

Iraqi Civil Society Solidarity Initiative (ICSSI)



Country: Iraq

Organisation responsible: ICSSI

Period: Since 2003

Activity: The Iraq Civil Society Solidarity Initiative (ICSSI) is an advocacy initiative meant to facilitate the process of building concrete links of solidarity between international civil society organizations and the growing Iraqi civil society, through practical projects that promote human rights and support the efforts against sectarian divisions, corruption and violence.

Objectives

Supporting advocacy campaigns and projects that promote human rights, a just peace, and all efforts to oppose sectarian conflict, corruption and violence in Iraq.

Ending the foreign occupation of Iraq and to advance dignity, human rights, and social justice for all Iraqi citizens through nonviolent action.

Description

ICSSI is organized in three main pillars:

Communications: gathering information on Iraqi civil society from social media and social networks, translating and publishing it on our websites, stimulating Iraqi CSOs to produce and share info on their activities, sharing news on actions and reports of international CSOs working on Iraq.

Campaigning and Advocacy: empowering campaigns led by Iraqi and international CSOs to promote human and environmental rights and build peace in Iraq, using a strategic approach in which we select priorities with Iraqi partners and seek constructive dialogue with local and national Iraqi authorities.

Solidarity: developing advocacy actions by which international partners can support and strengthen Iraqi campaigns, stimulating international networking, internships and cultural exchanges with Iraqis, calling for international volunteers to support Iraqi CSOs and to join them in Iraq when security conditions allow for it.

Beneficiaries

Civil society actors.

GOAL 7: Promote democratic values and protect civil society space.

(108) Promote the political space for non violent dialogue among all essential stakeholders and for the prevention of violent extremism. This dialogue should be based on the respect for the rights to freedom of expression and assembly. Also, recognize and protect nonviolent civil society groups as essential partners in creating democratic and plural societies.

(115) Support the establishment of regional and global platforms for civil society, youth, women's organisations and religious leaders to enable them to share good practices and experience to improve work in their communities.