## · Iraqi Women Network

The network has become well-known amongst women NGOs, and on the national and International level.

The network efforts to promote its role in coordinating, mobilizing and organizing status were acknowledged widely, these efforts funded by UNIFEM, UNOPS, and UNDP.

A network held a conference for general body in May/20/2006, where a new coordinating committee was elected.

Coordinating committee has written suggestions memorandum on constitutional revision, seeking support at both national and international levels, particular efforts were directed towards Iraqi parliament, as well as, organizing series of different activities.

The network also worked for media campaign promotion, organizing many seminars inside ministries like ministries of: foreign, electricity, finance, labor, youth, sport, oil, construction and planning to deliver awareness workshops about constitutional concepts for all employees.

Ministries liaison officers were identified for coordinating activities of the network campaign between ministries and NGOs.

A meeting was held in September, 9-2006, for ministries liaison officers of ten ministries were represented, and subjects about the role of women in political process, decision making, constitutional revision, personal status law, and how to mobilize women role in state organizations, and their participation to promote peace and secure in the country.

Few months ago, four newsletters were issued by IWN, including women organization news.

A charity bazaar was held by mother's day, where the revenues were dedicated to women single headed families.

IWN, NGOs, city councils, and mass media representatives attended the opining, many people contributed to help the targeted families.

As well as, many festivals and conferences were held in the occasion of international woman day;

- A conference of Iraq future horizons: woman and constitution

in AlNajaf governorate,

- A conference of Iraq future horizons: women and national unity in Saddat Alhindeya,
- A conference about women role in the national unity/reconciliation in Arbil,
- Also a seminar in ministry of human rights about violence in families was held by IWN,

More details are found in legal-social clinic section. Iraqi women network held its conference in 17th Nov. 2007 in Baghdad, under the slogan ` Pioneering and Continuity for Iraqi Women March`. 200 participants gathered in the activity, including ministers, members and advisors from the House of Representatives, and Kurdistan Parliament, ministries representatives and other governmental organizations, Baghdad national police and law preservation field commanders, in addition to representatives from 86 women organizations and other NGOs from different governorates and media. Iraqi Al-Amal Association (IAA) held three significant round table discussions, started in March 8th in Baghdad, then came in Diwaniya, Najaf, and Kerbala round table discussions, hosting from both gender: judges, lawyers, and civil society activists, with clergymen, representatives of human rights departments, city council members, and university scholars ... This research is unique. To our knowledge, no scientific research has been carried out on the subject of women and their rights, particularly on violence against women in Iraqi Kurdistan. The research accords with the UN resolution in its eighty fifth meeting on 20 December 1993. The resolution requires "the development of research and the collection of information from sensors on domestic violence and the spread of all forms of violence against women, and the encouragement of research on the basis ...