

# NGO PROFILE

Kurdistan  
Organization  
for Human  
Rights Watch

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# NGO PROFILE

## Our Identity

Kurdistan Organization for Human Rights Watch (KOHRW) is an independent, non-profit, non-governmental organization that was established in 1989 as a national NGO. KOHRW has contributed to humanitarian services and different development programs in the Kurdistan region and Iraq. KOHRW specializes in six areas of expertise: Human Rights, Protection, Shelter, Livelihoods, Social Cohesion, and Education.

## Our Mission

Promoting human rights, democracy, gender, and equality to empower vulnerable communities to achieve individual and community integration, self-sufficiency and well-being.

## Our Vision

A new Iraq where dignity, freedom, justice and human rights are protected for all.

## Our Motto

Sky is the limit



# OUR OBJECTIVES

1. **Coordinate** with governmental and non-governmental entities to support the most vulnerable aspects of our community, including children, women, low-income families, unemployed youth, the elderly, physically and mentally affected persons, etc.
2. Provide **assistance** where & when needed, especially for IDPs, refugees, returnees, and all other vulnerable groups in the community.
3. Contribute to **establish peace & stability** by inspiring through the principles of fraternity, tolerance and coexistence in KRI & Federal Iraq.
4. Promote **social awareness** in regards to freedom, principles of democracy, international human right agreements and elimination of all forms of violence.
5. Promote **volunteer work** in general and encourage the involvement of youth in policy-making processes in KRI & Federal Iraq.
6. Establish **communication & cooperation bridges** with UN agencies, international organizations, etc. alongside governmental and non-governmental entities in KRI & Federal Iraq, with a focus on improving laws and regulations.

# OUR STRUCTURE

## Board of Trustees

7 members who work voluntarily

## Board of Directors

Executive body composed of 6 directors (Executive Director, Directors of Programs, Finance, HR/Admin, Procurement, MEAL)

## Executive Director

Director of Programs

Director of Finance

Director of MEAL

Director of HR / Admin

Director of Procurement



# OUR COVERAGE

## Thematic Areas

- Shelter & WaSH
- Food Security & Livelihoods
- Social Cohesion
- Advocacy
- Human Rights
- Protection

## Target Beneficiaries

- Women
- Youth
- Children
- IDPs
- Refugees
- Host Communities

## Geographic Areas

- KRI
- Salah al-Din
- Ninewa
- Anbar
- Kirkuk
- Diyala
- Baghdad
- Basra

## Key Numbers

2021: a total 28,500 people in need benefitted from our programs nationwide



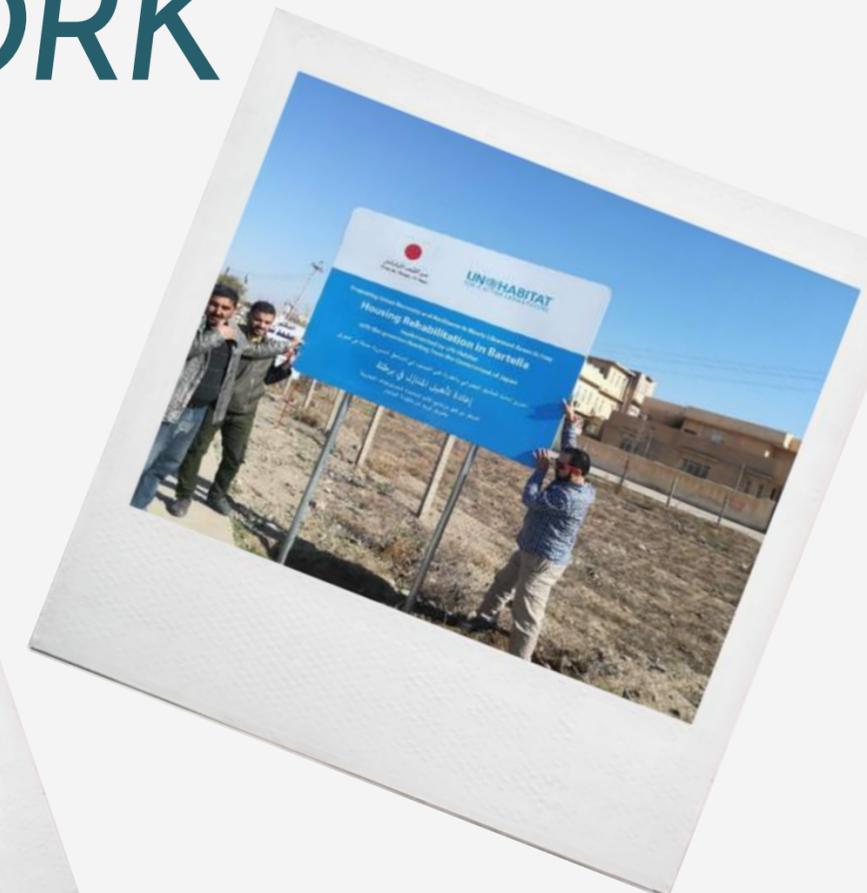
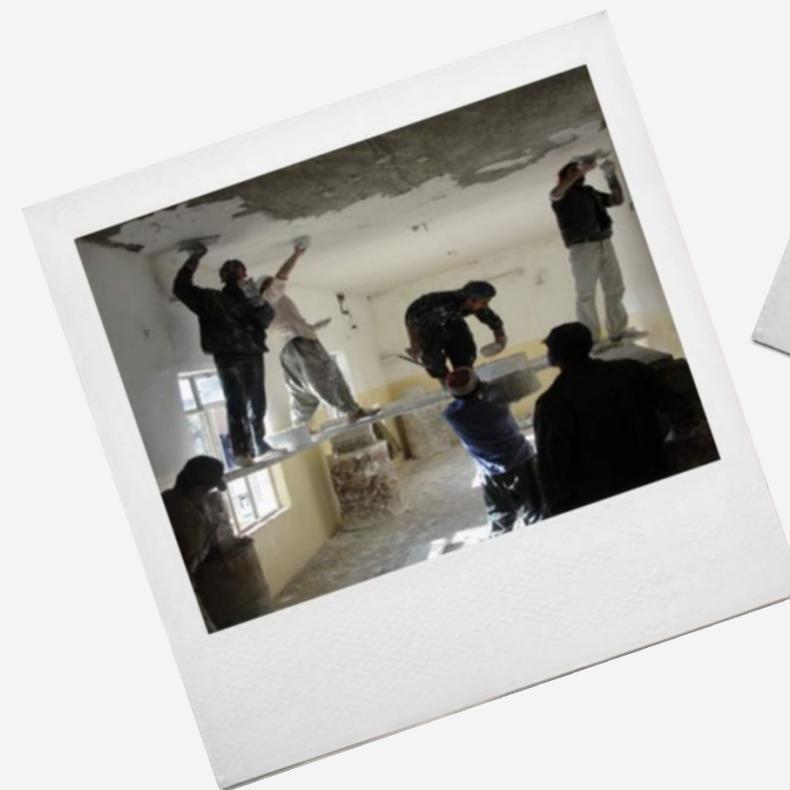
# MAIN HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR WORK



## Shelter & WaSH

Sector focuses on shelter and WaSH facilities reconstruction for vulnerable families who almost lost everything during ISIS-Iraq War, including religious, ethnic communities and minorities.

- Shelter Rehabilitation for 175 returnee war-damaged houses (2021, Qaim/Rumanna, Anbar, funded by PRM - DoS, in partnership with IOM)
- Durable Housing Rehabilitation for 300 vulnerable families (2019, Beiji, Salah Al-Din, funded by OFDA, in partnership with IOM)
- Durable Housing Rehabilitation for 200 vulnerable families (2018, West Anbar, funded by IOM)
- Shelter Rehabilitation for 417 war-damaged houses (2018, Zanjili/Yarmuk/Maghrebi/Bashiqa, West Mosul - Ninewa, funded by UN-Habitat)



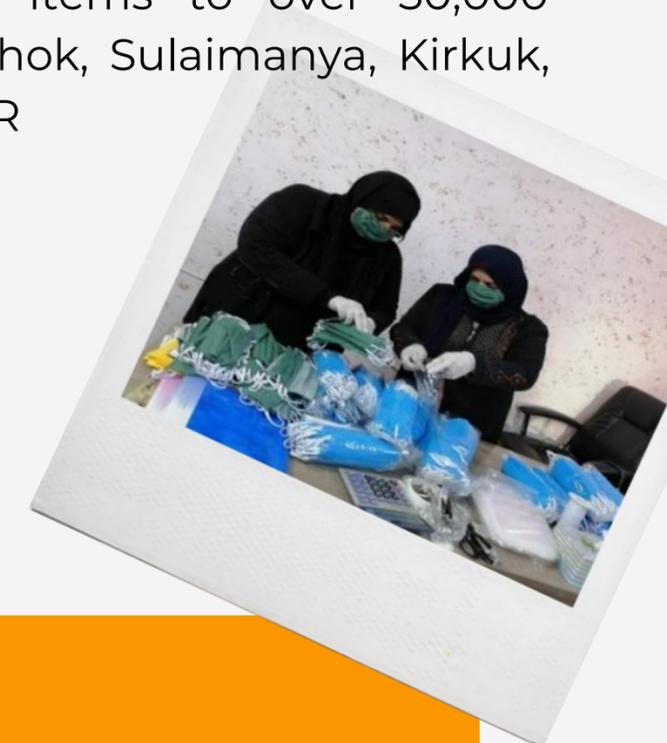
- Rehabilitation of Sada Bawiza and Gogjali Villages (Shabak Minority) - 207 war-damaged houses (2010, Ninewa, funded by UNOCHA ERF - Emergency Response Fund)
- Reconstruction of Wardak Village (Kakai Minority) - 262 war-damaged houses (2009, Ninewa, funded by UNHCR)



## Food Security & Livelihoods

Sector focuses on local CBOs, youth, women, vulnerable communities empowerment, agriculture in IDP camps, humanitarian assistance to vulnerable communities following ISIS occupation, vulnerable communities job placement or business creation & development.

- Beneficiary Selection, Capacity-Building and Baseline Assessment for 3,501 beneficiaries (2021-2022, Ninewa, Kirkuk, Anbar, Salah al-Din, Diyala, in cooperation with UNDP)
- Youth Innovation & Creativity Award "Khotwa" for 20 winners (2021-2022, Ninewa/Kirkuk, in cooperation with UNDP, funded by the Government of Canada)
- Empowering youth & women returnees (2020, West Anbar, Salah al-Din, Ninewa, funded by UNDP)
- Provision of COVID-19 Life Support Packages "Ahalina Campaign" to 28,470 people in need (2020, Ninewa, Salah al-Din, Anbar)
- Establishment of 8 Green Houses for IDP camps (2017, Bahrka, Erbil, funded by Maas Group Holding)



- Humanitarian Assistance Committee of over 30 local NGOs for over 40,000 IDPs (2014-ongoing, Ninewa)
- Livelihood & Self-Reliance Program for 1,821 IDPs (2014-2015, in cooperation with UNDP)
- Distribution of food & non-food items to over 50,000 vulnerable communities (Erbil, Duhok, Sulaimanya, Kirkuk, Diyala and Mosul, funded by UNHCR)



## Social Cohesion

Sector focuses on local CBOs, youth and women groups as an effort to facilitate and improve social cohesion amongst all religious groups, ethnicities, gender & age & other societal differences. Programs aim at establishing dialogue amongst community leaders & encouraging a culture of tolerance, pluralism and mutual respect.

- Empowering over 80 CBOs for social cohesion (2019-ongoing, Ninewa, Kirkuk, Anbar, Salah al-Din, Diyala, in cooperation with UNDP, funded by German Cooperation)
- Establishment and empowerment of over 50 youth & women groups (2021-2022, Ninewa, Kirkuk, Anbar, Salah al-Din, Diyala, funded by UNDP)





## Advocacy

Legal Reform was improved through the Constitutional Review Program in Iraq, leading to the creation of NGO law in the KRG and the amendment of association law. This also led to the establishment of Alliance of Iraqi Minorities (AIM) to create a new law to protect minorities. To strengthen cooperation between local authorities, NGOs, and Civil Societies, KOHRW has established a pact that provides guidelines on coordination mechanisms.

- E-Registration System for NGOs in KRI (2019, funded by ICNL/Danida)
- Enabling legal environment for CSOs (2018-2019, Iraq, funded by ICNL/SIDA)
- Judicial Reform Project (2015, KRI, in partnership with KOHRW, UNAMI, NPA, PAO, the Judicial Council, the reform project of judicial authority in KRI)
- Constitutional Review Program - KRI (2015, KRI)
- Constitutional Review Program - Iraq (2007, in cooperation with Constitutional Review Committee, Iraq, funded by UNOPS)
- NGO Law in KRI (2004-2011, KRI, funded by UNOPS, ADF-ICSP, ICNL)



- Program of NGO law in Iraq (2004-2010, Iraq, funded by UNOPS, ADF-ICSP, ICNL)
- Compact of cooperation and development between public authorities and civil society (2011-2013, Iraq & Europe, funded by UNOPS)
- Association Law in KRI (KRI, funded by SIDA/ICNL)



## Human Rights

KOHRW has been, since establishment regularly reporting on human rights violations. This includes monitoring, documentation, issuing reports and follow-up on human rights violations. This activity is not linked with a specific project but it includes: data collection, analysis, recommendations and regular visits to expected locations of human rights violations (detention centers, prisons, juvenile reformatories...etc.)

- Protect Human Right Defenders to promote peace & democracy (2022 - Ongoing, Iraq, funded by the British Embassy)
- Opening the square - Protecting the right to peaceful assembly (2021-Ongoing, Iraq, in cooperation with ICNL, supported by DRL-DoS)
- Strengthening Media for Democratization to 500 journalists & security forces (2021-2022, KRI, funded by UNDEF)
- Voter Education Project - Building Capacity & Educating over 60,000 Youth to participate in voting process (2021, Erbil/Diyala/Basra, in cooperation with UNDP, funded by UNAMI)



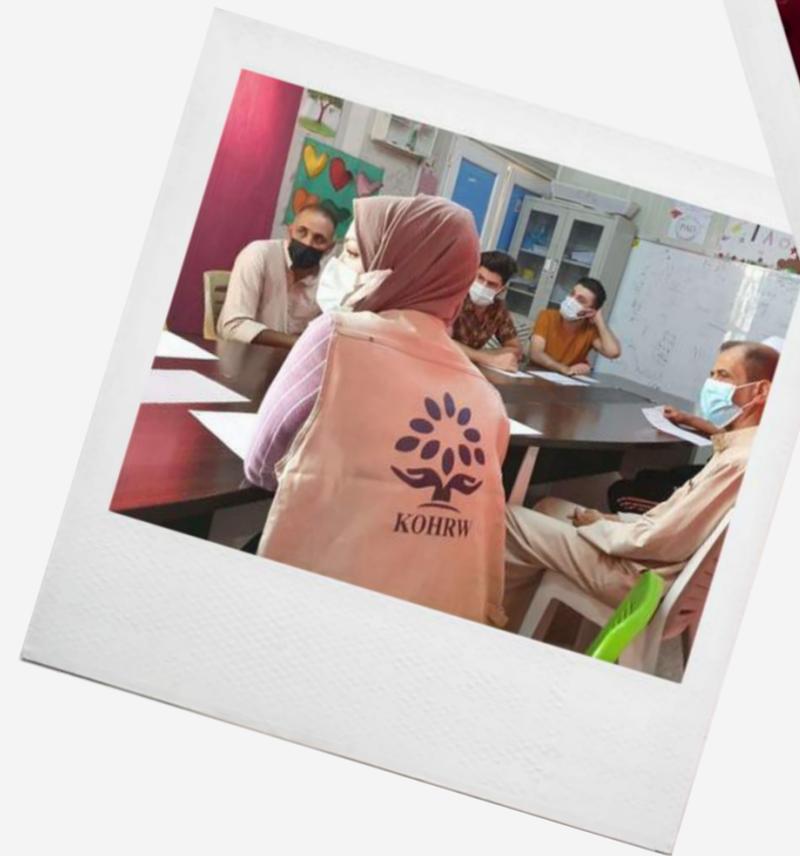
- Monitoring of Iraqi Parliamentary Elections (2018, KRI, funded by DAI - USAID)
- GBV training to 6,440 Peshmerga Officers (2016-2018, KRG, funded by FDFA - Foreign Office of the Swiss Government)
- Human Rights and GBV ToT for over 6,000 Security Forces (2018, KRI, Federal Iraq, including the Iraqi Police, the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Defense, Peshmerga, other security agencies, funded by FDFA)
- Human Rights ToT for 26 Asayish Security Officers in 8 security agencies (2016, KRG, funded by the Swiss Embassy)
- Human Rights Training for 60 Police Officers (2011, Federal Iraq & KRI, funded by the British Embassy)



## Protection

KOHRW is a leading organization in protection of vulnerable groups. With support from IOM, it contributed in the creation of the Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) of IDPs and ran three (PACs) protection and assistance centers for IDPs, refugees, returnees, and vulnerable groups in Ninawa and Kirkuk providing legal consultation case management for victims, among a plurality of initiatives since its establishment.

- Regional Development Protection Program - Durable Solutions, focus on Child Labor & Civil documentation (2021-Ongoing, KRI, in partnership with Oxfam and Under building pathways for durable solutions for IDPs and refugees)
- Legal Defense Center for Migrant Laborers (2017-2020, KRI, funded by UN-OHCHR)
- Distribution of 25,000 Solar Lamps & Mobile Phone Charging Kits to IDPs (2014-2015, Erbil, funded by UNOPS)
- Legal Clinics for IDPs & Refugees (2011-2012, Khabat/Ankawa, Erbil, funded by USAID)



- Monitoring & Needs Assessment for IDPs in KRI (2007-2010, KRI, funded by IOM)
- Protection & Assistance Centers (2006-2009, Iraq, funded by UNHCR)

# OUR DONORS



# OUR MAIN NETWORKS & PARTNERS

- Network for Empowered Aid Response (NEAR)
- Coalition of Freedoms (CoF) - Founder
- NGO Coordination Committee for Iraq
- Alliance of Iraqi Minorities (AIM)
- Co-Chair of Durable Solutions Task Force (DSTF)
- Tawtin Network for Localization of Humanitarian Work



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