

IRAQ NAP 1325 newsletter is a periodic publication issued by Women Empowerment Organization, on UNSCR 1325 and the implementation of the I-NAP 1325.



The department of Foreign Relations in KRG

hosted the seminar which was attended and patronized by its head H.E. Mr. Falah Mustafa and the minister of Interior, H.E. Mr. Kareem Sinjari co-chair of CSTF. The seminar was also attended by Ms. Pakhshan Zangana, the secretary-general of High Council of Women Affairs, Dr. Samira Ahmed, director General at the Women Empowerment Dep. In the Iraqi Council of Ministers and Ms. Suzan Arif (1325 Task Force Coordinator) This is in addition to most of the Consul-Generals currently working in KRG, UN & International organizations, senior representatives from KRG ministries as well as Media channels and agencies.

National Seminar on Iraqi NAP 1325 (Progress on the Government Master Plan in fulfillment of I-NAP 1325)

Erbil- Mar 30th, 2017

On Thursday 30th March 2017, the coordination team of the Cross Sector Task Force (CSTF) in cooperation with the Department of Foreign Relations (DFR) conducted a national Seminar in Erbil on Iraqi NAP 1325. The Seminar was entitled "Progress on the Government Master Plan in fulfillment of I-NAP 1325" and supported by UK Embassy in Iraq through Magna Carta Fund. The Seminar was aiming at presenting the institutional assessment of government ministries on their capacity to implement sector-specific action plans and identify the gaps and areas of support to enable the ministries to better play their roles in the implementation of I-NAP 1325.

Training Session on UNSCR 1325

Duhok and Sulaymaniah- Mar 18th & 25th, 2017

On 18th and 25th March 2017, Women Empowerment Organization (WEO) in cooperation with Investigator Organization for Rule of Law and with support of UN woman arranged legal awareness courses on the Iraqi National Action Plan I-NAP 1325 UNSCR1325, in Duhok and Sulaymaniah, the courses have been attended by judicial investigators and Police Officers considering Gender balance and it focuses on The international Convention on the rights of Women and Children, Legal Protection for women and children during armed conflict and Progress made on the Implementation of INAP 1325 . At the end of the awareness courses, certificates were distributed.



Alliance 1325 Meeting with the National Monitoring and Reconciliation Committee

Baghdad- Apr 19th, 2017

On 19th April 2017 Alliance 1325 members had a meeting with Mr. Mohammed Salman Al-Saadi, Adviser to the Prime Minister for National Reconciliation as part of the CSTF 1325.

The purpose of the meeting was to cooperate with the reconciliation committee and ensuring the active participation of civil society and women as a national vision in line with the principles of plans and programs of the 1325 INAP in the liberated areas for women survivors and minorities and taking the necessary measures to ensure protection and commitment to human rights in the Nineveh plain and other areas.



Awareness session on Women, Peace and Security of the INAP 1325

Baghdad- Mar 19th & 20th, 2017

On 19th and 20th March 2017 Women Empowerment Organization (WEO) in cooperation Baghdad Women Association held two Awareness sessions on Women Peace and Security of the Iraqi National plan (INAP) 1325 in Ministry of Labor social affairs and Ministry of Education. The sessions tackled the Types of violence, throughout and afterward conflict, they considered sexual violence as tactic of war and genocide, The UNSCR 1325 and its Contributions to promote the role of women, as an active actor in peace building as well in protection and prevention. After that the participants were divided into 2 groups to develop recommendations and tools needed to promote active women's political participation. As well the tools for prevention and protection.



Awareness session on women, peace and security of the INAP 1325

Baghdad- Mar 18th, 2017



On 18th March 2017, Al-Fajr Center in cooperation with Women Empowerment Organization (WEO) and with support of UK embassy carried out a workshop entitled "Women, Peace and Security" in a series of awareness workshops on UN Security Council Resolution 1325. A summary of the concepts of gender, an introduction to the importance of UN Security Council Resolution 1325, which concerns the participation of women in the peace process for the outlying areas or suffering from armed conflicts as Iraq is one of them have been presented. Then the emergency plan was presented and discussed with the attendees as they had a good interaction with the plan's items. And finally the workshop ended up by writing some recommendations.

Awareness session on women, peace and security

Najaf- Mar 16th, 2017

On 16th March 2017 The Iraqi Women league in cooperation with Women Empowerment Organization (WEO) and with support of UK embassy implemented a one day awareness session in Najaf. The session covered a general overview of the United Nations, and the definition of the Alliance. The sessions were to raise awareness and empower women to recognize the importance of the resolution as a tool for empowering women in political participation and in peace negotiations and national reconciliation to expand the knowledge base of the national plan within the community and the importance of empowering women in the processes of building security and peace.



Advocacy campaign Conference

Erbil- Feb 27th, 2017

On 27th February 2017 Women Empowerment Organization in cooperation of the High Council for Women affairs with the support of the Canadian Fund for local Initiatives held a conference under the title of supporting a campaign to enhance the contribution of woman and representation in local government in the Sinjar district in Erbil. The main purpose of the conference was to reflect the views at local departments and take the perspective of women in terms of planning and rebuilding of the country. The conference was attended by 50 participants representing high level officials, Political parties, Academia, Civil society organizations and media. The conference ended with many concrete recommendations that enhance women's participation.



Workshop on UNSCR 1325

Erbil- Feb 26th, 2017



On 26th February 2017 Women Empowerment Organization (WEO) with the support of UN Women organized a workshop on UNSCR 1325 regarding women, peace, and security. The workshop was attended by judicial investigators and police officers. The President of the Judicial Council, Director of the Directorate of combating -Violence against Women, and the Community Police Director were all present. The event was attended by 30 investigators and police officers from both genders. The workshop aimed to raise awareness on the international resolutions, especially UNSCR 1325, the Iraq National Action Plan INAP and the followed resolutions that focus on women during pre-post conflict.

Awareness session on UNSCR 1325 (women, peace, security)

Babylon - Feb 21th, 2017



On 21st February 2017 Iraqi Women's League, an Alliance INAP 1325 member, with the support of the British embassy, held an awareness session on INAP 1325 (women, peace and security) At the Department of Agriculture in Babylon Governorate. The Main aim of the session was to explain the content of UNSCR 1325 and INAP 1325. The session resulted in a number of recommendations focusing on the importance of involving women in programs that contribute to creating policies regarding peace building, and reducing violence and promoting a culture of peaceful coexistence through awareness programs.

Awareness session on women, peace and security of the INAP 1325

Qadisiyah - Diwaniyah - Feb 9th and 14th, 2017



On 9th and 14th February 2017 Awan Organization in cooperation with Women Empowerment Organization (WEO) and with support of UK embassy carried out two Awareness sessions on women peace and security Of the INAP1325 in Qadisiyah – Diwaniyah. The objective of the workshop was strengthen the capacity of women in the 1325 resolution and the role of women in peacemaking and raising awareness in the society. The sessions covered the Resolution 1325 Concepts on Violence against Women, Sexual violence and the emergency plan of the INAP1325 topics. The sessions had been attended by groups of women in Diwaniyah governorate, who works in government departments, civil society organizations, security Institutions and media.

Women, Peace and Security

Erbil - Jan 29th, 2017



On 29th January 2017 Women Empowerment Organization (WEO) in cooperation with Department of Foreign Relations (DFR) and with the support of United State Institute of Peace (USIP) held a three day workshop in DFR Office under the title of " Women, Peace and Security ". The main purpose of the workshop was to present and develop the role of women in the process of building a peaceful and secure community, and to explain I-NAP 1325 resolution in more details. The Workshop was attended by Mr. Falah Mostafa, Head of Department of Foreign Relations –KRG, Ambassador Mr. Stevonn E. Steiner, Gender Advisor-USIP, Ms. Banielle Robertson, Gender Specialists USIP, Ms. Suzan Aref, General Manger of Women Empowerment Organization & Coordinator of Cross Sector team 1325 and trainer on 1325 resolution, representatives of Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Justice, Department of Foreign Relations, High Council of Women Affairs, Human Rights Committee, NGOs Committee, and government sectors. The last day of the workshop had been ended with a presentation by Ms. Suzan who explained the UNSCR 1325 Resolution, all the achievements of the task force team for the past few years and all the barriers and challenges that have been facing the team during the development of the National Action Plan 1325. And finally a Press release had been released by Mr. Falah Mostafa, Ms. Banielle Robertson and Ms. Suzan Aref and then certificates had been distributed on the participants.

Raising Awareness Workshop on INAP1325

Wasit - Feb 11th, 2017



On 11th February 2017 Democratic Women Organization, a member of Alliance 1325 in cooperation with Women Empowerment Organization WEO held a workshop with the support of the British Embassy to raise awareness on I-NAP 1325 (women, peace and security). The aim of the workshop was to explain the objectives of the National Action Plan for the implementation of resolution 1325, the emergency plan and the impact of the conflict on women, as well as the need to punish the perpetrators of crimes against women. The workshop also talked about the sexual violence against women during the conflict

High Level Conference Implementing the Iraqi NAP1325

Baghdad- Oct 27th, 2016

On 27th October 2016 The High-Level Conference on the implementation of the NAP1325 in Iraq took place in Baghdad. It was organized by the Cross Sector Task Force and the coordinator Ms. Suzan Aref, for the implementation of the NAP 1325 in Iraq in partnership with Euromed Feminist Initiative and with the support of the Embassy of the Netherlands in Iraq. The conference gathered the ministerial and institutional teams from the Task Force with members of parliament, legal experts and women's rights organizations, as well as representatives from UN agencies and international community, to mark the anniversary of UNSCR1325 on women, peace and security and discuss during one day the level of the implementation of the NAP1325 in Iraq. The participants also discussed responsibilities of the Task Force, propositions for changing of laws that hamper the implementation of UNSCR1325, the involvement of the civil society in the implementation and monitoring of the NAP as well as role of the international community in supporting NAP.



From left to rights: Ms Jonsson ED Euromed Feminist Initiative, Dr Al Alaq SG Prime Minister Office, Mr Sinjari Minister of Interior KRG

Implementation of National Action Plan I-NAP 1325 Workshop

Baghdad - Nov 9th, 2016

On 18th January 2017 Ministry of Interior-Baghdad in cooperation with Alliance 1325 and support from UK embassy held a workshop under the title of "Implementation of National Action Plan I-NAP 1325", the workshop was held by the Representative of ministry of interior to present the I-NAP 1325. During the workshops the pillars of the master plan- implementation of UNSCR 1325 In Iraq, the strategies, and the objectives of the activities were discussed. The main purpose was to focus on engaging women in justice regulation, peace and security, in order to address and limit the Violence against women and to end the impunity of Perpetrators to their punishment.



Alliance 1325 secretary Team Meeting

Baghdad - Nov 9th, 2016

On 9th November 2016 Alliance 1325 secretary Team arranged a meeting in Baghdad. The Main Purpose of the meeting was focusing on the coordinators to study the significant of Alliance 1325 Work in term of following up the negotiation committee and peace building related to the national reconciliation and the extend of women's participation in this respect.



The Field Trip of Iraqi 1325 CSTF

On 15th of January 2017, Women Empowerment Organization (WEO) with the support of UK embassy arranged a field study trip to the Netherlands The Hague. The trip had been attending by Iraqi 1325 Cross Sector Task Force (CSTF) members,

to the Netherlands

senior representatives from Kurdistan Region Government (KRG) and Iraqi government as well as representatives from 1325 Alliance in Iraq and the CSOs. The field trip took 7 days in which the 1325 CSTF visited many state institutions in the Hague including Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry

of Defense, Dutch Parliament, Ministry of Justice, Hivos, Dutch Police working on 1325 and GBV, Movisie Center for social issues with expertise on migration, GBV, and domestic violence in the city of Utrecht, Association of Dutch City Councils, International Criminal Court (ICC) and High committee on Dutch NAP 1325.



The discussions focused on

the significance of the current Iraqi NAP 1325 as the first NAP in the MENA region and the Iraqi Task Force was also introduced to the Dutch NAP 1325 and its different components.



Iraqi 1325 Cross Sector Task Force meeting at the Netherlands parliament

The Iraqi 1325 CSTF also met with senior officials from the Dutch Ministry of Defense who are responsible for the implementation of Defense action plan 1325. In a very detailed session, a heated debate was held on the migration and displaced issues and how it is linked to the Iraqi NAP 1325. To what extent, the 1325 Iraqi NAP responds to the needs of women during displacement.

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