



Annual Report 2018



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ABOUT DAK

Dak Organization for Ezidi Women Development Is a humanitarian, developmental, non- profit, non-political, non-governmental, and independent women's organization. Working for women's development, empowerment, protection and peacebuilding through the strengthening of women's decision-making. It is also a feminist organization that fights for the rights of women by empowering women and building their capacities in different walks of life. Dak established and registered due to KRG Laws, legislations on June 8, 2015 commence, and Dak got registration certificate under number 101901020 from NGOs directorate in the cabinet council in Baghdad.

Our Vision

Creating a safe environment for women without violence and providing them with a decent life.

Our Mission

Empower, mobilize, Capacity building for women and enable women to change their lives to better and meet the needs of the communities specifically through human rights-based approach.



OUR OBJECTIVES

- Organizing and uniting the efforts of women to defend the cause of Yezidi women who are survivors of sexual violence and strive to obtain their material and moral rights.
- Pressing decision-makers to compensate women affected by sexual violence and to try criminals to obtain their fair punishment.
- Emphasizing and enhancing the position of women and their role in society and enabling them to exercise their rights as citizens, workers, and homemakers, based on the principles of equality, justice, equal opportunities, participation, and respect for their dignity
- Raise women's awareness of their role and rights and enhance their participation in various fields.
- Seek to integrate women in the development of the local community and strive to improve their social position, and enable them to invest in their creative and productive capacities better.
- Seek to overcome legislative, economic, social, cultural, and other obstacles that prevent the full realization of women's rights as stipulated in international covenants, including the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women and the guarantee of their rights under the Iraqi constitution.
- Seek to enable women to obtain health care and protection in general and in the area of reproductive and sexual health and maternity and childhood care in particular, and to spread a healthy culture between them.
- Spreading a culture of peace and enhancing the role of women in peace-making and peace-building processes.
- Provide women with the skills, knowledge, experiences, capabilities, and various services that enable them to contribute to building their society.
- Contribute to literacy for women in the alphabet, legal, cultural, and political fields.
- Develop women's leadership capabilities based on the values of ethical leadership.

From a Course to a TV Host Path

Jamila is a Sharia Complex resident and a graduate of the Institute of Journalism. She was a participant in the 'Enhancing Social Cohesion and Peacebuilding in Duhok' project. Jamila was one of fifteen female participants in a three-month project with Dak Organization in collaboration with IOM; also one of the most eager to learn new skills and develop herself. She had never worked in her field before and decided to start honing her skills. However, this wasn't all she did, but sometime later, she got the advantage of taking part in several journalism preparation sessions, that time Jamila began to learn how to write news stories for newspapers, radio, social media networks, and other outlets. "I did not follow my preferred course after graduation, but I greatly benefited from the chance to engage in a Dak organization project aimed at promoting women's participation in peacebuilding and social cohesion through social media. She shared, "I gained new writing skills as well as new friends from different faiths."



Jamila started her career journey after various attempts to improve her capacities by writing for a newspaper. She said, "I've written news stories that center women, their hardship, and strength for local publications and magazines since then as I aim to make further progress." Dak had contributed to her success where it encouraged and directed her as she was in constant contact with the staff; now, she is a TV channel presenter.

OUR PROJECTS

Family Welfare PSS, Vocational and Recreational activities

This project provided women with life skills (including leadership and peace-building) and psychological support through exploring their thoughts, fear, hopes, and ideas towards a better future with the help of peer support structures.

It included their children with PSS, informal education, and recreational activities as well.

This project provided PSS and peace-building and income generation fund qualitative services to vulnerable women and girls suffering from post-conflict effects in Khanke camp and the host community. The project allowed them to become influential members of their communities, influencing their families, schools, and all systems in the community towards more development and creation of positive impact.

Learning a skill through our vocational activities strengthened their financial income and independence.

- No. of beneficiaries: 230 Woman- from IDPs and Host community
- Location: Khanke Complex
- Duration: 20/9/2018-31/3/2019
- Funded by: Stiftung Entwicklungs
- Partnership s with IOM & Bishkoreen org.



OUR INITIATIVES OUTSIDE THE IMPLEMENTING PROJECTS

1. On International Volunteer Day, 20 volunteers and volunteers were recognized with certificates of gratitude and appreciation for serving our society with the Dak organization.
2. On the occasion of the New Year 2018, 150 children from Sharia Kindergarten were given presents.
3. In the presence of 35 displaced people and the host group, the director of the Dak organization gave a lecture on (the effect of social media on family relations) in the Lalish Center hall - Sharia complex.
4. A discussion session for 20 displaced girls and the host community about the challenges the girls face, their roots, and how to address them in constructive, nonviolent ways and useful ideas that the organization will focus on in the future.
5. Recreational and educational activities for displaced children and the host community voluntarily by members and volunteers of the organization. Our goal is to put a smile on the children's faces, in which about 50 children participated.
6. Under the slogan (Cycling Women for Peace, Freedom, and Rights), IOM and Youth Speak collaborated with the Director of Culture and Civil Society Organizations in Dohuk Governorate, as well as the Dak Organization for the Development of Yazidi Women, one of the local organizations that trained girls in the Sharia complex. It organized a cycling event for 100 displaced women, migrants, and residents of the host community in Dohuk on August 27th, 2018.



7. In collaboration with the Domiz Youth and Sports Center, the Dak Organization marks the graduation of 12 students from the displaced and host communities from the Latin Kurdish language course.
8. The Latin Kurdish language education course was started by Dak Organization in collaboration with Domiz Youth and Sports Center, with the participation of 15 displaced women and the host community.
9. Dak organized a three-day training workshop for 15 young men and women from Dohuk and Shariya on the subject of alternatives to violence at Dak Center in Shariya, in collaboration with the voluntary AVP team from Dohuk.
10. Skills-building courses have graduated 50 young men and women.
11. With the sponsorship of GIZ, the Dak organization, in collaboration with the Lalish Shariya Center, the Rawanga Foundation, graduated 50 young men and women after completing two courses (computer maintenance and women's beauty) to secure potential jobs opportunities.
12. Coordination was established between the Justice Organization for Minority Rights and the Dak organization as part of a program to promote minority rights in Iraq by giving a lecture on the principles of minorities in Iraq, their historical origins, and their rights, with the participation of 25 young men and women from the displaced and host communities in the Sharia complex.
13. The instructional program included an English language course with 15 displaced children and the host community (let's go) for a month.



14. In the presence of 25 children from the host community and the displaced, Dak Organization, in collaboration with Seed Foundation, delivered a psychological awareness lecture for male children.
15. The Dak organization opened a computer learning course with the voluntary involvement of 23 displaced girls and the host group from a future in the Sharia compound in Dohuk under the slogan (I am learning).
16. The Dak organization, in collaboration with the Sharia municipality and the Shahnaz Social Center, organized a cleaning campaign within the Sharya complex to maintain the area's cleanliness and encourage people not to throw trash anywhere other than designated areas since the aesthetics of the environment is significant.
17. In collaboration with the Rawanga organization, 30 young men and women attended a seminar on the art of interviewing and how to create a CV.
18. On the Yazidi New Year's Eid occasion, the Dak Organization for the Development of Yazidi Women collaborated with the Barzani Charitable Foundation to distribute 70 food packages to women who graduated from DAC courses such as media, English language learning, and literacy. Volunteers from the Dak organization were also provided with Dak courses at the Dak Center to develop women and children located in Sharia complex / Dohuk.
19. Giving a session (psychological awareness) with the involvement of 20 displaced girls and the group in collaboration with Seed Organization. The session aimed to alleviate stress and anxiety while also giving participants a sense of greater autonomy over their everyday lives.
20. On March 8th, the Dak organization celebrates by raising slogans calling for the rescue of Yazidi abducted women from the hands of ISIS. They have made Yazidi women the primary target of their terrorist organization, with over 2,000 women still missing except on this particular day's ingredients. And the woman has shown her patience, stamina, determination, and will in the face of the ugliest terrorist war in recent years, fighting, defending, and contributing in all aspects of life.



21. The Public Aid Organization (PAO), in collaboration with the DAK Organization for the Development of Yazidi Women, organized a Youth Art Festival on Social Cohesion in the Sharia camp / Duhok on Saturday, March 3rd, 2018, as part of the initiative "Gender-Based Violence and Displacement," with funding from the University of Bristol.
22. An exhibition of painting, photography, and handicrafts (weaving) were all opened, all of which featured the work of women and girls who had been displaced within the camp, besides the festival featured musical and singing shows, demonstrating women's ability to work and achieve experience and careers in life.
23. With the involvement of 20 displaced girls and the host community, the Dak Organization for Women's Development presented a lecture entitled ((Citizenship incubating diversity) which seeks to accept and welcome others with different identities.
24. A media course was opened with the participation of 15 displaced girls and the host community as part of the Dak Organization for the Advancement of Yazidi Women's training courses in order for women to have a presence in media and journalism.
25. The participation of an organization director in the US State Department's International Visitor Leadership Program, which is titled Non-Profit Organization Management, lasted three weeks, from February 10th to March 3rd, and it included Washington, New Mexico, Iowa, and Miami. It aimed to examine the non-profit sector's diversity in the United States and the methodologies used by organizations to improve leadership, volunteer recruitment, fundraising, and advocacy.



26. The Dak organization for the development of Yazidi women’s participation in a conference of non-governmental organizations to support the humanitarian situation in Iraq under the slogan “We Make Hope.” A Dak delegate attended the Kuwait International Conference for the Reconstruction of Iraq on Monday, December 2nd, 2018, as part of the non-governmental organization’s conference to support the humanitarian crisis in Iraq. The aim of this part of the conference is to learn about the humanitarian situation and basic needs in the Iraqi regions that have been affected; to reinforce the humanitarian partnership between local, regional, and international organizations in meeting the humanitarian challenges in Iraq by directing their programs and projects to support the humanitarian crisis, aid the displaced people, develop their capacities, and strengthen the humanitarian partnership between local, regional, and international organizations.



Total beneficiaries of Dak’s voluntary activities during 2018:

760 Beneficiaries

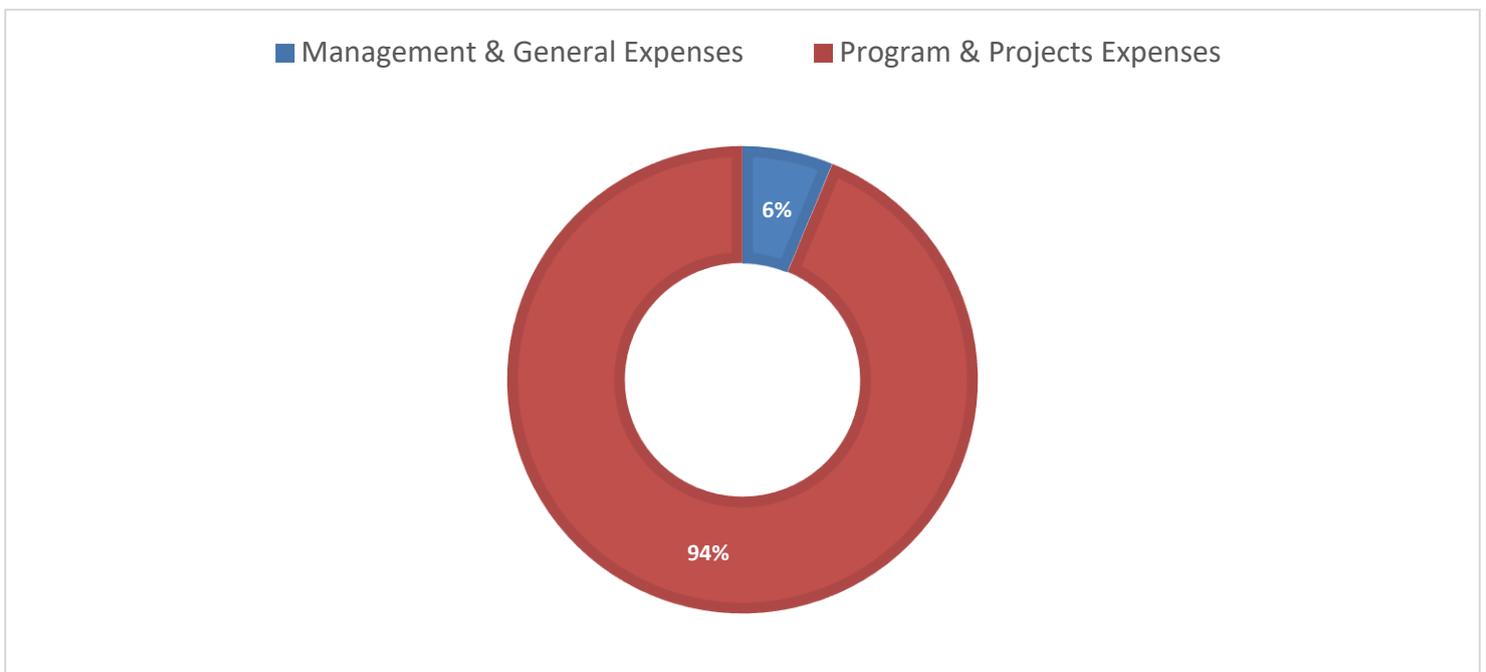
220 beneficiaries got benefited from distributions.



FINANCIAL STATISTICS

In 2018, Dak Organization projects were funded by foundations and donors, either directly or through partnerships.

The total expenses for 2018 were 18,000 USD, and it has been spent as follows:



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