



Harikar NGO

SIXTEEN DAYS

of Activism against
Gender-Based Violence

2023

■■ UNITE! Invest to
prevent violence
against women
and girls ■■





INTRODUCTION

TO THIS REPORT

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is an annual international campaign that kicks off on 25th November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs until 10th December, Human Rights Day.

The campaign was started by activists at the inauguration of the Women's Global Leadership Institute in 1991. It is used as an organizing strategy by individuals and organizations around the world to call for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls.

In support of this civil society initiative, the United Nations Secretary-General launched in 2008 the campaign UNITE by 2030 to End Violence against Women, which runs parallel to the 16 Days of Activism.

Every year, the UNITE Campaign focuses on a specific theme and this year's is "UNITE! Invest to prevent violence against women and girls". The campaign calls on citizens to show how much they care about ending violence against women and girls by sharing the actions they are taking to create a world free from violence towards women. This year's campaign also calls on governments worldwide to share how they are investing in gender-based violence prevention.

This report provides a comprehensive overview of the activities undertaken by Harikar, with the support of UNHCR, and in large part through our volunteers, during the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence campaign..

ABOUT

HARIKAR NGO

Harikar, as an independent, neutral, non-profit, humanitarian Non-Governmental Organization, continues working toward a society where every individual's right to life, protection, education, and participation is assured.

Since 2004, Harikar NGO, guided by its core values of Humanity, Integrity, Accountability, Impartiality, Trust, and Commitment, has implemented around 270 projects in Duhok, Erbil, Nineveh, Salaheddin and Baghdad Governorates of Iraq. This was possible only with the effective partnerships and generous funding of Harikar partners and donors UNHCR, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNDP, UNESCO, UNOPS, UNOCHA/IHF, CARE, DORCAS, ASB, IRD, WV, IRC, NDI, Mercy Corps, RRT/PRT, Diakonia, ICSP, Mission East, SCI and others.

Harikar NGO works in the sector of protection, including Women and Children Rights Protection, Sexual and Gender Based Violence (S/GBV), civic education, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Promotion, livelihood and health sectors in response to the beneficiaries needs. Moreover, Harikar has been able to rapidly respond to all emergencies where there were refugee and IDPs influxes within the KR-I and Iraq as a whole.

Harikar was granted the 2008 Civic Award by the Kurdistan Region of Iraq Prime Minister in recognition of its contribution to Civil Society in Kurdistan Region of Iraq.

DAY 1

Sunday, 26 November
Duhok
Est. People reached: 500

Harikar NGO actively addressed and combated violence against women by mobilizing and distributing flowers and cards, simultaneously raising awareness of the Sixteen Days of Activism campaign and recognizing the vital roles women play in society.

In another initiative, Harikar NGO demonstrated women's empowerment by presenting four skilled individuals at the University of Duhok, Cultural Center. These women showcased their newly acquired dessert-making skills from training at Harikar's Roj Community Center, contributing to the campaign against gender-based violence and celebrating women's empowerment through skill development.





DAY 1

Sunday, 26 November
Zakho
Est. People reached: 100

In Zakho, Harikar NGO, in collaboration with DCVAW, Women's Union, and including other partner NGOs, organized a commemorative event. The program included a seminar with speeches and videos featuring representatives from DCVAW, Women's Union, and Harikar, aiming to revive the significance of this important day.



DAY 1

Sunday, 26 November
Gawilan camp
Est. People reached: 100

The community was sensitized of the 16 Days of Activism and Harikar NGO's centers services through a marathon competition featuring 30 adults wearing caps themed around the campaign, spanning from Sector E to Sector G of the camp.

Additionally, Gawilan Community Center, with support from COVs and RWC, initiated an empowering football tournament for 8 teams of girls and women. This event not only provided opportunities for those displaced due to conflict but also served as a remarkable platform for women to compete, build relationships, foster a sense of community, and promote gender equality.



DAY 1

Sunday, 26 November
Akre
Est. People reached: 60

At Akre Community Center, there was an opening day event in coordination with DCVAW and the Women's Union. The event focused on raising awareness about gender-based violence, discussing ways to reduce and prevent it, and providing information on reporting channels. It also highlighted the goals of the 16 Days of Activism. The event featured an open and engaging discussion, allowing participants to share suggestions and ask questions.



DAY 1

Sunday, 26 November
Sharya camp
Est. People reached: 100

In Sharya camp, Harikar NGO in collaboration with various organizations, including camp management, Dolsa, IOM, and Hawar organizations, conducted an event during the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence. Each participating organization contributed to the initiative with unique activities. Harikar NGO took charge of decorations and posters, while other organizations showcased theatrical performances, success stories of GBV survivors, and women's handicrafts.



DAY 2

Monday, 27 November
Duhok & Domiz 1 camp
Est. People reached: 180

An event was held in Domiz 1 camp, coordinated with the Gashbun Organization, featuring a special speech on the historical impact of violence against women by DCAVAW and the DoH. The event in Zewa Community Center brought together civil communities, local authorities, and humanitarian actors to advocate for women's rights, equality, safety, and empowerment fostering initiatives for violence prevention and women's empowerment.

Similarly, in Duhok, Harikar NGO, Zewa Center (DOLSA), and Better World Organization organized an event for thirty women, offering awareness and relaxation sessions, entertainment activities, and symbolic gifts.



DAY 3

Tuesday, 28 November
Gawilan & Mamilyan camps
Est. People reached: 70


In Gawilan camp, a girls' football tournament involving 8 teams consisting of middle school girls was hosted within the camp's school premises, the tournament aimed to showcase the role a woman can have in society, especially youth, and to channel their physical energy into impactful sports like football. The participants expressed immense joy and excitement, signaling a positive reception for such initiatives.

Meanwhile, In the Mamilyan IDP camp, Harikar organized a seminar led by a specialized lawyer to enlighten women about their rights as a gesture of empowerment, the women were also gifted Kurdish clothes fabric.



DAY 4

Wednesday, 29 November
Deraluk, Shekhan
Est. People reached: 40



Deraluk Community Center organized a football match for girls, including both refugees and members of the host community, fostering empowerment and unity. Additionally, the center conducted a first-aid training session for women, equipping them to respond effectively in emergency situations, enhancing their ability to protect themselves and their loved ones.

Harikar NGO also empowered 15 refugee women from Shekhan through an event that combined economic empowerment with relaxation. The activity featured a yoga session, discussions on the significance of the 16 days of activism, and an inspiring dialogue with a successful female entrepreneur. The objective was to boost awareness about violence prevention, empower women, and encourage their leadership in society.



DAY 5

Thursday, 30 November
Akre & Gawilan & Dimiz 1 camps
Est. People reached: 52

Harikar NGO organized several activities in the above mentioned locations with the aim of empowering the 52 beneficiaries to achieve their economic independence.

An activity was undertaken in Domiz 1 camp, In collaboration with the Lemon Tree NGO, providing a small area for women to cultivate vegetables for potential sale. Additionally, visits to local factories producing yogurt and milk were organized in other locations, offering insights into business development opportunities for the participants.





DAY 8

**Sunday, 03 December
Akre & Gawilan & Dimiz 1
camps
Est. People reached: 75**

On the International Day of HIV, Harikar NGO raised awareness among 55 individuals at CLC-Gawilan and Akre. The session was led by a specialist from the Department of Health (DOH), with the primary goal of enhancing understanding and awareness of this crucial topic. Also, in CLC-Domiz 1 camp leaflets and trees as gifts have been distributed alongside the awareness session on HIV to 20 girls and boys.



DAY 9


Monday, 04 December
Duhok
Est. People reached: 15

Harikar NGO organized a trip for 15 elderly individuals from the Ex-Military, from the Domiz area to a folklore location (a restaurant). The purpose was to promote empathy for the elderly and underscore their contributions in combating violence against women and girls. The trip provided a space for them to share their stories and experiences while engaging in enjoyable competitions and highlighting their significance in society.



DAY 10

Tuesday, 05 December
Akre & Gawilan camp
Est. People reached: 39



Harikar NGO took senior high school students on a science trip to Akre University, starting with a seminar on VAWG in partnership with a university teacher. They also organized a Q&A competition involving refugee and host community students. The activity aimed to promote awareness of violence and human rights and encourage ongoing education for the near future.

Meanwhile, in CLC-Gawilan camp, the team celebrated Volunteer Day by hosting a session to raise awareness about the significance of volunteering in the community. Alongside this session, a competition was held to create an entertaining atmosphere for the audience.



DAY 15

Sunday, 10 December
Miserik
Est. People reached: 200

Harikar NGO organized a marching event in Miserik sub-district on Human Rights Day. The primary goal of the event was to heighten the awareness of the basic human rights within the refugee centered area of Miserik. Additionally, the initiative included the distribution of cards and flowers to approximately 200 individuals as a symbol of peace within the community.





STATISTICS

Benediciaries : 1.5k⁺

Locations : 10

Activities : 19

Locations

**Akre, Deraluk, Domiz 1 camp, Duhok, Gawilan camp Mamilyan camp,
Sharya camp, Shekhan, Sumel/Miserik, Zakho**



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