

# BY-MONTHLY SUBGRANT REPORT

Reporting Period (Oct/01/2021 – Nov /30/2021)

# **BACKGROUND**

Political, social, security, and economic that took place in Iraq during October 2021, in Iraq in general and Kirkuk in particular:

#### Political:

- Conducting national elections in Iraq for electing new parliament members on October the 10<sup>th</sup>, including Kirkuk province.
- Multiple appeals and objections against the election results were filed by the political objecting parties which led some demonstrations in Baghdad and some provinces which some armed activities were used against the protestors.
- Recounting and manual sorting for many appealed election boxes which showed matching results with the electronic counting at the election day.
- International, regional, national, and local condemnation of the bombardment that targeted PM Mustafa AlKadhimi's house in the green zone.

#### Security:

- Bombardment of PM's house via drone plane in the green zone which caused martial loss only with no casualties. This called for security readiness in Kirkuk province to prevent any escalation.
- Continuation of armed attacks of ISIS groups on the security forces in the south-west areas of Kirkuk province.
- Security forces raiding ISIS groups whereabouts in the south-west areas of Kirkuk province.

#### Economic:

- Continuous raise of exchange rate in Iraq, which caused inflation in the prices of the food and non-food Items at the markets which doubled the suffering of the limited income community members.

#### Social

- Notable rise of the population vaccinating for Covid-19.
- Relative fall down of the numbers of covid-19 infections against recovered numbers.
- Most of the governmental institutions are preventing access of people and employees who haven't got vaccination card.

## **PROGRAM ACTIVITIES**

## 1. Regular and/or Extraordinary Meeting:

During October and November, WAB members held their regular meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> October and 21<sup>st</sup> November, October meeting addressed three main hubs, discussion of the resignation of the member Milan Ali and the possibility of continuity of the member Sawsan Abdul Wahid at the Board and discussing the addition of the honorary member to the Bylaw, also discussing assets-based community sustainability, and local initiatives and what has been achieve.

• *Include the meeting minutes drafted by the Rapporteur/Secretary in attachment.* 

Attached is the minutes of Both October and November meetings

# 2. Training to WAB Members:

Elaborate on trainings <u>you</u> have conducted during the reporting period. Include the following information:

- 1) Title and Type:
- 2) Date(s):
- 3) Location:
- 4) Purpose:
- 5) Name of attendees:
- 6) Name of absentees:
- 7) Quotes from participants:
- 8) Observations on members' level of engagement:
- 9) Training outcomes (include pre-post test results):
- 10) Photos or screenshots:

#### 3. Local Initiatives:

#### 3.1 Current Local Initiatives

WAB members have almost done (You have the right to Preserve your Dignity) initiative as planned in addition to implementing an extra activity, based on the demands on the female detainees, which was providing them with other story books as well as raw material for making accessories, and indeed, Member (Birgul Hasan) provided the material and Member (Shkova

Muhammad) collected some books from donators and coordinated with center management, and in the first week of December The members will visit the center and distribute the material to the detainees, they were happy for fulfillment of their demand.

Regarding Kirkuk Monthly Bazar, the members completed the routine procedures of approvals of working on the land in coordination with the Kirkuk municipality and Real estate registration 2 department, who are responsible for the land.

As well, the members visited the Mayor of Kirkuk, Falah Yaycili, for the purpose of coordination and removing trespassing buildings and starting the work, they also visited the Kirkuk Investment Board for the purpose of coordination and encourage investors to help the members in carrying out activities and initiatives. The members also coordinated with the organizations to attract small business owners of young boys and girls at the grand opening of the Bazar and communicating with young talented groups to take part in the bazar.

#### 3.2 Previous local initiatives

N/A

# 4. Policy Development Project (PDP):

During the past two months the final draft of the policy was completed and the members comments were taken for its final presentation by editing and changing and the WAB members hope to hold a workshop about starting advocacy campaign during January in the beginning of 2022 which is dedicated to advocate and connect with decision makers About finding solutions to reduce drop out problem

## 5. Partnership Building:

WAB members cooperated with (Turkmen Ele for development and construction institution) in order to provide raw material for female detainees for making accessories, as well as () organization, that donated story books collection to be passed on to the detained women in the Kirkuk detention center within initiative called (you have the right in preserve your dignity).

#### **6.** Visibility:

N/A

## 7. Capacity Building

During the October regular meeting, the members addressed the assets-based community sustainability subject and the its importance and necessity for the WAB future, we have presented the slides for the second time and explained it again for the members who didn't have the chance to participate at the first time, discussing the importance of the considering it during future work, especially the end of NDI support, to cooperate with individuals, governmental and non-governmental institutions to sustain board work and achieve its activities and initiatives

# **RESULTS/EVALUATION**

- Hold 2 regular meetings for October and November.
- Almost complete the implementation of (You Have to Preserve Your Dignity) initiative.
- Stating Kirkuk Monthly Bazar initiative.
- Finalizing the policy recommendation.
- Explaining the advocacy plan for the members to start implementation in next months.

# **CHALLENGES**

There are no challenges facing the activity implementation and work progress, except for the weather which may postpone the work for days.

# **FUTURE ACTIVITIES**

- Completion of advocacy workshop to start their advocacy Campaign policy-making project.
- Completion of implementation of Kirkuk monthly Bazar activities.

## **OTHER** (if applicable)