in computer usage, which will be beneficial for both academic and personal growth. The program was a success, and the girls showed great enthusiasm and improvement throughout the sessions.

OTHER ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED IN 2024

A meeting was held with Christian Holman, the German Ambassador to Iraq, and representatives from the German Consulate in Erbil. The primary focus of the discussion was the challenges faced by women in Iraq and potential strategies for improving their role and participation in society. The meeting was a productive exchange of ideas on improving the status and rights of women in Iraq. Both the German Ambassador and the consulate expressed strong support for initiatives that aim to empower women and create more opportunities for them in society. Moving forward, it was agreed that continued dialogue and cooperation between Iraq and Germany would be essential in overcoming these challenges and advancing gender equality in Iraq.



The Environmental Protection Group, in collaboration with an environmental organization, presented a workshop titled "Raising Environmental Awareness." The event aimed to educate and engage the public on key environmental issues. The workshop featured various sessions that covered topics such as climate change, waste management, and sustainable practices. Experts from both organizations shared their knowledge and insights, providing practical tips for individuals to reduce their environmental impact. Participants were encouraged to ask questions and actively participate in discussions, fostering a sense of community involvement. The workshop emphasized the importance of collective action in addressing environmental challenges. Overall, the event was a success, helping to raise awareness about environmental protection and inspiring attendees to take steps toward a more sustainable future.



Our NGO recently participated in a workshop on accountability in social assistance, hosted by Pasewan Organization in partnership with the Institute of Development Studies. The event was part of the Better Assistance in Crises research programmer, funded by the UK Government (FCDO).The workshop focused on enhancing accountability mechanisms within social assistance programs, especially in crisis situations. Representatives from various organizations, including our NGO, gathered to share insights and best practices for improving transparency and effectiveness in aid distribution. Discussions centered on the challenges faced in ensuring that assistance reaches those who need it most, and the role of accountability in fostering trust among affected communities. Participants explored various tools and strategies to strengthen accountability frameworks in crisis response. As part of the event, our NGO contributed valuable feedback based on our field experiences, offering suggestions for more efficient and equitable distribution of aid. The workshop served as a crucial step in advancing collaborative efforts to improve social assistance programs during crises.

WADI Organization, in collaboration with Jinda NGO, is planning to meet with the Minister of Health, Dr. Saman Barzinji, to discuss the implementation of an electronic health system. This initiative aims to enhance the efficiency and accessibility of healthcare services in the region by introducing digital solutions that streamline patient data management. The organizations believe that this modern approach will significantly contribute to improving healthcare outcomes, ensuring better resource management, and ultimately providing higher quality care to the population. The meeting with Dr. Barzinji is a crucial step towards realizing this vision, and both WADI and Jinda are committed to supporting the Ministry of Health in advancing the healthcare infrastructure with this innovative solution.



A group of orphaned children, in collaboration with Bridge NGO, will be visiting our recycling center. This visit aims to raise awareness about the importance of recycling and environmental sustainability. The children will have the opportunity to learn about how recyclable materials are processed, the impact of waste on the environment, and how they can contribute to a cleaner, greener world.



Social Media

Radio (Gav news)

Kurdistan TV about Women's right in May

Radio Duhok about violence against Women in OCT with Mrs.Cheman

Zagros TV Jinda workshop for religion and Media's Person at media saray in 19th NOV

Dalal TV Jinda workshop for religion and Social Media person at Jamal hotel in 25th Nov

Our NGO recently participated in the Women Voice First closing conference held in Baghdad, organized by Cordaid Iraq and funded by UKAID. It was an honor to be part of this important program, which focuses on advancing the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) agenda in Iraq. The conference brought together key stakeholders, including policymakers, civil society organizations, and women's rights activists, to reflect on the progress made and the challenges ahead in promoting women's participation in peacebuilding and decision-making processes. Throughout the event, our NGO shared its experiences and insights on how to effectively support women in conflict-affected areas. We engaged in discussions on strategies to empower women and ensure their voices are heard in shaping policies related to peace and security. Being part of the Women Voice First program has been a valuable opportunity for our NGO to contribute to the WPS agenda and strengthen our commitment to promoting gender equality and women's leadership in Iraq.



Our NGO participated in coordination meetings for the Kurdistan Region regarding UN Security Council Resolution 1325, organized by the Women's Council in cooperation with UN Women and TAJDID. The meetings provided a platform for key stakeholders to discuss the implementation of Resolution 1325, which emphasizes the importance of women's participation in peace and security processes. During the sessions, our NGO actively engaged in discussions on strategies to promote gender equality, prevent violence, and ensure women's involvement in decision-making at all levels. The meetings also focused on identifying challenges and opportunities for advancing the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) agenda in the Kurdistan Region. By contributing to these important coordination efforts, our NGO reinforced its commitment to supporting the goals of Resolution 1325 and strengthening the role of women in peacebuilding and conflict resolution in the region.



In collaboration with the Kurdish Diaspora Women's Federation, our staff participated in a two-day Health Circles workshop hosted at the Jiyan Foundation. The workshop focused on improving health awareness and providing essential information on various health-related topics, particularly for women in the community. During the event, participants engaged in discussions about mental and physical health, and shared experiences and strategies for better health management. The workshop aimed to empower women with knowledge and resources to make informed decisions about their well-being. Our staff contributed actively to the discussions and activities, helping to foster a supportive environment where participants could learn from one another. This collaborative effort reinforced our commitment to promoting health education and supporting women's well-being in the region.



On the occasion of International Women's Day, we launched a marketing strategies training program for 65 women entrepreneurs in Duhok and Zakho. This activity was funded by the High Women's Council and Cordaid, with the goal of empowering women entrepreneurs with the skills and knowledge to enhance their marketing efforts. The training covered essential topics such as market research, branding, digital marketing, and social media strategies. Participants gained valuable insights on how to effectively promote their products and services in a competitive marketplace, helping them grow their businesses and reach a broader audience. By focusing on building practical marketing skills, the program aimed to strengthen the entrepreneurial ecosystem for women in the region. This initiative was a meaningful way to commemorate International Women's Day, supporting women's economic empowerment and entrepreneurship.

