

## [Al Mesalla](#)

**Country:** Iraq

**Organisation responsible:** Un Ponte Per

**Period:** Since 2004

**Activity:** Al Mesalla was founded in 2004 in Baghdad, by the local staff members of the international organisation Un Ponte Per. The organisation is dedicated to developing the capacities of individuals and organisations in the field of human rights and non-violence.



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### **Objectives**

Spreading a culture of human rights and non-violence

### **Description**

Al Mesalla works on training human rights defenders, encouraging individuals to reject violence and discrimination, and supporting victims of violence to be reintegrated within the society.

It has led numerous awareness campaigns promoting human rights and non-violence through TV documentaries, poster and leaflet distribution and the organising of workshops and events. In the north of the country it has supported the opening of local libraries which host computers and books on non-violence, while in the South it helps to monitor human rights issues in Iraqi jails.

In 2007, Al Mesalla launched the LAONF network which gathers 46 Iraqi organisations annually in a non-violence week across Iraq.

### **Beneficiaries**

Iraqi citizens and civil society actors

#### **GOAL 2: Reinforce education and resilience at local level**

(58) Develop participatory strategies to prevent the emergence of violent extremisms, protect population from recruitment and from the threat of violent extremisms, and support confidence-building measures at local level by providing appropriate platforms for dialogue and the early identification of grievances.

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

(116) Promote the enjoyment of democratic values, economic, social and cultural rights, including human rights-based initiatives that help eliminate the conditions conducive to violent extremism.

#### **GOAL 3: Strengthen the responsibility to protect the victims**

(70) Promote an integrated framework to address violent extremism by all peaceful and nonviolent means. Preventing all forms of violent extremism requires conflict prevention and resolution, inclusive development, respect for human rights standards, and democracy reform.