

## Together To Protect Human and The Environment Association(NGO)

# Together Profile

Name of org.: Together to protect Human & the environment Association (Together)

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**Vision:** Toward a peacefully society, respects human rights and protect the environment.

#### Mission:

Make Positive change in the behavior of individuals, institutions and study the legislation and the relevant laws to ensure the safety of human rights and the environment in Iraq and to achieve, justice, security and peace for all members of the community.

### Together membership:

- 1. Arab network for environment and development. (RAED) Cairo, since 2006.
- **2.** Global Environment Facility *GEF*-CSO network since 2012.
- 3. International habitat coalition (housing & Land network) since 2012.
- **4.** Earth day network since 2011.
- 5. Community Anti-Drug Coalition of America CADCA since 2013.
- 6.IPEN- International Pops Elimination Network since 2012.
- 7. Accredited by UNEP since 18 Feb.2019
- 8. Global network for Disaster Reduction GNDR. 2016.
- 9. Member in CSM (Civil Society Mechanism ) in CFS -Committee on world Food Security/FAO . 2019

### International org. that we worked with:

- 1. USAID
- 2. US Embassy-Baghdad
- 3. CIDA
- 4. American university-Global peace center.
- 5. USIP (United State Institute for Peace)



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- 6. UNESCO
- 7. UNOPS
- 8. UNFPA -National partner 2011-till end of 2015
- 9. Earth day network
- 10. CADCA (Community Anti-Drugs Coalitions of America).
- 11. Relief International RI.
- 12. Finland International Development Agency FIDA. National partner 2018-2021
- 13. IPEN- Toxic free future.
- 14. International Habitat Coalition
- 15. AMAR International Charitable Foundation in the United States of America (AMAR U.S.A)
- 16. UNFPA National partner 2020-2024

### Iraqi Governmental organizations That we worked with:

- 1. Ministry f environment & health -Baghdad
- 2. Environmental committee in Kurdistan region
- 3. Ministry of education Baghdad & Kurdistan
- 4. Ministry of higher education Baghdad & Kurdistan (Baghdad university- Technology university- Anabr university Faloga University- Sallaha lddin university Ishik university)
- 5. Ministry of agriculture Baghdad & Kurdistan
- 6. Ministry of Labor & social affairs
- 7. Ministry of planning
- 8. Ministry of Youth & sport

### Geographical areas covered by Together activities:

The association operates in all governorates of Iraq, and its activities included the governorates of Baghdad, Babil, Qadisiyah, Dhi Qar, Maysan, Basra, Erbil, Dohuk, Sulaymaniyah, Kirkuk, Mosul, Diyala, Salahuddin, Anbar, Wasit, Karbala, and Basra.

### Services provided by Together association:

The association provides its services in the following fields:

- 1. Training in human development, sustainable development and capacity building in the field of human rights, leadership, conflict resolution and negotiation.
- 2. Specialized training in the field of environmental management according to the international standard ISO 14001
- 3. Training in building community alliances to address drug and addiction phenomena.
- 4. Raise environmental awareness among citizens of all segments of society.
- 5. Environmental impact assessment of projects.
- 6. Environmental education
- 7. Conducting environmental research and studies.
- 8. Training and developing youth in the field of life skills and civil values.



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### Projects & Activities implemented by Together:

- 1. Environmental libraries in Alsadir city in three schools. Funded by **UNOPS**.2005.
- 2. Discussion group for women in alhussainia city about the women roles in environment protection. funded by **USAID**, 2005.
- 3. Peace project for kids in Alsadir city. Local donors 2006.
- **4.** Conducted environmental and outreach activities in Baghdad-Alqadesia- Kut- Babylon and Nasiria). **US embassy Baghdad 2006.**
- 5. Festival of international child day (provision of environmental stories and books- plants- ecobags) for orphans in Bagdad- Alwaziria orphanage, funded by **Civil pillar**.2006
- 6. Celebration of tolerance day in Di Qar Marshes (open classes for 70 illiterate young people + establishing football yard for young people. Funded by **civil pillar** 2006.
- 7. Festival of World environmental day 2006 in Alhussaina city- Bagdad, funded by **Al-Amal Org**.2006
- 8. Economic empowerment for women in Di qar marshes by providing 20 women with sewing machines+ accessories. Funded by **Nature Iraq.**
- 9. Biogas unit establishment in Alsadir city for one family. 2006, funded by Civil Pillar.
- 10. Celebration of UNESCO International day 2006 (Lectures & distribution of posters, brochures about environment) in Bagdad University 2006 funded by **Civil Pillar**.
- 11. Networking program for educational development in 5 schools in Bagdad, funded by UNOPS ,2007.
- 12. *Half million tree* planting campaign+ awareness campaigns in Kurdistan(Erbil-Duhuk-Sulaymania-Kirkuk- Sallahalddin + Bagdad governorates, funded by **USAID** 2007-2008.
- 13. The right to live in peace & healthy environment initiative in two schools in Bagdad, funded by NCCI,2008.
- **14.** Iraqi Youth and Social Change Project" IYSCP, starting by providing TOT for 1250 young people trained on (Leadership, Negotiation, citizenship, proposal writing, conflict management & peace building followed by youth initiatives for their local communities in 10 governorates in Iraq, funded by **US Embassy 2008-2009.**
- 15. (Step by Step toward Sustainable Schools –SSTSS) in 5 schools in Erbil, training teachers, environmental clubs' establishment, Provision of 1800 environmental books, nursery accessories, students initiatives, funded by **USAID** 2008-2009.



- **16.** Youth cultural Exchange Program) focusing on coexistence, tolerance & Peace, youth role in environment protection targeting more than 1500 young people from Baghdad & Erbil, funded by **USAID**, **CIDA**, **US Embassy in Baghdad**,**2009-2011**.
- 17. Organized 4 environmental conferences for professors and university students from all Iraqi Universities, funded by ministry of higher education, ministry of environment, Kurdistan student's union. 2006-2009.
- **18.** Iraqi Election education and awareness initiative in Mosel, Sallahadin and Anbar, funded by **American University Global Peace center 2008-2010.**
- **19.** Lead campaigns to support **COP15** with different activities and participation of 2500 students from 5 schools in Erbil.2009, funded by **USAID**.
- **20.** Planting and cleaning campaigns and environmental activities in 17 schools in Bagdad and Erbil.2009-2010, funded by **USAID.**
- 21. Establishment of environmental libraries in two girls orphans in Baghdad (1000 different environmental books, stories, encyclopedia...etc) funded by UNFPA,2011.
- 22. Participated in research about CNPC (Chinese oil company) work in Iraq 2011, funded by **REVNUE WATCH**.
- 23. Peer education program on life skills for young people & Advocacy for educational management and youth forums management in vocational schools about life skills and civic values for youth in Baghdad, Anbar & Sallahalddin, funded by **UNFPA**, 2012.
- 24. Part of billion green Act with Earth day network 2011—2019 targeting more than 10,000 schools,100,000 Young people.
- 25. Youth Ambassadors for peace in Alsadir city project /Baghdad, funded by **United State Institute of Peace USIP** by training teachers, students from 10 schools & implement peace initiatives in Alsadir city,2012-2013.
- 26. Partner with UNESCO for promoting civic education & life skills for teachers, young people, journalists in Baghdad, funded by **UNESCO**, 2012.
- 27. Leader of million green Act in Iraq for 2012-2013-2014-2015, self-funded with coordination with ministry of agriculture, ministry of education.
- 28. Training 300 university students in Baghdad to be environmental ambassadors, in coordination with Baghdad University.
- 29. Training & Awareness sessions for 400 young people on life skills (AIDS, violence against woman, addiction, self-esteem, decision making, harassment, relation with peers & parents) in Bagdad, Di Oar, Erbil, Sallahalddin, funded by **UNFPA**, 2012.
- 30. Organizing the 1<sup>st</sup> conference on life skills with ministry f labor & social affairs for decision makers from MOLSA & MOE, funded by **UNFPA**, 2013.



- 31. Establishment of Ankawa coalition to combat addiction from different society sectors and implementing many activities related to addiction issues including policy reform, funded by CADCA (Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America), 2013-2016.
- 32. Training & preparing 28 young people to be climate leaders in coordination with Baghdad university, 2013.
- 33. **Eco bag** project which aims to reduce using plastic bags especially in buying hot food or bread and the revenues of selling these eco bags supports widows & orphans (social entrepreneurship project) & to sustain our association, funded by Relief International since 2014.
- 34. Supporting 750 families from Mosel IDPS in Ankawa camp and Bahrka camp with food, clothes, cleaners and money for some sick people.2014.
- 35. Training 180 young girls from IDPs in Erbil, Baghdad, Babel, Najaf, Karbala & Diala camps to be peer educators for their peers on (reproductive health, sexually transferred diseases, gender based violence), funded by UNFPA, 2014-2015.
- 36. Achieved TOT training programs to prepare 24 young people as trainers for IDPs camps from Basra, Dhigar, Mesan, Babel, Najaf, Karbala, Diala and Baghdad. Funded by UNFPA, 2015.
- 37. Provide vocational training for women IDPs in Baghdad, Babel, Karbala (sewing & hair dressing & beatification for about 150 women funded by UNFPA, 2014-2015.
- 38. Field survey for 10 provinces in Iraq-rural areas to explore the access to water and sanitation systems in the Arab Region project which was funded by **RAED**, **ESCWA**, Arab water council, Arab country league.2015.
- 39. In coordination with university of Technology, university of Baghdad, Hayat University, churches, we did a series of awareness session on sustainable development goals and organizing eco bags exhibitions, 2015-2016.
- 40. Working with ministry of youth to deliver training on environmental & sustainable development issues, 2017.
- 41. Working with Ankawa youth center and implementing different activities for young people and parents regarding environmental & health issues, 2016-2017.
  - 42. Providing widows with Salon accessories to start their small business (women beautification & hair dresser) by investing the revenues of eco bags project (in cooperation with ministry of labor & social affairs.) Jan 2017.
  - 43. Establishing women development center in Almajidia village in Ninewa which they are minorities of KAKI (training 60 women on sewing skills & life skills & 10 on advanced sewing skills & center management) and proving the center with sewing machine & all sewing accessories .( funding from Finland International development Agency FIDA).



- 44. Working with IPEN (International Pops Elimination Network) about Lead in paint study in Iraq Oct.2017- October 2018.
- 45. Working with IPEN to advocate workers of Samsung company regarding the work environment & the hazards faced the workers in electronics by screening film (stories from the clean room). 2018
- 46. Child right to education project 2018-2022, this project started by training teachers on how to instill values in the lives of students, TOT training for teachers on integrated parenting program, activate parent-teachers councils, kids club establishment, back to school advocacy campaign for girls, funded by FIDA.
- 47. Training on Integrating parenting program for teachers in Kirkuk in cooperation with Church 2018.
- 48. Refreshing training of teacher's trainers in Mosel education directorate whom they are working with TOGETHER to develop teachers skills as part of child right to education project funded by FIDA, April 2019
- 49. Celebrating World environment Day 2019 in Baharka IDPs camp with more that 60 young people ( 60 % of them were girls ) and implementing different activities ( Mask challenge- handcraft by using papers ,making kites, paper wind mills, waste CDs, drawing SDGs , singing about peace , plays and planting the cultural center in the camp with different plants. During this activity TOGETHER announced Read -Together initiative through mobile library to the camp monthly to encourage them to read & will focus on environmental stories & books by brining TOGETHER library to them and then open discussions about the issues they read.
- 50. Restoring Hope to Youth Through Music RHYTHN-IRAQ ,the project was funded by AMAR foundation/USA branch ,with this project TOGETHER training 328 young boys & girls 9-18 years old from Bahrka camp & Mosel schools ,June 2019-November 2019.
- 51. Organize a national meeting to establish a national forum for disaster risk reduction in Iraq & how to be part of Global Network for Disaster Risk Reduction GNDR, *Erbil 30 Nov.* 2019.
- 52. Train of Trainers for group of teachers from Mosel, Erbil, Harsham Camp on (( **Integrating Sustainability in education**)) as part of child right to education which was funded by Finland International Development Agency FIDA which Together implemented in Mosel for 4 years 2018-2021.
- 53. During Covid -19 pandemic ,Together worked to use digital platforms to communicate with it's beneficiaries and partners , and organized more than 12 training workshops for teachers, community activists, young female , and give seminars on topics related to climate change , environmental challenges, earth day .



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#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- 1. Booklet about billion tree planting campaign 2007.200 copy.
- 2. Book about forest trees in Iraq guidelines for kids -1000 copy
- 3. Environmental friends in Kurdish language -1000 copy.
- 4. Towards sun magazine for kids- 1000 copy.
- 5. Volunteer for change(kids stories in environmental protection in USA- lessons learned).
- 6. Book of memories of young people participating in youth exchange programs. 3000 copy.
- 7. Environmental calendar ,1000 COPY
- 8. Environmental posters 3000 posters.
- 9. Book of memories of students whom participated in peace ambassadors' program in Alsadir city 500 copy.
- 10. Environmental passports for kids, distributed to some students in Erbil & Baghdad schools.
- 11. Posters & folders for eco bags project, in Arabic, Kurdish & English. 2014-2018
- 12. Folder for women development in Almajidia. 2017
- 13. Study of Lead in Paint report 200 copy 2018
- 14. Lead in Paint folder 200 copy. 2018, funded by IPEN
- 15. Plastic codes flyer 500 copy.
- 16. Be confident...strong & free (500 copy)
- 17. Child rights passport 100 copy.
- 18. Training material of how to integrate Sustainability in education 2020.
- 19. Highly Hazards Pesticides HHPs study in Iraq, funded by IPEN. 2020

### Participation and organizing National ,Regional and International conferences:

- 1. Participation in International conference for environment and health in Iraq after war, that conference was organized by Stony Brook University Amman (September 2005).
- **2.** Participation in **Paris** Conference that was adopted by UNESCO (Iraqi Educational System Development) in Paris 8-9/12/2005.
- **3. Together** participated in "**Arab Civil Societies Consultation**" on the Follow Up the Arab Initiative for Sustainable Development –Algeria 17-18 December 2006 as representative of Iraqi NGOs.
- **4.** Participation in **Environment & Gender conference** with paper about (energy & gender )that was organized by Bahrain Women Association –Qatar-March 2007.
- **5.** Participation in the Second environmental conference about water, Iraq-Kurdistan-Duhuk 25-27 April 2007.
- 6. NGO's representatives meeting of Arab region in Environment and development Network. Cairo Dec. 2007
- **7.** Participation in the Arab civil society conference about climate change in 31-2 November 2009 as representative of Iraqi environmental NGOs.
- **8.** Together organized 4 environmental conferences, many researchers from different universities in Iraq participated in these conferences for the years 2006,2007,2008, 2009. These conferences were organized in cooperation with ministry of higher education, ministry of environment in Kurdistan region.



- **9.** Participation in training program in Paris about ISO 14000 for kids done by Japanese org ArTech.+ UNESCO, 2010.
- **10.** Participation in HOBY program (youth leadership program) as chaperons for young people from Iraq –LA/USA July 2010.
- 11. Participation in GEF –CSO network workshop that was done in Amman Feb.2012.
- 12. Participation in GEF conference that was done in Washington DC Nov.2012.
- 13. Participation in GEF –CSO Network workshop that was done in Turkey-Dec.2012.
- **14.** Participation with a lecture on social responsibility in 1<sup>st</sup> international conference on human development and its role in modern administration 10-11 April 2013. Misan governorate.
- 15. Participation in CADCA conferences & training programs that were held in Washington DC, Las Vegas, Florida, Indiana Police, Los Angeles, Georgia/USA, for Addiction issues Feb.2014. August 2014, August 2015, July 2016.
- **16.** Participation in a workshop in Cairo about implementing survey of water and sanitation access in rural areas in Arab countries 14-15 June 2015.
- 17. Participation in a workshop (Support NGOs in middle east & North Africa about climate adaptation in Water sector ) Arab water council & Arab Network for Environment & Development in Cairo 14 Nov.2015.
- **18.** Participation in a workshop about the role of NGOs to aware the people about SDGs 18-19 No.2015 in CAIRO.
- **19.** Participation in GEF –CSO Network consistency workshop that was held in Amman/Dead Sea in 7-11 September 2015
- 20. Participation in GEF consistency workshop that was held in Beirut 23-26 Sept.2016.
- **21.** Participation in the conference that was organized by ministry of planning /Iraq about (*Iraq vision 2030*) regarding sustainable development goals, We submit a paper about (Sustainable development goals & Social responsibility ISO 26000) Nov.2016.
- **22.** Participation in International Habitat coalition conference (Towards application of responsible governance guidelines on land tenure, forests & fisheries for national food security, Tunisia 25-27 October 2017.
- **23.** Participation in IPEN Regional Meeting in Arab countries & Mena region that was held in Tunisia 31 October 2 November 2017 (IPEN- International Pops Elimination Network).
- **24.** Participation in consultation workshop on Agro ecology that was organized by FAO (Food & Agriculture Organization) that was held in Tunisia 21-23 November 2017.
- **25.** Participation in 5<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific regional meeting on the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management, Bangkok, Thailand, 23-25 January 2018.
- **26.** Participation in Civil Society Consultation with the Food and Agriculture Organization in the Near East and North Africa ,Beirut, Lebanon, 19-21 February 2018



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- **27.** Press release conference of Lead in Paint study which was organized by TOGETHER, October 2018.
- **28.** Participation in 55<sup>th</sup> GEF council meeting & gef-CSO network that was held in Washington DC 17-20 Dec. 2018.
- **29.** Participation in Regional Arab Forum for Sustainable Development which was held in Biuret 8-11 April 2019.
- **30.** Participation in regional workshop that was organized by Finland International Development Agency FIDA, Amman March 2019.
- **31.** Participation in Arab Forum for sustainable development that was held in Beirut 8-11 April under the title of (*Empowering people and ensuring inclusion and equality in the Arab region*), included the submission of voluntary national reviews to allow countries to review the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, to which countries, including Iraq, have committed since 2015,
- **32.** by monitoring progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals and related targets and indicators. These reviews are a tool for accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, facilitating the alignment of national priorities with the Sustainable Development Goals and establishing a baseline for monitoring future progress.
- 33. Participation in the (Expanded Workshop for the Middle East and North Asia) organized by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) for the period 29 October 1 November 2019 in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt.

  Governmental delegations and civil society organizations from countries (Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, Yemen, Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Iran, Turkey, Afghanistan, Pakistan) discussed the policies, procedures and contributions of the workshop. GEF and the possibility of enhancing the effectiveness and impact of GEF in supporting the environment in participating countries.
- **34.** Participation in the workshop that was organized by FAO **13-15 Nov.2019** in Beirut under the title ( Participation as an approach to food security ) ,many NGOs from middle east & North Africa participated in this workshop to discuss food security & agroecology and the main challenges to achieve SDGs 2030.
- **35.** Participation in Coordination Committee meeting, CSM forum and CFS 46 plenary that was organized by FAO/CFS in ROME/ITALY ,8-18 October 2019 to discuss the civil society mechanism and tier role in achieving food security & achieving SDGs.
- **36.** Participation in Middle East & Central Asia Meeting for FIDA partners which was held in Amman **24-27 Feb. 2020** to discuss progress in FIDA projects & work plan for the next steps.
- **37.** Participation in participated in the consultations of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), which was held with representatives of civil society organizations in the Near East and North Africa region in Casablanca for the period from **24-26** / **February** / **2020** ,during which a number of topics related to the programs, goals and priorities set by FAO.

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