

As well as elimination of all forms of discrimination against women. Moreover, WEO advocates for protection of women's rights in the legal system, in an effort to meet global standards in international conventions and treaties.

WEO also encourages the participation of youth and women in the development and rebuilding process of Iraq, providing training and supporting them to locate employment and business opportunities. WEO has been identified as a regional Small Business Development Center by the USAID funded Tijara project. WEO is a trusted community partner for providing business development services in the Kurdistan Region, which started on December 2006, funded by USAID-Izdihar

### WEO Objectives:

- Consolidating roles of women in decision making processes,
- Encouraging women participation in the development process, by strengthening their social, cultural political , and economic roles,
- Raising awareness among people, particularly at the grassroots level, to get them acquainted with the rights and freedom they deserve to enjoy in their country,
- Enhancing the awareness of the global human rights concept in the community,
- Working to guarantee women rights, within the local laws and legislations, and
- Educating rural and suburban women,
- Supporting women and youth to find work opportunities through implementing equalities in these opportunities, so as to achieve social justice.



### What Do We Offer?

- "How to Start or Improve a Business" training course
- Business counseling services
- Economic studies and market surveys
- Agribusiness training
- Trainer of Trainers (TOT)
- Proposal Writing Training Courses
- Basic and advanced computer training courses
- Language Courses
- Monitoring and Evaluation Training Courses
- Communication Skills Training Courses
- Business Association Management

### Our Mission:

WEO focuses on empowering women to become dynamic leaders, valued contributors, and inquisitive learners in all aspects of a civil society. Advocating for the protection of their rights and supporting them to achieve their full potential.

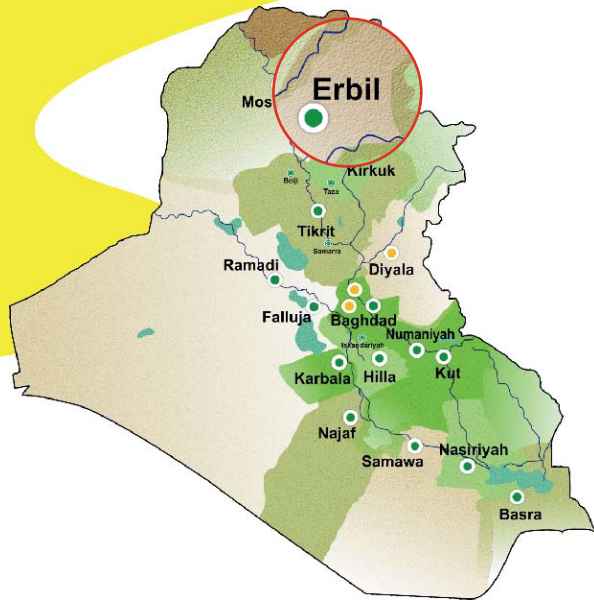
### Planned Activities:

- Advanced managerial training courses for SMEs
- Exhibitions, trade fairs, workshops
- English courses
- Community services and health projects and awareness

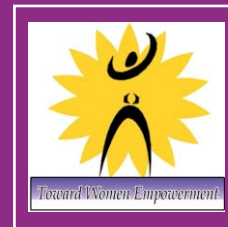


## AFFILIATIONS:

- USAID-*Tijara*
- Al-Thiqa Microfinance Institution
- USAID-*Inma*
- Mama Cash
- Mercy Corps
- Relief International "Diakonia"
- UNIFEM
- UNDP
- Global Fund for Women
- Canada Human Rights Fund for the Iraq
- Open Society Institute
- International Rescue committee



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# WEO- SBDC / Erbil

## Who we are?

Women Empowerment Organization is a non-governmental, voluntary and independent organization, established in June 2004. The organization is most active in and around Erbil, Iraq, the capital of the Kurdistan Region with offices in Ankawa.

WEO increases the social, political, economic and cultural participation of women in all aspects of society. WEO holds trainings, seminars, conferences and workshops that foster exchanges of information among the community, coordinating with national, regional and international human rights movements.

Women's rights, human rights, gender equity, economic engagement and political participation are promoted,

