



INSAN IRAQI SOCIETY

جمعية إنسان العراقية



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VALUES

INSAN Iraqi Society is a **non-governmental, non for profit and non religious** organization working in the field of **development, social justice and humanitarian aid**. It was established in Baghdad in 2004 by a few Iraqi members who had been working previously, since 1999, for international humanitarian aid organizations.

INSAN aims at **relieving the suffering and empowering Iraqi people**, in particular **vulnerable persons, victims of conflict, poor people, and under-represented people**, especially **women and internally displaced persons**.

INSAN is dedicated to spread **social and cultural awareness** in the Iraqi Society, and to promote a culture of **Human Rights and Fair Participation**. INSAN contributes to **build the Iraqi Civil Society** by enhancing the efforts of individuals as well as organizations, introducing and promoting the concepts of **democratization, tolerance and Peace Building**.

INSAN also focuses on providing **access to services** to the vulnerable people, in the **field of health** in particular, **enhancing the services offered by health structures** in poor areas of Iraq.

INSAN has been closely **collaborating with various international organizations** since its very beginning, acquiring **effective work and management tools and methodologies**, and adopting **international standards of work**.

By supervising national Iraqi NGOs in the implementation of various nationwide programs, INSAN is now **building the capacity of local Iraqi organizations** working for social progress in Iraq.



FOUNDATION

Officially founded in **February 2005**, INSAN was registered in the **Iraqi Ministry of Planning** under the registration number **1136621**.

Since **1999**, INSAN **founding members** have worked with **well-known international non-governmental organizations** as Iraqi local staff including Enfants du Monde - Droits de l'Homme (EMDH) and Médecins du Monde (MDM).

In **2003**, all INSAN founding members were then working for **Movimiento por la Paz, el Desarme y la Libertad (MPDL)**, a Spanish organization. When International NGOs were evacuated out of Iraq in 2004, the local staff of MPDL created their own organization under the name of **INSAN** (Human-being in Arabic).

MPDL closely supervised the development of INSAN through establishing partnership on projects until INSAN became fully independent and flew with its own wings.

INSAN currently benefits from the **assistance of an expatriate consultant who supports the development of the structure of the organization, the development of programs and the coordination of activities on the field.**

Based in Amman, the expatriate consultant is ensuring a **representation of the activities of INSAN towards international donors and partners**. The consultant coordinator acts as a **guarantee towards donors** that programs and activities will be **implemented and managed in a timely, fair and transparent manner** inside Iraq.



ACTIVITIES

INSAN is operating throughout Iraq through **3 main offices**:

- ◆ Headquarters are based in **Baghdad**
- ◆ Satellite office in **Tameem Governorate, Kirkuk**
- ◆ Satellite office in **Wassit Governorate, Kut**

In this manner, INSAN is able to ensure the implementation and supervision of nationwide projects.

A **representation office** has also been established in **Amman** in order to ensure the link with the international community and to closely report to donors.

INSAN is working in the following fields:

- A. Emergency Assistance, Income Generation & Empowerment of Vulnerables
- B. Human Rights, Conflict Management & Peace Building
- C. Civil Society Development
- D. Health and Medical Support

A. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, INCOME GENERATION & EMPOWERMENT OF VULNERABLES

INSAN focuses on designing and implementing **empowerment programs** targeting vulnerable people such as **women** and **internally displaced individuals**, through **capacity building, education** and **income generating** programs.

INCOME GENERATION

◆ *Sewing Cooperative for Palestinian Refugees and Iraqi Women - Baghdad*

In partnership with MPDL, INSAN established 2 sewing workshops and cooperative for Palestinian Refugees and Iraqi Women from the sectors of Al Dora and Al Baladiyat in Baghdad. During 10 months, the 40 beneficiaries received necessary sewing training along business management knowledge and skills in order to acquire capacities to run the cooperative. Due to the deteriorating economic and security context in Iraq, the sewing workshops were handed to 2 women organizations and are still operating.

Hygienic awareness sessions, along with the distribution of hygienic kits, were also implemented for 200 vulnerable women of these areas. (UNHCR - 10 months - 2005)



◆ **Fruit and Vegetable Cooperative - Kirkuk & Kut**

- INSAN has established 2 fruit and vegetable cooperatives in Kirkuk, providing employment opportunities for the most vulnerable IDP and Host Community individuals of the city. Each initiative, employing 23 beneficiaries selected to represent the mixed ethnic characteristics of Kirkuk, acts as an reconciliation and peace building activity as the mobile sellers will be expected to create working and economic links. The cooperative is also a mean to provide vegetables at a decreased price to the entire community. (2007 and 2008)



- Another Cooperative was opened in Kut, Wassit Governorate, which provided employment opportunities to 27 vulnerable individuals of the IDP and Host Communities. (IOM - 3 months - 2008)

◆ **Income Generation and Conflict Management - Kirkuk**

Micro grants have been awarded to 22 vulnerable members of IDP and Host Communities living in Kirkuk in order to create small scale individual businesses. These economic opportunities aim at relieving economic and social tensions in order to proceed to conflict transformation between communities. While local community leaders received training in conflict management, beneficiaries of the micro grants were involved in dialogue sessions with local authorities in order to ease existing conflicts. As a result, local authorities were seen taking diverse initiatives to increase delivery of services such as water provision and garbage collection. (UNOPS- 4 months - 2007/08)



◆ ***In-kind grants to IDPs and vulnerable individuals in Baghdad Governorate***

Tajhi and 7alBor are two villages in Baghdad Governorate that have suffered from high insecurity from 2004 to 2007, leading to the forced displacement of inhabitants. As the security context has improved and inhabitants are returning, the villages lack of suitable economic opportunities. Grants were provided to 50 vulnerable individuals and former entrepreneurs in an aim to revive the economic dynamics. Administration training sessions were provided to beneficiaries to support them in adequately managing and developing their economic activities. (IOM - 4 months - 2008)



EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

INSAN has recently established its own warehouse in Kirkuk in order to conduct Food and Non Food items emergency assistance to IDPs and vulnerable populations.

- INSAN has conducted the distribution of food and non food items (stoves, heaters, blankets, jerry cans, kitchen and hygienic sets) to 1500 vulnerable families living in Kirkuk, Daquq and Al Hawiga. (IOM- 2 months - 2008)
- INSAN previously conducted distributions of non food items (wheelchairs and clothes) in IDPs camps in Kut, Wassit Governorate to 200 families. (2006/07)



B. HUMAN RIGHTS, CONFLICT MANAGEMENT AND PEACE BUILDING

Through **educational programs on Human Rights and Conflict Management**, INSAN enables the promotion of **tolerance and communication** concepts, facilitating **co-existence, reconciliation and conflict transformation** between communities.

HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION AND PROMOTION

◆ *Supporting and Promoting IDPs' Rights - Nationwide*

INSAN conducted a nationwide awareness and education campaign on Human, Social and Political Rights to IDPs through the campaign 'Where's my family', aiming at improving their political participation. First educated through workshops organized in 14 governorates on their basic rights, IDPs were then encouraged to take part to local committees gathering representatives of governorate councils in order to facilitate their participation to the local social and political life of hosting communities. The committees acted as a communication channel between local governments and IDPs, updating concerns and needs at a political level and easing tensions between communities. Impact was seen on the level of integration of IDP communities with hosting communities. A conference with members of the Iraqi and Kurdish Government aimed at sharing IDP concerns at a highest political level. A media campaign for the Iraqi population through distribution of brochures and radio shows was also implemented. (British Council - 3 months - 2006)

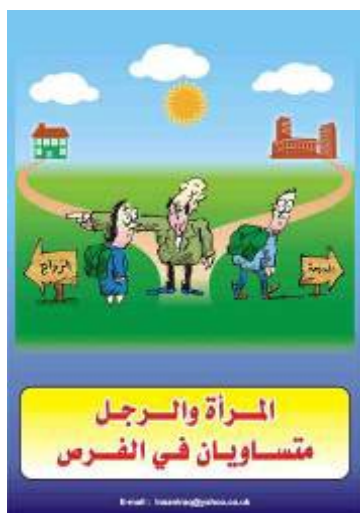


◆ **Human Rights for All - Nationwide**

INSAN coordinated a nationwide education campaign on Human Rights conducted by 4 Iraqi NGOs. Promoting the rights of women, displaced and minorities through caricatures distributed in posters, banners, booklets, newspapers and tv spots, the nationwide campaign was also supported by radio shows. (British Council - 4 months - 2006)

◆ **Awareness Campaign for Women's Rights -Kirkuk**

INSAN implemented an awareness campaign for women's rights in Kirkuk targeting in specific IDP locations. Booklets illustrated with caricatures and simple stories as well as posters were distributed in diverse IDP areas in Kirkuk while radio shows promoted the campaign. (UNIFEM - 2 months - 2006)



CONFLICT MANAGEMENT

Recognizing the increasing level of conflict all over Iraq, INSAN is now focusing in using Human Rights and Conflict Management programs to spread peace and tolerance concepts across communities.

INSAN is looking at empowering NGOs and CSOs in Iraq to act as peace catalysers through providing them with adequate skills and methods to work in an environment of conflict.

INSAN is also focusing on the case of Kirkuk, a city with a large mix of communities which is subjected to increased tensions among the population. Insan is developing programs promoting peace building and reconciliation in this area, believing that women and youth are major actors of peace.

◆ **Using income generation to transform conflicts**

Through income generation programs (*see income generation section*), conflict management skills are provided to community leaders while dialogue sessions enable participants to raise issues of conflict and find common ground while outcomes are monitored by INSAN

◆ **‘Working in a Conflict Environment’’: A conflict management training program for local Iraqi organizations**

Through two phases of training, 10 local organizations, represented by 20 individuals, have acquired skills to assess conflict situations, design conflict sensitive programs and conduct activities aiming at handling and transforming conflicts. Small grants have been awarded to 6 participating NGOs to conduct a change project aiming at improving an identified conflict situation in their own environment. A website has been established enabling the community of trained NGOs to continue communicating. Website: <http://salamnet.insaniraq.org> (D&P - USIP - 12 months - 2007/2008)



◆ **Promoting the role of women in Peace Building initiatives in Kirkuk and Mosul**

INSAN will work with local organizations in Kirkuk and Mosul in order to design a strategy to enhance the participation of women in peace building initiatives. Radio shows will be broadcasted, sharing the principles of conflict resolution and conflict transformation and encouraging women to engage in dialogue sessions in order to ease conflicts in the two areas of Kirkuk and Mosul affected by conflict. (UNIFEM - 2 months - 2008)

◆ **Peace Building program in Rapareen, Kirkuk Governorate**

INSAN is currently implementing a pilot program in peace building and conflict management, introducing a long term development approach to the area of Rapareen. Cohesion between diverse communities living in Rapareen is sought through developing a Community Development Plan ratified by the entire community. Capacity of influential members from the community is built in order to lead a rapid participatory appraisal process while INSAN is introducing a variety of vocational training, income generation and social activities targeting women and youth in particular. INSAN will work along with all stakeholders to foresee the implementation of the designed community plan. (UNOPS - 4 months - 2008)





INSAN is looking at conducting further initiatives in the field of conflict management:

- Human Rights and Peace Building Education in Primary Schools in Kirkuk
- Kirkuk Youth for Reconciliation (in universities)
- Peace Building for children through theatre
- Mothers of Peace and Seeds of Peace Camps

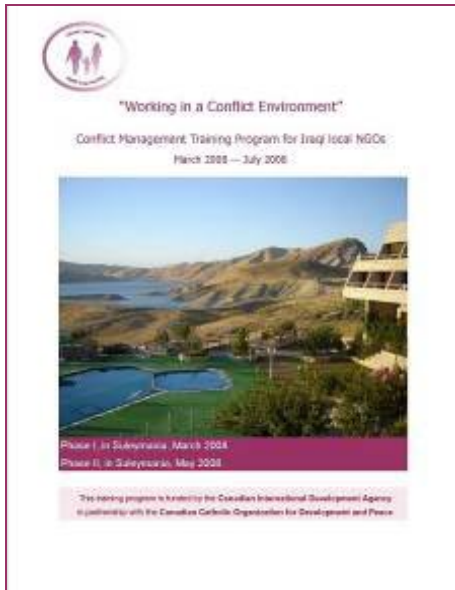
C. CIVIL SOCIETY DEVELOPMENT

Concerned by the building of a new democratic Iraq, INSAN observed the political process of the Referendum on the Constitution and Elections in 2005. Recognized by the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq as observer, INSAN team observed local polling stations in October and December 2005 in Baghdad and Amman.

INSAN is dedicated to participate in **building the capacity** of other local organizations working in similar field, sharing its **expertise** and **experience**. During two large nationwide programs, it led a **coalition** of partners, **supervising** and **coordinating** the implementation of activities, in order to ensure the success of the program.

INSAN initiated a network of local Iraqi NGOs concerned about the respect of IDPs Rights. The **Iraqi Network for IDPs Rights (INIR)** is gathering **26 NGOs** in **4 governorates** all dedicated to ensuring the promotion of IDPs rights and integration into local communities.

Currently, INSAN is implementing a **capacity building program for local Iraqi organizations** in the field of **conflict management** (*See conflict management section*). The training program aims at **building a community of individuals and organizations in Iraq working at peacefully solving conflicts and transforming relationships** to contribute to enhanced co-existence of communities.



D. HEALTH AND MEDICAL SUPPORT

As MPDL local staff, INSAN members provided support to several hospitals by **distributing medicines, donating medical equipment** and **monitoring** the use of the donated materials.

INSAN is carrying on this task with the help of its own medical staff.

- In 2003, distribution and monitoring of medicines in 35 Primary Health Care Centres in Babil Governorate (MPDL, Junta de Castilla La Mancha - 6 months)
- In 2004, distribution of medical equipment and materials to cardio-vascular departments of 2 hospitals in Baghdad (MPDL, Junta de Andalusia - 11 months)
- In 2004, distribution of medical equipments in 4 Major Primary Health Care Centres in Babil Governorate (MPDL, Junta de Castilla La Mancha - 3 months)
- In 2004, training of 4 doctors from Al Bittar hospital, Bahdad in Spain (MPDL, Junta de Castilla La Mancha - 4 months)

◆ Capacity Building of the cardio-vascular department of Al Bittar Hospital, Baghdad

A training of trainers in new sterilization techniques of 6 chief nurses of the cardio vascular department of Al Bittar hospital was organized to train them on using new sterilization materials. These sterilization materials enabled a better disinfection of the hospital as germs were developing tolerance to the former materials. The nurses then trained 18 other nurses of the department. Adequate sterilization materials were also donated to the hospital along with medical materials enabling open heart surgeries to be resumed. (Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace - 4 months - 2006)

- INSAN Iraqi Society – Baghdad, Kirkuk, Kut , Muthana –
- NGO Registered in the Iraqi Ministry of Planning and Development -
- website: <http://www.insaniraq.org> - e-mail : info@insaniraq.org –



◆ ***Training of Trainers program on emergency practices for doctors and nurses in 5 hospitals of Baghdad, Kirkuk and Anbar governorates***

INSAN has partnered with an international organization specialized in the health field to provide a training of trainers for doctors of 5 hospitals in Iraq (Sadr City, Shola, Kirkuk, Falluja, Al Qaim) on emergency practices. INSAN supported the organization in providing the training on training methods and techniques during the ToT implemented in Amman. (4 months - 2007)



◆ ***Enhancing the health care response to combat violence against women in Shoresh Hospital - Kirkuk***

Shoresh Hospital is receiving a majority of patients from the IDP Community. Levels of violence against women have tremendously increased over the last 3 years in Iraq in vulnerable communities.

Trainings given to doctors and support staff of Shoresh Hospital have built the capacity of the medical team to adopt appropriate measures to recognize and deal with violence against women. An institutionalized process will be put in place to support victimized women, from an awareness campaign in health facilities in Kirkuk, to consultations of violence cases and referral to specialized centres. (UNIFEM - 4 months - 2007/08)

◆ **Mobile Medical Teams in Karkh and Rusafa districts, Baghdad Governorate**

Two mobile medical teams formed of 2 doctors and one nurse, conducted home visits to vulnerable populations in need of medical assistance in Baghdad Governorate over a period of 3 months. Equipped with basic medicines and first aid material, the team was able to provide diagnosis of serious conditions and heal basic injuries. Health awareness was provided in main locations along provision of first aid kits. (IOM - 3 months - 2008)





PARTNERS

→ Since its creation, INSAN has collaborated and received **support** from the following international organizations:

- UNHCR
- UNIFEM
- UNOPS
- International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- Canadian Catholic Committee for Development and Peace (D&P)
- Movimiento por la Paz, el desarme y la libertad (MPDL)
- British Council
- United States Institute of Peace

→ INSAN staff members also received **training** building their capacity:

- IDPs Database Management, 2003, NCCI
- Remote Control Management, 2004, NCCI
- Do no Harm, 2004, NCCI
- Capacity Building for Iraqi NGO leaders, 2004, People in Need
- Security Training, 2005, CWS/UNAMI
- Conflict Resolution, 2005, NCCI
- TOT for Iraqi NGO leaders, Part I & II, 2005,2006 People in Need
- TOT on Human Rights, Part I & II, 2006, Arab Institute for Human Rights, UNOPS
- Strengthening Human Rights educators in Iraq, 2007, Equitas Canada
- Violence Against Women, 2007, UNIFEM
- Human Rights and Women's Rights, 2007, Raoul Wallenberg Institute, Sweden
- Monitoring & Evaluation, 2008, USIP
- International Human Rights Training Program, 2008, Equitas, Canada

→ INSAN staff members also participated to the following **conferences**:

- **Equity and Justice in a Globalized World**, *Germany 2007*, F. Naumann Foundation, Theodor Heuss Academy, Gumersbach.
- **Human Rights in the New Iraqi Constitution**, *Amman 2006*, F. Naumann Foundation, representing the Civil Society among academics and parliamentarians
- **The new Iraq, a partner for Europe**, *Belgium 2006*, F. Naumann Foundation, Bertelsmann Stiftung Foundation, representing the Civil Society among academics and parliamentarians



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