



# منظمة مسار الرحمة لشؤون المرأة

(منظمة غير حكومية)

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# Introduction

Mercy Path originated as a grassroots initiative named Lawyers for Women, spearheaded by a collective of Iraqi women lawyers and psychosocial specialists in 2017. It evolved into a registered NGO, officially named Mercy Path (Arabic: Masar Al-Rahma) for Women Affairs, in 2023, accredited by the Directorate of NGOs in Baghdad.

Based in Baghdad, Mercy Path has its headquarters there and conducts nationwide operations leveraging a network of volunteers and partners.



## Important Dates

- **Date of Foundation and Commencement of Business: June 2017.**
- **Date of Election of First Board of Directors: January 2019**
- **Date of signing the first contract: February 2020**
- **Date of Registration at the Iraqi DNGO: August 2023**

# Our Mission

We Our mission is dedicated to fostering gender equality in Iraq by offering protection services to women and girls, empowering them, and advocating tirelessly for their rights..

# Our Vision

We envision Iraq where all women and girls have endless opportunities to realize and achieve their potential

# A Zoom-in our History



Mercy Path started in 2017 as an initiative by Mercy Hands, one of the biggest Iraqi NGOs. A group of young women lawyers and psychosocial workers working in Mercy Hands wanted to do more for vulnerable women so they started to work together as volunteers to support vulnerable women. As they proved to be genuine and committed to their cause, Mercy Hands administration embraced that group of volunteers and built their capacity to start their NGO, which they named Lawyers for Women.

Because the core staff of the newly established organization consisted of lawyers and psychosocial workers, in the beginning Lawyers for Women focused on providing legal aid and psychosocial support to vulnerable women. However, with time their scope of work has widened to include other sectors of intervention.

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# Our Sectors of Work

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Women are at the center of our work, because we believe they are the force that keeps the family together and advance the community. In our interventions, we target women and we work with them to target children, families, the community, and the environment.



**PROTECTION & WOMEN RIGHTS**



**ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT**



**PEACEBUILDING**



**HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE**



# Our Leadership

## Amani Mohamed Head of organization

Ms. Amani Mohamad is a Co-founder and Head of organization . She is an Iraqi lawyer licensed by the Iraqi Bar Association. She holds a bachelor degree in law from Al Nahrain University - College of Law in 2013. Ms. Amani joined the humanitarian effort in Iraq right after graduation from law college. She is a civil society activist and a strong advocate of women rights in Iraq.



## Duaa Falah Executive Director

Ms. Duaa Falah is a Co-founder and Executive Director of Mercy Path. She holds a bachelor's degree in computer sciences from Dijla University in 2010. She joined the humanitarian effort in Iraq in 2011. She has extensive experience in administration, marketing, public relations, and comms.



# Program Highlights

## Featured Partners



### Legal and Social Services for Separated Children

Since 2020, Mercy Path has been collaborating with the International Social Services (Swiss based NGO) to provide urgent legal and social services in Iraq for children and families who have concerned family members abroad. The collaboration and communication with ISS is facilitated by Mercy Hands Europe.

Once Mercy Path receives a case referred from ISS, a team of lawyers and social workers will set off to provide the needed legal and social assistance to the child of interest, regardless of where they are in Iraq.



### Legal Representation of Injured US Army Contractors

In August 2022, Mercy Path entered into a Co-Counseling Agreement with Hafemann, Magee, & Thomas (HMT), a USA-based law firm, to work on behalf of HMT in all Iraq to identify and co-represent persons – or families of persons – who died or incurred physical or psychological injuries due to their association with USA army in Iraq. After Mercy Path identify the victims and prepare their legal papers, it will represent them jointly with HMT before the US Department of Labor and Office of Administrative Law Judges regarding Client’s Defense Base Act claims.





# Get in touch with us

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Join our force, support our cause, or  
say nice words, we love to hear from  
you!

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