Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of Support to Human Rights Defenders (EMHRF)

Region: Southern Mediterranean

Organisation responsible: Danish International Development Agency

(DANIDA)

Period: Since 2004

Activity: Masarat is Non-Profit organization focusing on minorities, collective memory studies and interfaith dialogue that is preparing a Media Guide to help media professionals deal with the hatred provocative discourse against the Other in Iraq.

Objectives

Promoting and enhancing a human rights culture and the consolidation of a nascent democratic civil society within the South-Mediterranean

Providing a strategic financial assistance and support to local, national and regional human rights non-governmental organizations and institutes as well as individuals who promote, support, protect and monitor the observance of human rights in the region.

Description

Grants are allocated to human rights defenders in difficulty or at risk, for the specific purpose of allowing them to pursue their activities, as well as to small human rights organisations or groups with the aim of strengthening their capacities in implementing innovative activities in the region.

Beneficiaries

Individuals or organisations who:

- Have not yet gained mainstream donor recognition.
- Work with issues that may be perceived too sensitive to receive main donors' support.
- Work in countries where explicit support by foreign donors may endanger these vis-à-vis their own authorities.
- Fall outside mainstream donor categories, such as South human rights organisations in Diaspora working in support of human rights promotion and protection in their home country.

GOAL 4: Ensure the protection of Human Rights in Counter Terrorism laws

(85) Protect Human Rights Defenders and other civil society actors who are struggling and working for justice, dignity and social change in their societies.

(86) Assist and protect human rights defenders who document all kinds of human rights violations, including those committed by state actors with the purpose of preventing indoctrination. including ongoing human rights violations.