

MERCY PATH FOR WOMEN'S AFFAIRS



منظمة مسار الرحمة لشؤون المرأة
(منظمة غير حكومية)

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 funded project contract: February 2020**
- **Date of Registration at the Iraqi DNGO: August 2023**

Our Mission

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

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Mercy Path started in 2017 as an initiative by Dr. Khaldoon Al-Moosawi, the Executive Director of Mercy Hands, one of the biggest Iraqi NGOs. At that time, Mercy Hands had a few women lawyers and psychosocial workers who wanted to do more than what they were hired to do to help vulnerable women in Iraq. Dr. Khaldoon designed an initiative that channelled and organized the volunteering effort of those activists, and he named it “Lawyers for Women Center”. In June 2017, Dr. Khaldoon chaired the Founding meeting of Lawyers for Women Center, during which the Bylaws of the center was approved and Board elected.

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

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

Since its establishment in 2017, Mercy Path has been guided by the vision and dedication of aspiring women leaders. Between 2023 and 2025, Ms. Amani Mohamad and Ms. Duaa Falah joined Dr. Khaldoon in transforming Lawyers for Women Center into a registered NGO under the name Mercy Path. Amani served as President of the organization, while Duaa served as Executive Director. Both made outstanding contributions, and we remain deeply grateful for their service.

Amani Mohamed Head of organization

Ms. Amani Mohamad 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 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.



Where do we work?

Through our network of volunteers and associates, our reach extends nationwide.

Our Locations (2024 - 2025)

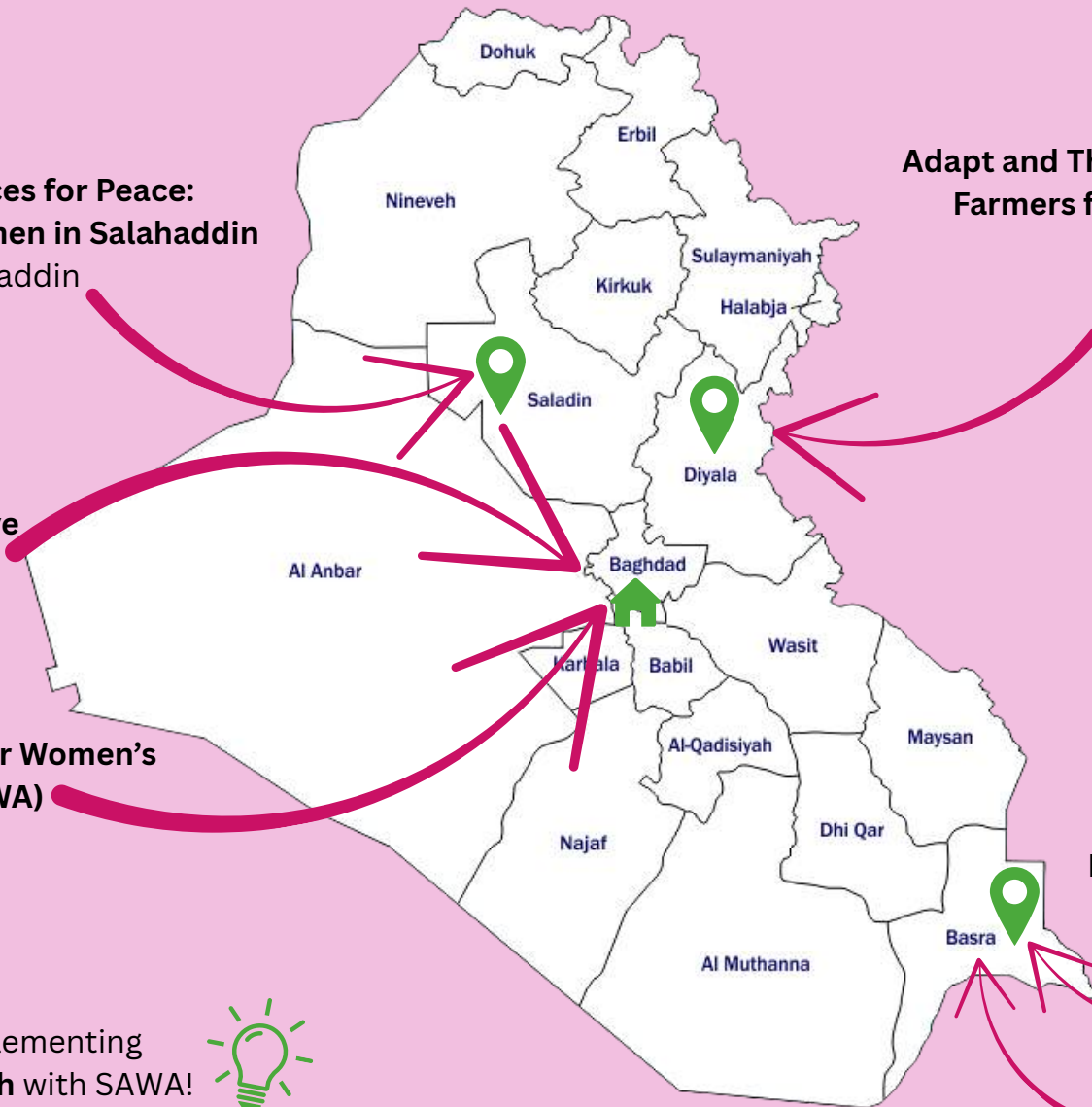
**Women's Voices for Peace:
Empowering Women in Salahaddin**
Salahaddin

**Adapt and Thrive: Empowering Women
Farmers for a Sustainable Future**
Diyala, Sadiya

**Social First Aid Initiative
in Baghdad, Iraq**
Baghdad

**Strengthening Agencies for Women's
Advancement (SAWA)**
Baghdad

We are also implementing
nationwide research with SAWA!



**Innovating for a Greener Future:
Hydroponic Farming and Wetland
Systems for Water-Secure
Communities in Al-Sadeq**
Basra, Al-Sadeq

**Rural Wetlands Wastewater
Treatment Initiative for Basra, Iraq**
Basra

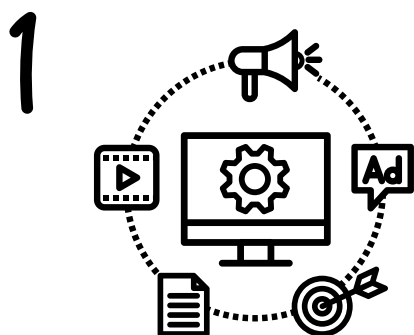
Our Recent Projects

2024 - 2025

1. Adapt and Thrive: Empowering Women Farmers for a Sustainable Future
2. Rural Wetlands Wastewater Treatment Initiative for Basra, Iraq
3. Innovating for a Greener Future: Hydroponic Farming and Wetland Systems for Water-Secure Communities in Al Sadeq
4. Social First Aid Initiative in Baghdad, Iraq
5. Women's Voices for Peace: Empowering Women in Salahaddin
6. Strengthening Agencies for Women's Advancement (SAWA)



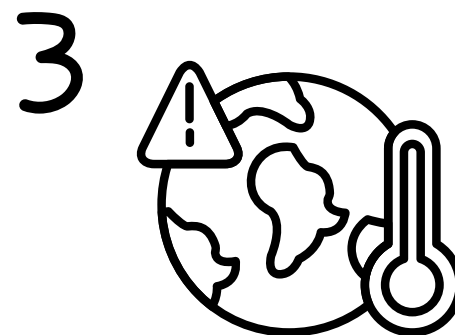
Adapt and Thrive: Empowering Women Farmers for a Sustainable Future



deliver vocational training to 60 beneficiaries on digital marketing strategies



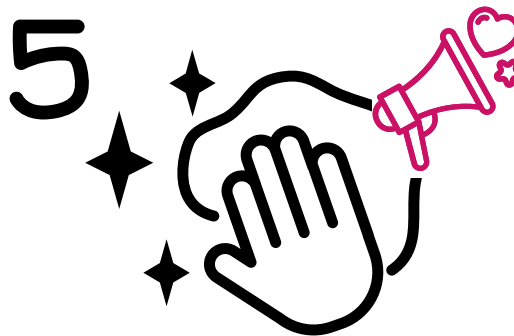
deliver vocational training in agricultural techniques and drip irrigation systems to 60 women



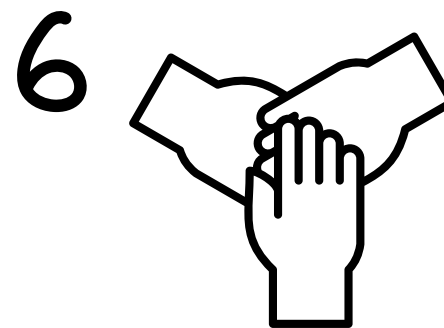
deliver training sessions to 20 women on the impacts of climate change and introduce mitigation strategies



establish women-led committees in local communities and facilitate 4 open community meetings



launch a clean-up campaign to engage social cohesion and environmental stewardship, and raise awareness



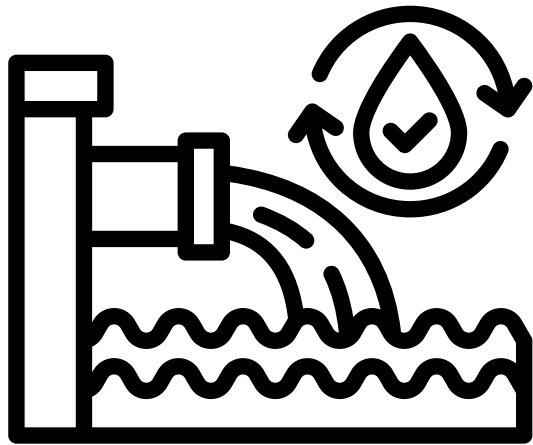
foster social cohesion through community representative committee and youth hackathin competition



Rural Wetlands Wastewater Treatment Initiative for Basra, Iraq

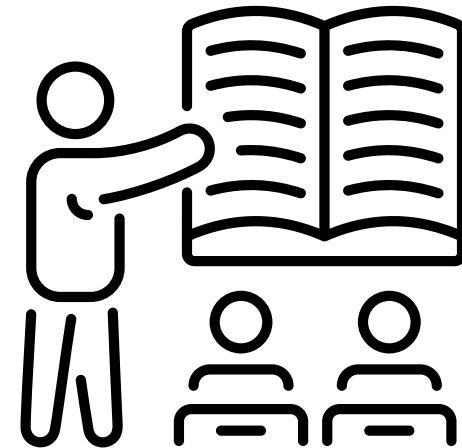


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install 7 wetland wastewater treatment systems in the rural areas north of Basra City, effectively treating wastewater from approximately 60 households (~ 240 individuals)

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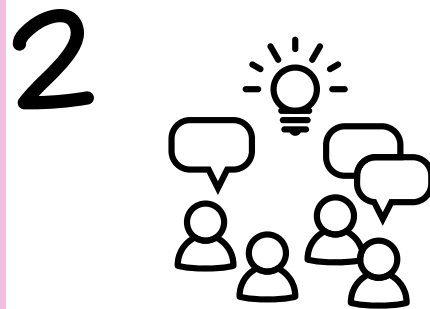
provide educational sessions to the heads of targeted households on the proper maintenance of the wetland wastewater treatment systems



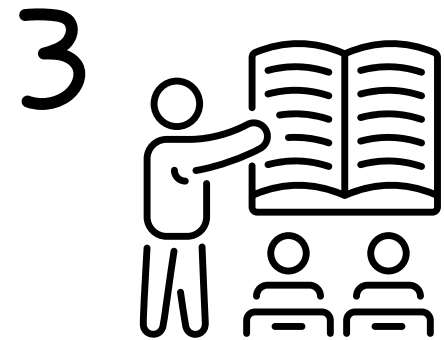
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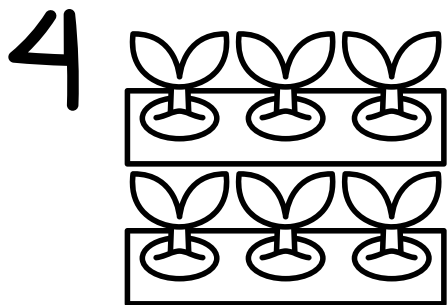
install 20 household-level wetland systems to address wastewater with eco-friendly solutions



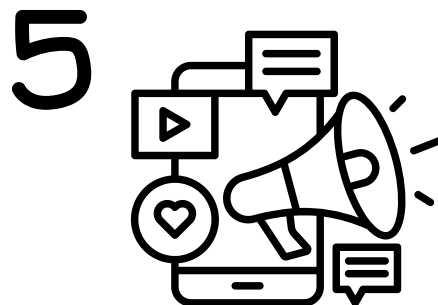
conduct 3 community workshops on wastewater treatment, environmental protection, and community roles in maintaining clean water sources



deliver training on home-based hydroponic systems to 25 participants



provide home-based hydroponic systems, along with essential inputs including nutrient solutions and seeds to 25 participants



implement a social media campaign to increase community knowledge and awareness regarding hydroponic and wetland systems



Social First Aid Initiative in Baghdad, Iraq (3 schools)



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conduct training of 12 school staff and parent council members in bullying intervention strategies

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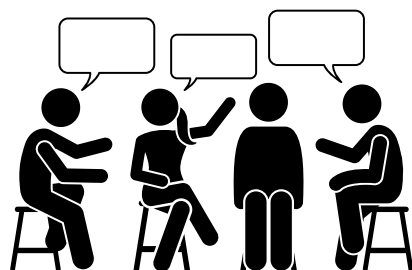
install reporting mechanism (Social First Aid boxes) to enable students to report bullying incidents anonymously

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conduct training with 75 students and additional 83 students participating in Social First Aid box-related activities

4



facilitate panel discussion on anti-bullying strategies with representatives from the Baghdad Governorate and the Ministry of Education

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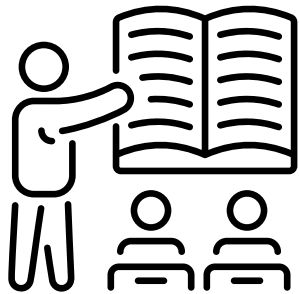
build partnerships with the Countering Violent Extremism Subcommittee, the Iraqi Ministry of Education, and Iraqi community police



Women's Voices for Peace: Empowering Women in Salahaddin



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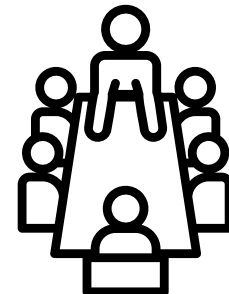
deliver capacity-building and leadership skills on UNSCR 1325 and NAP 1325 to 35 participant

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deliever training session on policy advocacy wiith 25 women activists and community leaders

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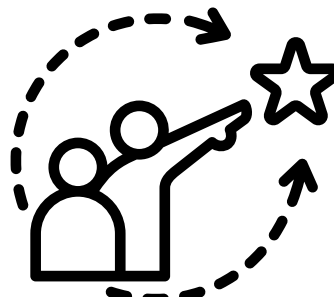
establish a task force composed of 20 women activists and 10 community leaders and conduct meetings

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facilitate targeted dialogues between 20 women activists and at least 3 government official

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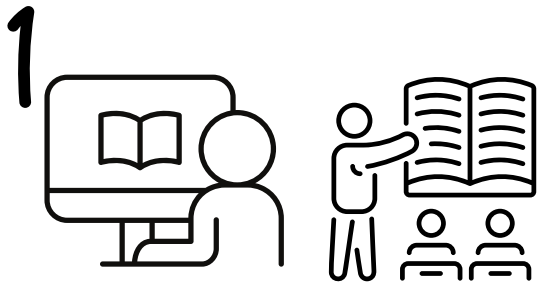
create women leaders mentorship with mentors from within and outside of the government (20 mentees)

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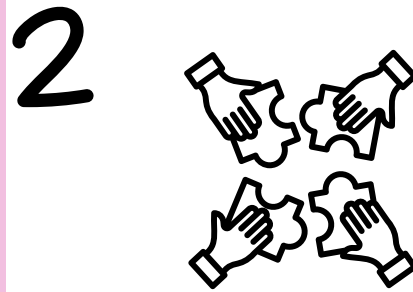


prepare monthly reports to WED COMSEC and UNDP and hold monthly coordination meetings with other CSOs

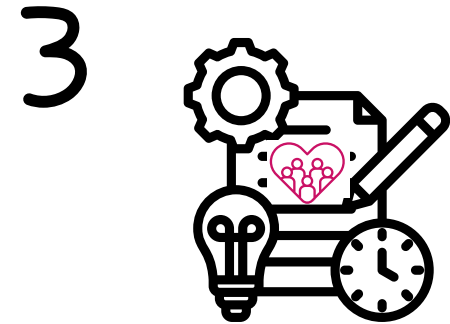
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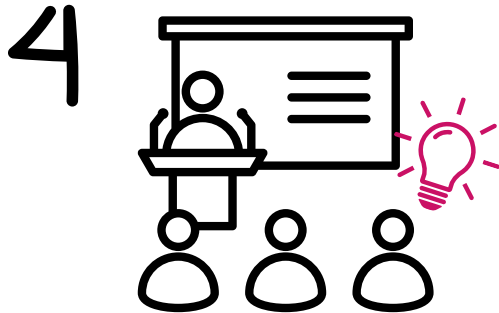
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deliver hybrid training courses on four topics to 42 staff members of the Women, Family and Children Department (WFC) Baghdad



2
launch four specialized task forces on WPS and Women's Rights with 15 participants each (10 WFC representatives, 5 women activists)



3
support the task forces with designing and implementing community-based interventions



4
organize a one-day learning and visibility conference with 100 participants



5
conduct a nationwide research study to strengthen the institutional capacity and coordination of the WFC



Get in touch with us

Join our force, support our cause, or
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