



## ASSESSMENT REPORT

“Strengthening the Role of Women in Democratic Development and Peace Building through Advocating and Lobbying the Legislation of UN 1325 and NAP- Anbar Governorate”

**Hariwan organization for human develop**

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## About Hariwan

Hariwan established and registered on May 22nd, 2017 obtained a registration certificate under the NO. 3510-L in accordance with the laws and legislations of the KRG, Hariwan on January 8 th , 2019 obtained a registration certificate under the NO. 4025 from the NGOs Directorate in the cabinet council in Baghdad. Hariwan's vision is to be the primary support and platform for a civil society represented by a global community of informed, empowered and committed NGOs that fully participate with the international organizations rules in decision-making and programs leading to a better world, a world social justice.

The mission of this organization is Facilitating human rights developments through various means. We're working towards establishing, promoting, and supporting a society where every individual's rights to health, protection, education, and participation are guaranteed by informing, empowering, and enabling every individual to realize, claim, protect and fulfill his/her rights in a free and safe environment.

Hariwan Organization has always tried to help develop societies across Kurdistan and Iraq . And it's mission is to protect Human rights, building peace, create a safe environment, establish social cohesion amongst the society, and improve the psychological and economic conditions of the families.

## INTRODUCTION

The Security Council adopted 1325 resolution on women and peace and security on 31 October 2000. The resolution reaffirms the important role of women in the prevention and resolution of conflicts, peace negotiations, peace-building, peacekeeping, humanitarian response and in post-conflict reconstruction and stresses the importance of their equal participation and full involvement in all efforts for the maintenance and promotion of peace and security. Resolution 1325 urges all actors to increase the participation of women and incorporate gender perspectives in all United Nations peace and security efforts.

Iraq adopted its first National Action Plan (NAP) in 2014 for the period 2014-2018, making it the first country in the MENA region to adopt a NAP. The NAP was developed by the Federal Government of Iraq and the Kurdistan Regional Government with cooperation between the Ministry of Women's Affairs, Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Defense in Baghdad and Ministry of Interior and Women's High Council in Kurdistan along with the Iraqi NAP 1325 Initiative (I-NAP1325 Initiative), which consists of women's rights organizations and networks across Iraq and Kurdistan.

To measure the level of awareness among different community members in Anbar governorate, Hariwan NGO conducted this assessment which is meant to help identify gaps in knowledge and target awareness campaigns or educational initiatives accordingly. These platforms will lead community mobilization, monitor, lobby and advocacy efforts aimed at ensuring effective citizen engagement and participation, especially women and youths in any peace and conflict resolution interventions. Overall, by establishing an online presence, the survey platform is designed to significantly expand its reach and accessibility to a wider audience, leading to more diverse and representative responses.

# KEY FINDINGS



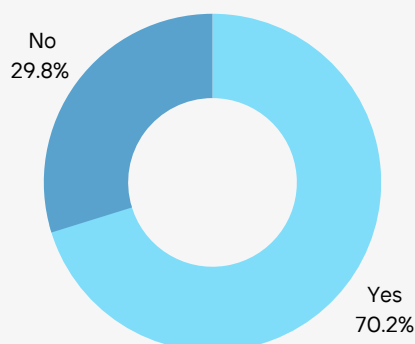
## Methodology

The assessment was conducted online through a survey which consisted of a number of qualitative and quantitative questions to get insights about the applicants' knowledges on the topic. The survey was designed by the M&E department of Hariwan NGO and was distributed among the beneficiaries through Hariwan social media platforms as well as other famous accounts in the governorate.

## Demographics

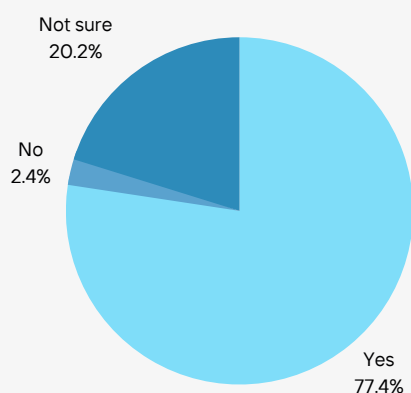
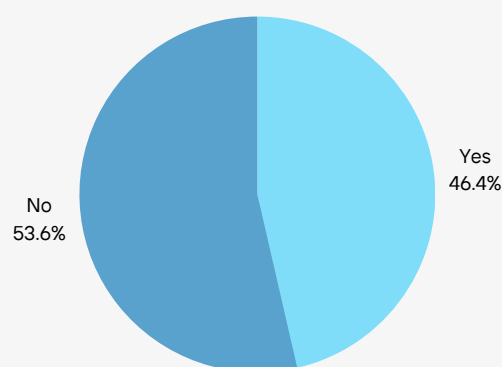
The number of applicants was: 84 applicants from which 95.2% were from Anbar  
**Female:**82.1%  
**Male:**17.9%  
**Ages:** 97.7% Adult , 3.6% under 18

## Key findings of the assessment were as following



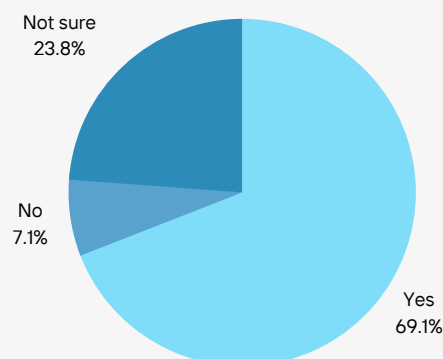
- The applicants were asked whether they have any prior knowledge on any resolutions related to women's rights, as shown in the chart below 70.2% replied yes while 29.8% said no.

- We asked the applicants whether they know anything about the UN resolution of 1325WPS. It appears that nearly half of the responses we received were insufficient in term of information about the UN resolution of 1325WPS. As shown below 46.4% said Yes while 53.6% indicated that they never received any information about this law.

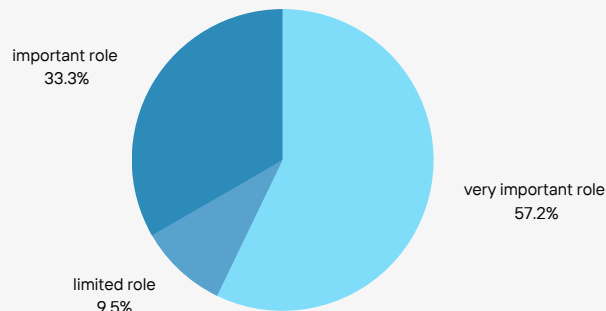


- 77.4% of the responses said that the role of UN 1325 is required to promote gender equality and to strengthen women's roles in peace and security.

- According to 69% of the responses, UN resolution 1325 has contributed to improving the statue of women in society, while 23.8% were unsure.



- the applicant were asked what they think of the role of women in the decision making process related to peace and security, as shown in chart that 57.1% think that women's role is a very important role in decision making .

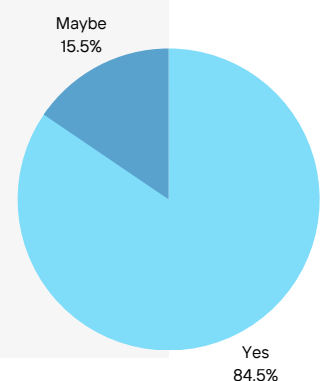


We have asked the audience about the challenge women face in political participation and decision-making in peace and security , the answers were as following :



- The conservative norms and traditions of the society.
- The political parties and lack of political well.
- Gender inequalities.
- Fear of authorities.
- Lack of acceptance for women opinion.
- lack of the awareness in the community.
- Lack of support to women and girls.
- Safety and Security challenges.

- Almost 85% of the respondents think that the role of women should be increased in the field of peace and security in our society.

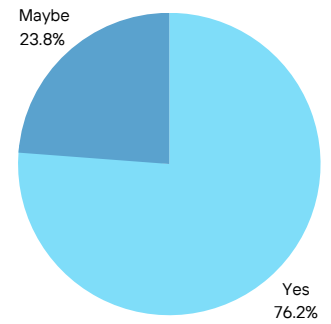




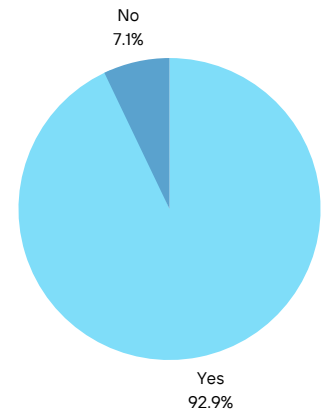
## applicant thoughts and suggestion about what steps can be taken to enhance women's participation in peace and security decision-making

- increasing the number of women in all organization , and increasing the partnership of local women's organization.
- community awareness initiative and workshop.
- women's participation in decision-making and the provision of a platform for her to express her opinion.
- Increase the representation of women in government institutions, and providing political and financial support to women.
- protection of women and girls from sexual and gender-based violence, and prevention of violence against women.
- Supporting women small projects and teaching women leadership skills.
- Enrolling women's in seminars and professional development courses.
- Allowing women to run in the elections and win the presidency.
- Providing the possible opportunity for women and expanding their activities.
- Activating women's role and promoting the culture of women leadership in society by providing both financial and technical support. Additionally striving to expand awareness of UN Resolution 1325 among all member of society.
- Achieving gender equality and giving women's leadership roles.

- 76% of respondents believe that the knowledge of UN resolution 1325 is essential for positive change in our society.



- 92% of respondents like to participate in events and activities to raise awareness of UN Resolution 1325 in society.



### Recommendation and Ideation from Participants to enhance the role of women in the political process and decision-making in the field of peace and security:

- Promote the role of media and information technology to raise awareness and enhance women's rights.
- It's recommended that women must have better participation in politics and this can be achieved through increasing Cota seats in the parliament as well as municipalities.
- It's highlighted that there is a further need for re-habitation and recreational activities, such as psychosocial and sport interventions to help women increase their capacities and heal from past sufferings and trauma.
- Women and girls must have an active and meaningful participation in the decision-making process.
- The skills and capacities of women and girls must be increased so they are ready to meet the workforce needs and increase job opportunities and female entrepreneurship.
- It's important to raise awareness around GBV and other women's right issues among members of the community, particularly in Anbar Governorate, as it is a tribal society that is not always supportive to women's participation in different life spheres.



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