

Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

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Humanitarian Fund (WPHF)	
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	10. The Iraqi Al-Firdaws Society
	11. The Sport Spirit Organization
	12. Orchard Foundation for Human Appeal OFHA
	13. Awan Organization for Awareness and
	Capability Development
	14. Bishkoreen NGO for Child and Women Care
	Project Location: Iraq
	1. Baghdad,
	2. Al-Muthana.
	3. Duhok and its districts
	4. Basra
	5. Diaylah
	6. Kirkuk
	7. Salah-Al-Din
	8. Nineveh and its districts
	9. Anbar& Falluja
	10. Karbala.
Project Description:	Total Approved budget: 5,070,200 USD
The goal of the project is to achieve peaceful and gender equal societies. Achievements of	Project Start Date: November 2018
this goal will require that women are	Project End Date: 1 st January 2022
empowered to participate in and contribute	Total duration (in months): 24 months
to, and benefit from conflict prevention, crises	
response, peacebuilding and recovery. In Iraq,	
the project contributes to the following WPHF	
outcome areas: Outcome (1) creating an	



enabling environment for the implementation of WPS commitments; and Outcome (2) conflict prevention.

WPHF's Outcome the Project is contributing to:

Outcome 1: Enabling environment for the implementation of WPS commitments

Outcome 2: Conflict prevention

WPHF's indicator the Project is reporting on:

Outcome 1

Indicator 1.1: Whether National Action Plan on WPS has indicators to monitor progress
Indicator 1.2: Proportion of the total bilateral sector allocable ODA allocated to the country that targets gender equality and women's empowerment (principal and significant) **Outcome 2:**Indicator 2.1: Proportion of early warning indicators that are gender specific
Indicator 2.2: Number of cases of conflicts (e.g. familial, domestic, land, social, political, etc.) referred to

local women mediators.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Women's Peace & Humanitarian Fund is an innovative partnership empowering women to be a force for crisis response and lasting peace. Through this project, UN Women Country Office in Iraq is the Management Entity for WPHF CSOs partners. This is the second progress report (January - December 2019) aiming at providing an overview on the achievement of key outputs with associated challenges and lessons learned during the implementation of the WPHF Project in Iraq. In 2019, WPHF supported 8 grants implemented by a total of 15 women associations and local CSOs in Iraq under WPHF *Outcome 1:* Enabling environment for the implementation of WPS commitments, and *Outcome 2:* Conflict prevention. The below results document key achievements under Outcomes 1 and 2 in 8 CSOs during the reporting period, some of which represent updates on progress since the project is still ongoing in 7 CSO partners.

There is an increased level of awareness among targeted communities on the role of women in communities and in peacebuilding, particularly in relation to the implementation of the national action plan (NAP) on UNSCR 1325, as a result of training activities, community dialogues and advocacy run in project locations. Activities have targeted and reached a wide array of CSO members, women community leaders, women of skills and local entrepreneurs, activists as well as media representatives.

Campaigns organised and run by CSOs at the local level succeeded in informing targeted constituencies on Iraq's obligations under UNSCR 1325, as well as the Iraqi NAP (both the first NAP and the second NAP currently under discussion) and its pillars and activities to be implemented at the community level. Besides, six fairs were organised for handmade crafts and local products made by skilled women in target communities, as part of the advocacy campaign to demonstrate the leading role of women and their capacity to run a home-based business and generate income that would benefit their families and communities. The fairs were held in various provinces across Iraq (Baghdad, Bashiqa, Nineveh/ Telkef, Basra & Kirkuk) in partnership with the Baghdad Women Association (BWA) and were attended by **759 participants** (439 women, 320 men).

Decision makers across various sectors, as well as communities, were informed about UNSCR 1325 as a result of awareness raising campaigns such as that run by the Voice of Older People and Family CSO in 15 events which reached out to **4,844** women, and that organised by the Iraqi Women Journalists Forum which reached **392** participants.

Community outreach with messages on women, peace and security was enhanced by activities of a more public nature such as public seminars and dialogues which hosted religious and political party leaders; for example, SEWAN CSO conducted 30 public seminars which reached out to 600 participants covering Duhok and its districts; and IMC CSO reached out to 510 community leaders in Fallujah - Mosul and its subdistrict and in Nineveh Plain – Basra, which included academics besides other community members.

With the aim of empowering women in post-conflict situations, psychosocial and legal support services were provided to **3154** women and girls in 5 Iraqi provinces affected by conflict (Diyala, Kirkuk, Salah-Al-Din, Ninewa and Anbar). As a positive outcome, following this key intervention, 874 women developed themes for community-driven campaigns against violent extremism in communities, besides raising the legal and social awareness of other women in their circles, ultimately for peace



making and security.

In addition to the above, CSO mechanisms were established and equipped to follow up on the implementation of the second NAP of UNSCR 1325.

Better leadership and organization/coordination by women was achieved through the project, with women leading in overseeing the implementation of UNSCR 1325. In two training courses organised by the partner SAWA, 282 participants were trained and 6 committees (Women's Committee and Resolution 1325) were established in 6 governorates. The six committees were equipped with the knowledge and ability to follow up on the implementation of the second national plan for Resolution 1325, as Committee members represented local government, police, education, University, health, media, organizations, social figures and women activists.

Monitoring and reporting on the implementation of UNSCR 1325 by CSOs was enhanced through the project. A digital platform for CSOs to monitor the implementation of UNSCR 1325 was established and equipped to operate through conducted 16 workshops to train CSOs on how to use the platform. Training workshops covered all Iraq governorates and KRI with the participation of 484 CSOs representations (321 women& 163 men), the main impact was the increased number of registered CSOs in the platform, reflecting increased CSOs contributions in the domain of women, peace and security, as well as the launch of a publication on cooperation modalities/mechanism jointly with the Woman Empowerment Directorate (WED), signed by UDF CSOs.

The WPHF has been supporting 8 grants under Outcomes 1 and 2.

- ➢ 6 grants are implemented by women's rights or women-led organizations
- > 1 grant was implemented in partnership with a youth organization
- > 5 of the partners are community-based and local CSOs
- ➢ 6 grants are being implemented through strategic partnerships between a communitybased and a larger national organization, allowing for exchange of experience and expertise between CSOs through the project.

The following table provides details about all grants in terms of implementing partners, project scope and location, and number of beneficiaries reached out to, both direct and indirect.

Implementing partner	Project Title	Project start and date	date end	Project location	girls' benefi Repo rting	women & direct ciaries Consoli dated	boys' benefi Repo rting	Conso lidate	No of indirect beneficiarie s
					year		year	d	
Baghdad	Monitoring and	01	Nov	All over	879	899	525	525	2,798
Women	Advocacy for	2018-	30	Iraq					
Association in	the	April 20	020						
partnership	implementatio								
with Alliance	n of the Iraqi								
1325	National Action								
	Plan (INAP) for								
	UNSCR 1325								



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Bustan Association for Children & Adults Protection in partnership with Iraqi Al Firdaws Society, the Sport Spirit Organization, Orchard Foundation for Human Appeal (OFHA), Women's Committee in the National Parliament	Empowering women and young girls of five ISIS- impacted Iraqi provinces	01 Nov 2018- 1 st November 2020	Dyalah, Kirkuk, Salah-Al- Din, Ninewa, Anbar	5,10 7	6,294	0	0	70,000
Iraqi Women Journalists Forum	Women participation in conflict prevention & UNSCR 1325- INAP	01 Nov 18- 1st Nov-20	Anbar, Baghdad , Diyala, Mosul and Salah al Din.	253	287	220	254	11,454
Sewan Women's Empowerment Organization	The project focuses on women's mobilization to participate actively in peacebuilding within their communities	01 Nov 18- 31 Mar 20	Duhok, Ninawa	1,11 5	1,315	975	975	3,000
Voice of Older People and Family (VOP) In partnership with Bishkoreen NGO for Child and Women Care	Establishment of a Women Peacebuilding and Early Warning System	01 Nov 18- 30th Nov 19	Shekhan , Khatara, Alqush, Atreesh, 2 Yazidi IDPs camps (one in Shekhan and one in Isiyan).	5,43 4	5,791	1,43 2	1,432	21,669



Sawa	Implementing	01 Nov 18-	Anbar –	51	280	30	255	1,700
Organization	the	1st Jul 20	Salahald	51	200	50	255	1,700
for Human		ISC JUI 20	in					
Rights	requirements of Resolution							
Rights			Baghdad					
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	establishing		Karbala,					
	community		Muthan					
	committees in		na –					
	governorates		Basra					
	to establish an							
	early warning							
	mechanism,							
	empowering							
	(women's							
	organizations,							
	family police,							
	community							
	police,							
	teachers) on							
	peace							
	initiatives and							
	protecting							
	women and							
	girls with							
	national							
	programs							
	(Women for							
	Peace)							
Um-Alyateem	Enabling	1st Nov 18-	All over	469	536	251	251	100
for	national	30th April	Iraq					
Development	environment	20	-					
Foundation	for women,							
(UDF)	peace and							
	security							
Iraqi	Women's	1st Nov 18-	-Falluja,	711	736	314	314	6,101
Minorities	voices for	30th Nov	Mosul,					
Council in	peace and	20	Nineveh,					
partnership	conflict		Basra					
with Awan	prevention							
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for Awareness								
and Capability								
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I. Purpose and new developments

The current uncertain security situation in Iraq and the impact of decades of war, sanctions, conflict and violent extremism have enhanced the ongoing gender disparity and inequality among Iraqi



women and men, girls and boys. This further reinforced a barrier that prevented women's political and community participation in peace-building processes.

The first National Action Plan for the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security (2014-2018) was designed in a context of relative stability; however, its implementation was interrupted by conflict. The second phase of INAP, developed in 2019 with the technical support of UN Women, is currently pending government endorsement due to the current instability in the country. Iraq has been undergoing conflict in various regions of the country in the last five years, with conflicts of different nature, including violent extremism.

The practical and humanitarian importance of fulfilling the requirements of the Women, Peace and Security agenda as well as the requirements of CEDAW and the Beijing Action Plan 1994 is undeniable. Yet, although women, girls and children are the most affected by conflict in Iraq, women's meaningful participation in decision-making processes remain limited at all levels, particularly in negotiations related to peacebuilding and coexistence in communities.

In addition to conflicts from which the whole country still suffers, popular protests broke out in Iraq in October 2019 with public demands for economic reforms, jobs, public services, accountability and good governance. Iraqi women's role and participation in the protests has been significant, calling for equal opportunities and better representation at all political, economic, and social levels. The escalation of demonstrations all over Iraq since October 2019 has affected the security condition and restricted movement in a lot of regions. That said, some activities have been postponed for security reasons such as curfews imposed by government to control the security situation. It is worth noting that women and girls were actively involved in demonstrations and were present on the streets in large numbers, despite the risks. They even took up active roles such as providing food and first aid to the protestors.

To face these challenges, the main objectives of this project are to support women and civil society CSOs in enabling an environment for the implementation of WPS commitments in Iraq along with strengthening women's meaningful participation in conflict prevention and peacebuilding (WPHF outcomes 1 and 2).

II. Results

This project sought to combine efforts towards peace and security, development and human rights efforts by empowering women and girls as peacemakers and peacebuilders to increase peaceful coexistence and dialogue in Iraq and to counter-extremisms and violence, including gender-based violence. The project puts local NGOs and women's associations in the diversity set for implementation as crucial players to advance gender equality and peacebuilding at community, province and national level. By supporting local partners this project seeks to ensure ownership and build sustainable results and interventions.

During the reporting period, WPHF supported eight project-lead women's associations and local CSOs:

<u>Under Outcome 1, the below listed CSOs have achieved and met the main targets for the reporting period:</u>

1. Baghdad Women Association (BWA) in partnership with 1325 Alliance

The project is being carried out over 18 months by BWA and Alliance 1325 for supporting the implementation of the first INAP 1325 bridging INAP 1&2 and continuing working on peace and security. The project, which is implemented across Iraq including in Kurdistan, aims to enhance the accountability and monitoring mechanism of the INAP 1325 through trainings and evidence based advocacy of key actors. During reporting period, Baghdad Women Association (BWA) reported the following initial results and progress on activities:



- The Cross Sector Task Force, the secretariat, civil society (including academics, journalists, activists) have enhanced knowledge and skills in monitoring and evaluation of NAP1325. BWA conducted: two Training courses on monitoring, evaluation and accountability mechanisms for The Secretariat of the Cross Sector Task Force (CSTF) and Alliance 1325 (61 participants: 51 women and 10 men); conducted eight training workshops on the first and second INAP of UNSCR 1325 and their indicators for the ministerial Sectoral teams in Baghdad, with 219 participants (163 women, 56 men); conducted five training courses for below mentioned entities and participants with total number of 130 beneficiaries (71 women & 59 men) in Baghdad, Al-Anbar, Duhok, Diwaniya and Karbala. In addition, A first meeting was conducted on M&E and accountability mechanisms for the INAP of UNSCR 1325. Two more follow up trainings will take place in 2020.
- Held the first conference to discuss and launch the first BWA report on the implementation of the INAP of UNSCR 1325. The conference was attended by <u>111 participants</u> (71 women, 40 men). The conference and the resulting report were considered an accountability mechanism for ministries involved in the implementation of the INAP-1 and preparations for INAP-2, ensuring optimal delivery and continuity of interventions. This was reflected in the documentation of the ministerial achievements as a result of this conference.
- 135 representatives of Ministries and civil society (96 women, 39 men) participated and gained expertise on Women Peace and Security (WPS) through 4 evidence based round table meetings. Discussions were based on studies and statistics and focused on gender-sensitive budgeting and mainstreaming gender in peace and security.
- CSOs, the media and activists have increased knowledge and are more aware on the importance of INAP and WPS with over 2,798 people reached through advocacy and awareness campaigns across Iraq through fairs, dissemination of brochures and 6 radio spots.

2. Um-Alyateem for Development Foundation (UDF)

The project 'Enabling national environment for women, peace and security' implemented by the Um-Alyateem for Development Foundation (UDF) in Baghdad seeks to enable environment for the implementation of WPS commitments by: 1) developing national standards for gender mainstreaming in plans & public policies; 2) establishing a CSOs platform to implement and monitor the UNSCR1325; c) establishing the database of Iraqi women - security and peace. During the reporting period the following activities have been implemented:

- 9 Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) meetings were set up with 113 participants (103 women & 10 men), who represented different UN agencies, including Iraqi gender experts. The FGDs focused on national standards for gender mainstreaming and their application with the aim of reducing the gender gap in all sectors.
- A cooperation mechanism document was signed with the Woman Empowerment Directorate (WED) to develop a digital platform for CSOs which implement and monitor the UNSCR1325. UDF conducted 16 workshops training on using the platform across Iraq governorates and KRI with a total participation of **484 CSOs representations (321 women& 163 men)**.
- 44 employees from gender units in ministries and 6 governorates were trained on the digital platform and data analysis to improve quality reporting.
- The digital platform was launched with 128 attendees (73 women & 55 men), representing government officials from relevant ministries as well as CSO representatives.
- The CSO initiated the drafting the Standards of Gender mainstreaming manual, to be reviewed by gender experts who will attend next FGDs which will be held in 2020.



3. <u>Bustan Association for Children & Adults Protection covered Outcomes 1&2</u>

In the reporting period, Bustan Association for Children & Adults Protection implemented successfully the project 'Empowering women and young girls of five ISIS-impacted Iraqi provinces' which is focused in Diyala, Kirkuk, Salah-Al-Din, Ninewa and Anbar. The project aims at empowering women and girls in ISIS affected Iraqi provinces to combat violent extremism and increase women's participation at national and local levels in peace processes. The project entailed the provision of legal services, psychological services and provision of legal awareness, peace building/counter extremism education to help women and girls to promote diversities and pluralism. Moreover, the project entailed conducting public education campaign using different tools in both traditional and digital media.

During the reporting period, Bustan reported the following progress and results:

3,154 women and girls received legal and psychological support and engaged in a peacebuilding campaign in 5 impacted Iraqi provinces (Diyala, Kirkuk, Salah-Al-Din, Ninewa and Anbar).

As a result of these services, 874 women developed themes for community-driven campaigns against violent extremism in communities and raised the legal and social awareness of other women in their circles.

4. Sawa Organization for Human Rights covered Outcomes 1&2

Sawa Organization for Human Rights is implementing the project 'Women for Change' in Anbar, Salahaldin, Baghdad, Karbala Muthanna and Basra. The project contributes to support women's participation in conflict prevention and peacebuilding by establishing community committees in governorates serving as early warning mechanisms, and supporting women's organizations and women in community police and teachers on peace initiatives and the protection of women and girls. During the reporting period, Sawa has achieved the following results towards the realization of their project:

- 20 women from 12 women's organizations in 6 governorates were trained on the mechanisms of early warning and the requirements of resolution 1325 and national plans.
- 282 participants of the established 6 Women's committees have been trained on the implementation of the second national plan for Resolution 1325. This included Committee members from local government, police, education, University, health, media, CSOs, social personalities, women activists.
- 116 members of the Family and Child Protection Police and 117 members of the community police in 6 governorates were trained on knowledge of UNSCR 1325 and 2nd INAP, and how to draft Law of on Protection and Domestic Violence and enhancing the knowledge of the mechanisms for dealing with women victims of violence.
- The CSO conducted activities during the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence, in which the above beneficiaries participated, representing both community and official levels.

Overall, some of the achievements are also reflected in high level of women's participation in community activities, which **increased their visibility** as empowered women taking up leading roles, particularly around WPS at the local level, as well as **increased interest and recognition** of the UNSCR 1325 NAP and the role of women in reconciliation and peacebuilding in communities, and not only at the official level.

As a result of activities under Outcome 2, the below CSOs have achieved the following:



1.Iraqi Women Journalists Forum (IWJF):

IWJF's project 'Women participation in conflict prevention' implemented throughout Iraq aims to promote favorable attitudes of parties to the conflict and communities towards women's participation in conflict prevention through the media; increase capacity of local women's organizations to identify and respond to threats by establishing networks, early-warning systems and mechanisms that offer opportunities for dialogue and peaceful engagement; and women's conflict prevention mechanisms are connected to national and international reporting and response systems. During the reporting period, IWJF implemented & achieved the following results/impact:

- Conducted **2 training workshops** (3 days each) on capacity building training on UNSCR 1325 with **68 journalists**. Some **publications** resulted from this activity (refer to the Resources section at the end of the report)
- Conducted 4 orientation sessions in Baghdad targeting **48 journalists** on women's community participation in peacebuilding in Mosul, Diayla and Anbar.
- Conducted **community awareness campaign** on UNSCR1325 with 392 participants, representing media, decision makers from parliaments and spokesperson(s) from Iraqi court.
- Conducted a three-day workshop in Baghdad, on Early Warning System and raising awareness of local community members on threats identification mechanisms at the local level. This workshop was attended by 33 participants from Anbar.
- A campaign was designed and disseminated through 10 video posts and posters in Baghdad, Anbar & Diayla governorates, titled "Without Women the Solution Is Incomplete" to raise awareness and support women's participation in peacebuilding. A prominent woman figure, Claudia Hanna (Miss Arab and artist), joined the campaign to contribute to awareness raising as an engaged celebrity.

As a result of the above activities, **women's participation** in different activities among the local communities has increased particularly around reconciliation and peacebuilding, due to the changing perception of women's roles and participation in communities. **New initiatives are resulting** from the awareness raising efforts with the Diyala Provincial Council who volunteered to help in organizing a conference to be held in Diyala university at the end of 2020 on the issue, and the role of the university and the government in promoting a wider role for women.

3.Voice of Older People and Family (VOP-FAM):

Voice of Older People and Family (VOP) is implementing the project 'Establishment of a Women Peacebuilding and Early Warning System' in Shekhan, Khatara, Alqush, Atreesh, 2 Yazidi IDPs camp (one in Shekhan and one in Isiyan) in partnership with Bishkoreen NGO for Child and Women Care. The main objective of the project is the development of two women networks trained on (1) the early warning system and (2) conflict resolutions and peace building. With the achievement of this objective, VOP-FAM and Bishkoreen expect to enhance women's and girls' capacities to effective respond to cases of conflict and to influence local governments about the active role of women in society. During the reporting period, the project achieved the following results/impacts:

Conducted interviews for 146 women through focus group discussions (FGDs) on women in peacebuilding to assess the knowledge, attitudes and practices of the targeted communities to identify the main gaps in these societies particularly in relation to views about women and the implementation of UNSCR 1325. The survey helped the planning of the intervention in terms of design and target, as well as in measuring the change in the attitudes and knowledge after the project.



- Trained 60 women on early warning systems through two Ten-days TOT training courses in Alqush, Khatara & Essian. These 60 trainers then trained 300 women on early warning systems, and as a result a network was created on early warning systems in IDPs camps.
- Conducted training course for 46 women trained to be qualified peace ambassadors through structured trainings who then undertook several initiatives to raise awaress on women in peacebuilding and UNSCR1325: Participation of 4,844 women in a total of 15 events. These events were implemented by the above-mentioned ambassadors in collaboration with the project staff in each location including the exhibitions. These events included sessions, school competitions, exhibitions and brochure distribution. In addition, 1642 women attended and participated in concerts to show women's role in solving problems within their communities.

As a result of the above activities, networks of 360 women are formed and are now aware of how use their knowledge of the meaning of early warning system to play prominent role among their communities to significantly participate in keeping peace and peacebuilding after facing conflicts. Women, for the first time, at least in the project locations are now aware of the fact that their role in peace resolution and lasting peace and their concerns in conflicts and post conflict situations are considered by the international community. That was through introducing them to the SCR 1325.The peace ambassadors have increased knowledge about how to act in conflicts and post conflict situations at least at the local level. In addition, the most noticeable outcomes are the following:

- 1. Increased attention to women's role by government officials in the project locations.
- 2. Change in general perception of women as vulnerable, or rather "weak", members of the community to a perception of empowerment and strength, whereby women can play an active role in peace mediation and negotiations.

4.Sewan Women's Empowerment Organization

Sewan Women's Empowerment Organization is implementing the Formation of Peacebuilding voluntary groups in Duhok and Ninawa. The project focuses on increasing women's mobilization to participate actively in peacebuilding within their communities. During the reporting period, the project achieved the following results/impacts:

- Raised public awareness and capacity building of women and girls to play vital role in participating in peacebuilding within their communities through conducted twenty five-days training (capacity building training) with 340 women and girls, covering (10 women and girl in each training) in Duhok and Nineveh including the targeted districts (Jambour- Qasara -Shekhan- Masireke- Sumil- Batel)
- A Risk assessment was undertaken to better understand the main reasons for conflicts from a gender perspective, through a series of interviews engaging 1200 women & girls including key informant interviews covering 15 locations in Duhok and Ninawa. Specifically, 400 individuals were interviewed, (200 women 200 men), 200 key informants interviewees were undertaken (100 women 100 men) in addition to 50 focus groups (mixed groups of women and men).
- Communities became more responsive to women issues and women's positive impact on restoring peace to women, girls, men and all Iraqi society components through implementing the following advocacy campaigns:
 - 30 public seminars with 600 participants (community member, religious and political parties members, government staffs male and female) covered Duhok and its districts (Kora- Bagira- Zawita- Mangesh- Baadra- Tanhi- Sumil- Qasara- Masireke- Seji)



 Conducted 15 Advocacy sessions with 150 participants (community's member, religious and political party's members, government staff's (male and female) in Duhok and Ninawa.

5.Iraq Minorities Council:

The project 'Women's voices for peace and conflict prevention' implemented by Iraq Minorities Council in Falluja, Mosul, Nineveh and Basra, in partnership with Awan Organization for Awareness and Capability Development, has the objective to improve women's participation and activating their role in building and strengthening peace and reducing and preventing conflict through working with key actors in society. The project will promote the following: First: the governing political pattern and the community environment to involve women in all peace building initiatives and projects and conflict resolution negotiations. Second: the project will strengthen the capacity of women themselves to confront violence and early warning of violence and adopt a culture of nonviolence. This project will be implemented in the most important areas that witnessed armed conflicts and they are Nineveh Province and Fallujah District, as well as the most important areas that witnessed tribal conflicts that claimed the lives of women which is Basra province, where the project's team will work closely with all stakeholders to support and activate women's participation to promote society, build peace, promote peaceful coexistence, curb extremism and incite violence. In the reporting period, the project has achieved the following results and impact:

- Trained 300 local women's organizations and activists (Fallujah Mosul and its subdistrict and in Nineveh Plain - Basra) to monitor early warning signs of conflict. The trainees received extensive training on how to manage crises, conflict and improve early warning tools to improve crisis response and analysis of sectarian discourse and to analyze threats, where the level of benefit of training was measured through the adoption of the pre and post-test questionnaire as well as through individual interviews with trainees and through the evaluation form of the final workshop.
- Participation of 240 community figures in dialogues in Fallujah Mosul and its subdistrict and in Nineveh Plain – Basra, to **design and develop a crises response plan** aligned with women's plans for conflict prevention and resolution, with the participation of members of the Municipal Council in the city and sheikhs of tribes, community police, sheikhs, notables, and representatives of the local government.
- Participation of 510 community figures in dialogues sessions in Fallujah Mosul and its subdistrict and in Nineveh Plain Basra with academics, sheikhs, notables, representatives of civil community organizations, media officers, activists, and volunteer teams. The dialogue sessions tackled topics such as the importance of women's role in peacebuilding, women's role in community building and countering extremist speech, women's role in limiting conflict, tribal conflict and limiting the proliferation of weapons, to enhance the community public knowledge and debate towards supporting the participation of women in peacebuilding.
- For more visibility, the importance of women's role in peacebuilding Highlighted via conducted Media Campaign through, launching # Women Peace. - المرأة سلام كل عام والمرأة #-العراقية بخير

The knowledge of women on managing the conflict among the targeted communities has been increased and this was shown by the strong interest of women from targeted provinces to participate in the raising awareness training workshops and their significant role in improving the tools of early warning system.

Overall challenges



The security situation during the reporting period has caused some delays in implementation. For example, the partner BWA, faced different challenges during the implementation of the second quarter activities as follows:

- Demonstration in the country in the past few months caused in delay and shifting some activities to other more settled governorates in the north rather in the south
- The dates of the third workshop mentioned above were delayed as well as the establishment of committee was shifted.

One of the main challenge was that not all CSOs have the strong capacity and skills to conduct M&E and often limit it to counting the level of participation during the workshops they conduct. However, this challenge is one of the reasons why UN Women with the support of WPHF has prepared a capacity building training including M&E for partner CSOs, scheduled for June 2020.as mentioned in the challenges section, not all CSOs have yet the capacity to conduct substantive evaluation of their interventions. That said, UN Women will conduct a series of capacity building workshops in 2020 to ensure consistent M&E reporting across all CSOs implementing the project.

Lessons Learned

One of the lessons learned during the first training workshop with the ministerial task forces in Baghdad was to have alternative plan to move forward in case of any delay due to the general security situation in the country, and also by taking into consideration the diversity of invited participants who represented different religious, ethnic, geographical social and educational backgrounds. This necessitated more cooperation and cross-cultural understanding, which, likewise, is necessary for narrowing the gap between different groups at the country level.

A Specific Story

As a result of the fifth fair in Al-Basrah, and 6 awareness sessions in different districts, where the population had never heard of UNSCR 1325 or Iraq's obligations in this regard, religious leaders and tribal sheikhs were actively engaged in the session and showed strong interest and willingness to lead campaigns for awareness raising about UNSCR 1325 as well as in involving women in peace processes and mediation work in communities, particularly in a rural areas, such us Al-Hartha districts. In addition, five young women volunteered to spread the culture of peace in the districts of Al-Zubair where there are many internally displaced groups and minorities with different religious backgrounds. Changes resulting from these activities will continue to be monitored.

III. Assessments, Evaluations and Knowledge

Implementing partners regularly share data pertaining to intervention delivery using basic quantitative tools. Bigger and more experienced CSOs, such as Baghdad Women Association, shared M&E reports covering the activities were implemented during the reporting period using more elaborate tools to evaluate the project and activities. While basic monitoring data is being provided by partners, as mentioned in the challenges section, not all CSOs have yet the capacity to conduct substantive evaluation of their interventions. UN Women will conduct a series of capacity building workshops in 2020 to ensure consistent M&E reporting across all CSOs implementing the project.

IV. Programmatic Revisions



There were no changes to agreements with partners. However, there have been changes in timeframe of activities because of security issues affecting the project locations which impacted the implementation and sometimes willingness of community members to be part of the project activities.

The priorities for 2020 is the implementation of the 2nd CFP with 12 CSOs selected out of 101 longlisted with total grant of 2,569,346 USD. Those 12 CSOs will cover 3 outcomes: 1,2 & 3 on Humanitarian/crisis response planning.

V. Resources

Iraqi women Journalists- her voice media campaign conducted by IWJF :

Link:<u>https://www.facebook.com/iiwjf/photos/a.1583341531966839/2005925589708429/?type=3&t heater</u>

Woman is the peace- every year and Iraqi woman in Peace and Good condition-#Woman_Peace.

<u>#المرأة سلام</u> كل عام والمرأة العراقية بخير <u>Woman Peace</u> رابط هشتاك المرأة سلام

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رابط الحلقة التلفزيونية (link of TV spot)

<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GJ-</u> <u>QwvDOG1U&t=3s&fbclid=IwAR0g90MW9MGaB_CBvY68KRcfimOrjnN1_VSxRUzFLTz-</u> <u>Kt5t48C8DclwMFQ</u>

<u>Annexes</u>

Annex 1 – Result Framework

Annex 2 - Photos



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	Achieved Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)	Source of Verification
Baghdad Women Association: Outcome 1: Enabling environment for the implementation of WPS commitments Output 1.1: National strategies, financing and accountably mechanism are in place for the implementation of women, peace and security Indicator: Monitoring and evaluation plan for INAP 1325 designed by the national team in collaboration with civil society Indicator: # of women of the Secretariat of the national team and Alliance 1325 trained about monitoring and evaluation mechanisms of INAP 1325 Baseline: 0	-Conducted two Training courses on monitoring, evaluation and accountability mechanisms for The Secretariat of the Cross Sector Task Force (CSTF) and Alliance 1325 covering <u>sixty-one participants (51 women</u> <u>and 10 men).</u>		Attendance Sheets Reports Photos and video
Target: 60 Output 1.2 Strengthening the accountability mechanism for the implementation of INAP	-Conducted eight training workshops on the first and second INAP of UNSCR 1325 and their indicators for the ministerial task force in Baghdad, with <u>219 participants</u> (163 women, 56 men).		



Indicator: Implementing (10) training workshops for the ministerial task forces (5) in Baghdad and (5) in Erbil		
Baseline: 0		
Target: 250		
Output 1.3: The Federal and Kurdistan region	-Implemented four round table meetings (discussion	
government fulfill their commitments in implementing the activities of INAP	sessions) covered four subjects with 135 beneficiaries, (96 women, 39 men)	
Indicator: 1. Six roundtable meeting		
Target:130		
Indicator: 2. Six field studies		
Indicator: 3 Advocacy campaigns (Radio spots, collecting signatures, brochures)	-Recorded 6 Radio Spots as a part of advocacy campaign	
Baseline: 0	to spread and raising awareness about INAP of UNSCR 1325.	
Target :5000 Brochures	- Printing brochures, 5000 brochures were printed, about	
Basline:0	more than 3,000 out of 5000 have been disseminated	
Target: 4 Radio spots	during conducting training workshops and the remaining	
	will be disseminated during upcoming workshops, during this quarter about and some will be distributed to UN	
4. implementing six fairs	agencies during conducting various joined events with	
Baseline: 0	other UN agencies and NGOs.	



Target: 6 fairs	-Six fairs for the local handcraft's products covered	
	(Baghdad, Bashiqa, Nineveh/Telkef, Basra & Kirkuk) with	
	759 participants (439 women, 320 men)	
Output 1.2.2	Conducted five twoining occurrent for CCOs. Inverselicto 9	
Indicator: conducting six training for CSOs,	-Conducted five training courses for CSOs, Journalists & activists with total number of 130 participants (71 women	
Baseline:0	& 59 men)	
Target: 150		
Output 1.2.4: Writing and publishing first periodic	-Held the first conference to announce and discuss first	
observational reports about the implementation of	observation report with 111 participants (71 women, 40	
INAP 1325- 3 conferences	men), via this conference the work of the ministries and considered an accountability mechanism to ensure	
Baseline:	optimal implementation of INAP of UNSCR 1325 has been	
Target: 300	highlighted by the documentation of the ministerial	
	achievements as an immediate impact.	
	A first monthing uses conducted on MAC and	
Output 1.1.3	-A first meeting was conducted on M&E and accountability mechanisms for the INAP of UNSCR 1325	
Holding 3 meeting for a committee to put	with nine participants (8 women & 1 man) National	
accountability mechanisms on 1325:	Secretariat team & Alliance 1325.	
Basilne:0		
Target: around 15-20		
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Outcome 1: Enabling environment for the		Reports Photos and video
implementation of WPS commitments		Links, Facebook
Output 1.1.1: National standards for gender mainstreaming in Plans & public policies Baseline:0 Target:100	- Set up 9 Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) meetings were set up with 113 participants (103 women & 10 men), who represented different UN agencies, including Iraqi gender experts. The FGDs focused on national standards for gender mainstreaming and their application with the aim of reducing the gender gap in all sectors.	
Output 1.2.3: Establishing CSOs platform to implement and monitor the UNSCR1325 Indicator: A CSOs platform to implement and monitor the UNSCR1325 established	UDF conducted 16 workshops training on using the platform across Iraq governorates and KRI with a total participation of 484 CSOs representations (321 women & 163 men).	
Indicator: A database on Iraqi women, peace and security established Baseline: 0 Target: 480	CSOs e-platform launching ceremony: Invitation and attendance of 128 (73 women & 55 men) to the ceremony of launching the simulating e-platform in Baghdad by SG or the Minister of Planning with invitation to ministries and trained CSOs from all governorates .	
	- Conducted training workshop on digital platform (CSOs' data base) with 44 participants (28 women&16 men) covering Iraqi ministries from 6 governorates. Initiated of drafting the Standards of Gender mainstreaming manual,	



Output 1.3.3: Establishing the database of Iraqi women security and peace CBS. Indicator: (50) employees of ministries and local governments trained to be responsible for data- input into the database. Basline:0 Target:50 Indicator: Women's database is available for browsers and researchers Indicator - One-day training workshop for CSB staff (15-20 persons) about the data system, data-input, updating in CSB location Basline:0 Target:15-20	to be reviewed by gender experts who will attend next FGDs which will be held in 2020 - One-day training workshop for CSB staff with 18 participants (11 women & 7 men) on the data system, data-input, updating in CSB location -Signed cooperation mechanism document with Woman Empowerment Directorate (WED)& E-platform -Establishment of a CSOs- digital platform for the implementation and monitoring of UNSCR1325-	
	Empowered women in post-conflict situations through psychosocial and legal support services, covering <u>3154</u> women and girls in 5 Iraqi provinces affected by conflict (Diyala, Kirkuk, Salah-Al-Din, Ninewa and Anbar). Result: The intervention provided women and girls with the	Country reporting by UNDP and UN Women WPHF Reporting



	necessary rehabilitative support which they needed following crisis	
Outcome 2: National and regional conflict prevention systems are gender sensitive	- Participation of 874 women (mainly from the same group of beneficiaries of the psychosocial and legal	
Output 2.1. A total of 3000 women and young girls from 5 impacted Iraqi provinces are involved in domestic/home-based family get-together mediation and counter extremism events to encourage peaceful and law-based approaches to help solve problems.	support sessions) who actively engaged in creating themes for a campaign that aims to combat violent extremism and raise the legal and social awareness of women for peace in their local communities.	Monthly reporting Project documents (including photos, videos, attendance sheets, legal consultation cases)
Baseline:233 Target Year 1:1500 Target Year 2: 1500		Case studies Monthly reporting Project documents (including photos, videos, attendance sheets)
Output 2.2 A total of 500 women and young girls from 5 impacted Iraqi provinces are empowered to work out themes for a campaign that aims to	The public campaign using the short film on women survivors of ISIL's capturing was prepared and published via social media and has reached 70,000 viewers.	Case studies



combat violent extremism and raise the legal and social awareness for peace	Copies of the promotional tools (draft)
Basline:0	Copies of the promotional
Target: 500	tools (definitive version)
Indicator: Proportion of formal negotiators in peace processes taking place within the last 12 months that were women	
Output 3.1. public education campaign will be launched (using a short film and the Radio program) that will help women's participation in promoting peaceful dialogue, addressing the attitudinal and cultural biases which create obstacles, will be prepared in cooperation with the Women's Affair Committee in the Iraqi Parliament reaching at least 250,000 social media viewers in the mentioned provinces especially and whole Iraq. Indicator: Proportion of formal negotiators in peace processes taking place within the last 12 months that were women Baseline:0	Monthly reporting Project documents Copies of the promotional tools (draft) Copies of the promotional tools (last version)
Target Year 1:200,000 viewers	Lists of the social media portals
Target Year 2:	Lists of media channels
50,000 viewers	Lists of the media channels



			Feedback from viewers
Iraqi Women Journalists Forum (IWJF)Outcome 2:		The project was	Training report
Women's meaningful participation in conflict prevention		firstly focused on Anbar, Baghdad and	Ex-post evaluation
prevention		Diyala. IWJF added	Reports
		the city of Mosul and	
	Conducted 2 training workshops (3 days each) on capacity	Salah al Din to	Participants attendance sheet
Output 1.1	building training on UN Security Council Resolution 1325 with 68 journalists	broaden the project reach.	Photos/videos/web sites
Favourable attitudes of parties to the conflict and			
communities towards women's participation in			
conflict prevention is promoted Indicator: #		IWJF decided to involve male	
Indicator: 1.1.1 # of women journalists participated in capacity building training on UN Security Council		journalists in the	
Resolution 1325		implementation of	
		actions to raise	
Baseline: 0		commitment and	
Target: 60		awareness on gender issues.	
Indicator: # of orientation session held by newly	Conducted 4 orientation sessions in Baghdad targeting 48		
trained journalists.	journalists from Anbar on women's community		
Indicator: # of community awareness campaigns on UN Security Council Resolution 1325.	participation in peacebuilding in Mosul, Diayla and Anbar.		



Indicator: # of street posters and street digital	-Disseminated Ten Video Posts in Baghdad, Anbar &	
signage	Diayla governorates, titled "Without Women the Solution	
Baseline: 0	Is Incomplete" & "Hand in Hand We Create New Reality".	
Target: 54	-Printed ten posters were published holding "Without	
Output 1.2.2: Video posts:	Women the Solution Is Incomplete" & "Hand in Hand We Create New Reality".	
Baseline:0	Conducted community awareness campaign on	
Target:10 videos	UNSCR1325 with 392 participants, representing media, decision makers from parliaments and spokesperson(s) from Iraqi court.	
Output 1.2.3: Ten posters.		
Output 2.4: Community awareness campaigns on UN Security Council Resolution 1325, planned target : 6 seminars.		
Output 2.6: local women's organizations has the capacity to identify and respond to threats by establishing networks, early-warning systems and mechanisms that offer opportunities for dialogue and peacefully engagement.	Conducted a three-day workshop in Baghdad, about conducting working in conflict areas on Early Warning System and raising awareness of community members on threats identification mechanisms at the local level. This workshop was attended by 33 participants from Anbar.	Training workshop report Reports Participants attendance sheet Photos
Indicator: # of women activist and women organizations representative participated in capacity building trainings on EWS and threat identifications. 100 participants		Photos



Indicator: # of EWS formed during project period		
Baseline: 0		
Target: 100		
Voice of Older People and Family (VOP-FAM)	Conducted interviews for <u>146</u> women through focus group discussions (FGDs) on women in peacebuilding to assess the knowledge, attitudes and practices of the targeted communities to identify the main gaps in these societies particularly in relation to views about women and the implementation of UNSCR 1325. The survey helped the planning of the intervention in terms of design and target, as well as in measuring the change in the attitudes and knowledge after the project. -Trained 60 women on early warning systems through two Ten-days TOT training courses in Alqush, Khatara & Essian.	Individual and group success stories Pictorial evidence List of attendees of trainings and their signatures
Output 1.1 60 women to be trained on early warning signal system through establishing the network as trainers. Baseline: 0 Target: 60 Output 1.2 300 women are trained on early warning systems by the 60 trainers in output 1.2 Baseline: 0	By the above, 60 trainers 300 women were trained on early warning systems, and as a result a network was created on early warning systems in IDPs camps.	



 Target: 300 Output 1.3 Orientation training course on life, leadership and capacity skills to act as peace ambassador through several sessions: # of Women functioning as peace ambassadors # of Women attended the 25 events (seminars, workshops, etc.) performed by the 40 Peace Ambassadors. Basline:0 Target:40 3. The awareness of around 5000 women is raised about peace and the role of women in disseminating peace through holding 25 events like seminars, festivals etc. Baseline: 0 Target: 5000 	 -Conducted training course for 46 women trained to be qualified peace ambassadors through structured trainings. -Participation of 4,844 women covered by 15 events to be raising awareness of targeted community on women in peacebuilding with focus on UNSCR 1325. -Participation of 1642 women in concerts to show women's empowerment using modern way to show women's role in solving problems within their communities. Visibility material: 185 T-shirts were distributed to beneficiairies 	
Target: 5000	beneficiairies	
<u>Iraq Minorities Council</u> Outcome 2:		Attendance Sheets Reports Photos and video



Output2: 1.1Training of women's organizations to	-Trained 300 local women's organizations and activists	
monitor early warning signals	(Fallujah - Mosul and its subdistrict and in Nineveh Plain -	
Baseline:25	Basra) to monitor early warning signs of conflict.	
Target:300		
Output 1.3	Desticination of (240) community figures to strengthen	
	-Participation of (240) community figures to strengthen	
Launch a long-term plan to respond to crises that threaten the community peace	the discussion on the general situation in Fallujah - Mosul and its sub-district and in Nineveh Plain - Basra.	
Indicator: Approve the long-term plan to respond to crises that threaten the community peace by the local government and the supreme goal of coexistence and social peace.		
Target:180		
Output 2. 5: Media supportive of women's participation	 Printing of 2,000 brochures and 1,100 were disseminated 	
Indicator: Number of TV episodes	12 TV create on women and peace with 1770 number of	
Indicator: Number of reactants with Hashtag	-12 TV spots on women and peace with 4770 number of viewers were recoded.	
Indicator: Number of short films	-Launched Media Campaign through, launching # Women	
Indicator: Number of brochures	#المرأة_سلام كل عام والمرأة العراقية بخير #- Peace.	
Output 2. 6: A community environment supportive of women's participation in conflict resolution and peace-building issues	(1331 viewers) ابط هشتاك المرأة سلامWomen_Peace	



Indicator: Number of community members participating in these dialogue and discussion sessions Baseline: 0 Target: 510	-Participation of (510) community figures in Fallujah - Mosul and its subdistrict and in Nineveh Plain - Basra with academics, sheikhs, notables, representatives of civil community organizations, media officers, activists, and volunteer teams.	
SAWA		Training reports
Outcome 1: Women and girls affected by crisis lead participate in and benefit from relief and response efforts Output 1.1: No of governor ability to actively	-Trained 20 from 12 women's organizations in the governorates on the mechanisms of early warning and the requirements of resolution 1325 and national plans.	Photos
participate in parties		
Indicator: Members of women in the provincial council who are capable to participate in the government broadly		
Bassline: 0		
Target: 20		
Output 1.2	-Conducted two trainings with 282 participants who established 6 committees (Women's Committee and	
Target: 84.	Resolution 1325) in 6 governorates	
Output: 1.2: capacity building on increasing knowledge on UNSCR 1325	-Trained 116 of the Family and Child Protection Police in 6 governorates to increase the knowledge of Resolution 1325 and national plans.	



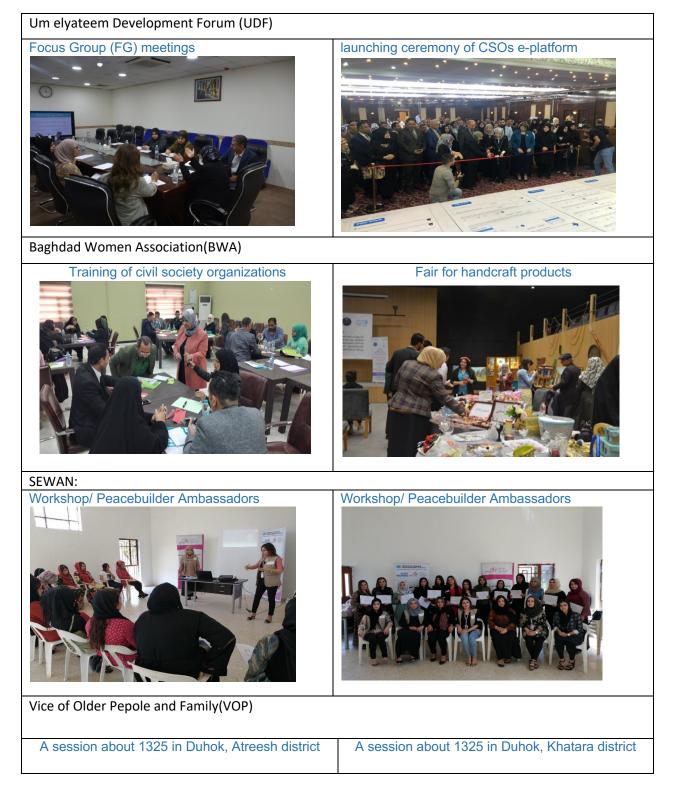
Taregt:120 Target 120	-Trained 117 of the community police in 6 governorates with knowledge of Resolution 1325 and national plans. Conducted activities during the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence, in which the above	
<u>SEWAN CSO:</u>	beneficiaries participated, representing both community and official levels.	Volunteer's forms.
Outcome 2: Conflict prevention Output 2.1: 40 Peace Building Voluntary groups from 200 women (5 women in each group) formed and building their capacity. Indicator:	-Conducted 2 five-day trainings (capacity building training) with 340 women and girls, covering (10-15 women and girls in each training) in Duhok and Nineveh including the targeted districts (Jambour- Qasara - Shekhan- Masireke- Sumil- Batel)	CB training attending sheets. Pre-post tests Group's structures
# of women recruited as volunteers. Basline:0 Target: 200		
Output 2.1.3: Risk assessment: Baseline: 200 Target:1200	A Risk assessment was undertaken to better understand the main reasons for conflicts from a gender perspective, through a series of interviews engaging 1200 women & girls including key informant interviews covering 15 locations in Duhok and Ninawa. Specifically, 400 individuals were interviewed, (200 women – 200 men), 200 key informants interviewees were undertaken (100	



	women – 100 men) in addition to 50 focus groups (mixed groups of women and men).	
Output 2.3: Raising awareness Target: 50 seminars	-30 public seminars with 600 participants (community member, religious and political parties members, government staffs male and female) covered Duhok and its districts (Kora- Bagira- Zawita- Mangesh- Baadra- Tanhi- Sumil- Qasara- Masireke- Seji)	
Output 2.4: 10 peace building and prevention conflicts committees		PBPCC members' forms and agreements
Indicator:	Conducted 15 Advocacy sessions with 150 participants	Activity and meetings
# of PBPCC groups formed # of the members of	(community's member, religious and political party's members, government staff's (male and female) in Duhok and Ninawa.	attending sheets Reports
groups		Photos of the activities.
# of conflicts controlled Target: 25 advocacies		



Annex 2 – Photos







SAWA

Iraqi women Activists Activities on 16th days GBV





Capacity building: Community committees in Basra



Iraqi Women Journalists Forum

Capacity building for women journalists in Baghdad.

One of the sessions that have been involved the community leaders & Policemen in Salaheldin



One of the advocacy campaigns- Posters were distributed to show the vital role of women can play within their communities at the different level and age group





Bustan

Raising awareness campaign: by providing legal and psychological support to be encouraged and be able involved in peacebuilding





Anbar- Educating and motivating women by showing Ara film which is for empowering women who are subjected to violence to start a life again







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Capacity building training sessions in Baghdad & Nineveh



