



Rezan Organization for Development (ROD)

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ROD PROFILE





ABOUT US

Rezan Organization for Development, Born from the urgent need to aid communities affected by the ISIS conflict, Rezan Organization for Development began in 2018 as a volunteer-led initiative in Iraq's Kurdistan region. Driven by young, passionate volunteers, Rezan initially focused on delivering critical relief to displaced individuals. As more volunteers joined, the organization expanded its reach, forging strong ties with local communities.

In 2022, Rezan officially registered as a women-led nonprofit, marking a pivotal step toward professionalizing its efforts and securing its first formal project. Recognizing that Iraq's evolving needs go beyond emergency assistance, Rezan broadened its scope to prioritize climate resilience, economic development, and social protection. Through partnerships with government bodies, international NGOs, universities and local communities, the organization seamlessly blends on-the-ground expertise with innovative development strategies.

Today, Rezan remains committed to creating lasting, inclusive impact. Guided by its volunteer roots and strengthened by new collaborations, Rezan strives to ensure that no one is left behind in the journey toward a more sustainable, equitable Iraq. We invite you to join us in shaping a brighter future for all.



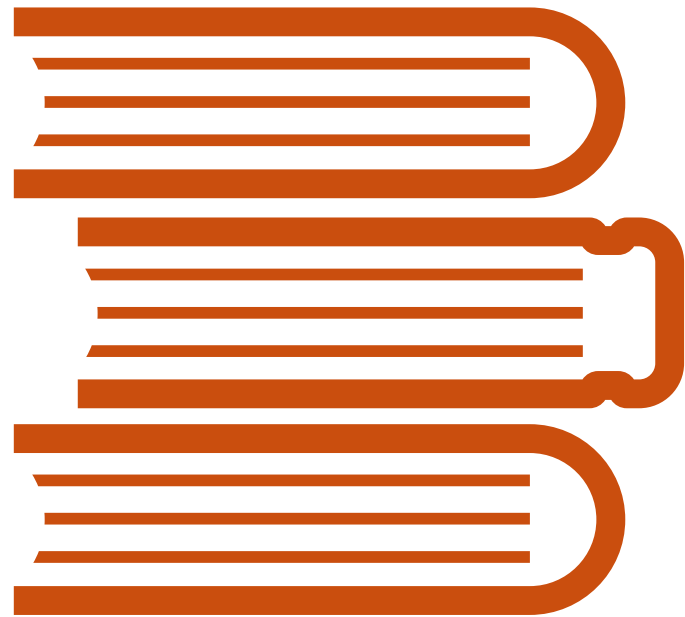
MISSION

Statement

We advocate for climate action and empower vulnerable communities in Iraq to achieve sustainable livelihoods, fostering resilience and creating a more equitable future for all.

VISION

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Rezan envisions a resilient Iraq where communities thrive amidst environmental challenges. By adopting climate-resilient practices and fostering prosperous, sustainable livelihoods. We believe in a future where all people enjoy dignity, security and the opportunity to flourish- ensuring hope and well being for generations to come

VALUES

Innovation: We embrace creativity and forward-thinking solutions to address challenges, ensuring impactful and sustainable outcomes for the communities we serve.

Collaboration: We believe in the power of partnerships, working together with communities, organizations, and stakeholders to create lasting change.

Integrity: We uphold the highest ethical standards, ensuring honesty, transparency, and accountability in all our actions.

Inclusivity: We celebrate diversity and work to ensure that everyone, especially marginalized groups, has an equal opportunity to thrive.

Compassion: We approach every challenge with empathy and care, putting people at the heart of everything we do.

Dignity: We honor the inherent worth of every individual, fostering respect and equity to build a better future for all.



SECTORS

- **Climate Resilience**
- **Economic Development**
- **Social Protection**

At Rezan, our interventions are designed to holistically address climate resilience, focusing on not just climate-resilient livelihoods but also encompassing various climate action initiatives combined with social protection measures. We prioritize climate-resilient livelihoods while recognizing the critical link between climate action and the protection of vulnerable communities.



CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Our strategic approach includes initiatives aimed at mitigating the impacts of **climate change**. Through advocacy for better resource management, we aim to ensure the optimal and sustainable use of natural resources including water, directly impacting communities facing water scarcity. Our waste management advocacy aims to create a cleaner and healthier environment, contributing to both community well-being and climate sustainability. Furthermore, our multifaceted awareness-raising campaigns seek to educate and empower communities, fostering a deep understanding of climate challenges and enabling them to adapt proactively.



In parallel with promoting renewable energy sources and endorsing eco-friendly agricultural practices, our strategy extends to advocating for energy efficiency and the protection of natural resources. We place a strong emphasis on creating awareness and knowledge-sharing sessions to empower communities with the tools and understanding necessary for climate adaptation. Our **livelihood initiatives** supports businesses that align with climate-resilient practices, offering comprehensive assistance for sustainable entrepreneurship and market-aligned skills training.

ECONOMIC **DEVELOPMENT**



SOCIAL PROTECTION

Social protection ensures that the most marginalized and at-risk populations have a safety net in place, safeguarding them from the economic and social impacts of climate change. Our social protection initiatives include a spectrum of measures, from multi-purpose community-based centers that offer safe spaces for individuals, to psychosocial support for children, youth, and women, and case management with referrals for gender-based violence issues and peace building for post conflict communities. We prioritize the inclusion of the most vulnerable and excluded communities, striving to bridge the gaps in access to essential services and resources.



Rezan also provides **legal documentation services**, enabling marginalized individuals to access education and other vital services. Our capacity building efforts extend to staff, government units, and partners, ensuring that the systems in place are robust enough to offer ongoing social protection.

By **intertwining social protection with climate action and climate-resilient livelihoods**, Rezan is not only helping communities adapt to a changing climate but is also building a more equitable and inclusive society where the most vulnerable individuals and communities have the support and resources, they need to thrive in the face of climate challenges.

GRANT HISTORY

Name of the project	Donor	Budget	Timeline	Location
Embracing Our Roots: Revitalizing the Lands of Ninewa	Diocese of cologne	200,000 Euro	March 15, 2024 - February 28, 2025	Mosul

The project titled "Embracing Our Roots: Revitalizing the Lands of Ninewa" is currently supporting 35 vulnerable families (175 individuals) in Karamles and Tilkaif, Ninewa Plains, Iraq, over a one-year period, with a budget of 200,000 EUR. Led by Rezan in partnership with the Diocese of Cologne, the project focuses on enhancing food security and improving livelihoods through climate-smart agricultural practices. This project supports farmers with Solar panels to run their water pumps and irrigation. It addresses key challenges such as water scarcity, fluctuating rainfall, and inadequate governmental support that have severely impacted local farming communities. Rezan is providing two months of intensive training for selected farmers on drought-resistant crops, crop rotation, post-harvest management, and sustainable pest control. In addition, participating farmers are receiving grants for high-yield seeds and modern irrigation systems, along with access to shallow wells drilled on land provided by St. Adday Parish. The project also includes a job placement program, marketplace setup, and ongoing monitoring and technical support to ensure long-term sustainability and resilience. Ultimately, this project is working to revitalize the agricultural sector in Karamles and Tilkaif, contributing to the economic stability and well-being of vulnerable minority communities.

PICTURES OF THE “EMBRACING OUR ROOTS” PROJECT



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Supporting conflict affected population through winterization	Mission East	25,410 Euro	January 1, 2024 - February 15, 2024	Mosul

This short-term intervention, implemented from January 1, 2024, to February 15, 2024, with a budget of 25,410 Euros, is aimed at providing essential winterization support to conflict-affected populations in Mosul. With a focus on the most vulnerable groups, including displaced families, the elderly, and children, the project distributes winter kits containing blankets, heating equipment, and warm clothing. By ensuring that these populations are adequately protected against the harsh winter conditions, Rezan Organization plays a vital role in alleviating suffering and improving the living conditions of those affected by ongoing conflict and displacement in the region.

PICTURES OF THE “SUPPORTING CONFLICT AFFECTED POPULATION THROUGH WINTERIZATION” PROJECT

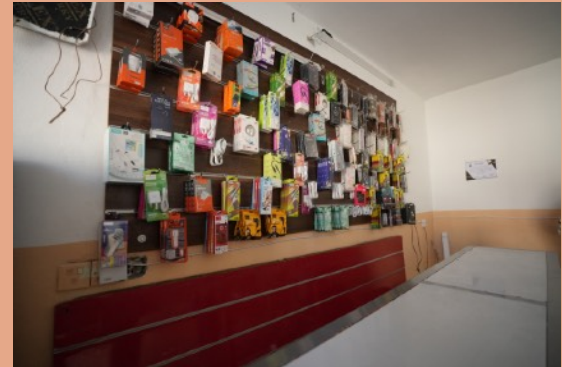
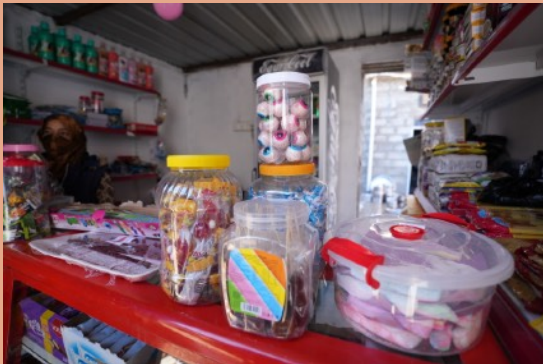


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Weaving Communities Back Together IV: Building Resilient Minorities in the Nineveh Plains	Mission East	100,000 Euro	June 15, 2023 - December 31, 2023	Mosul

The "Weaving Communities Back Together IV" project (IRQ-DIOC-008), funded by Mission East and implemented by Rezan, ran for six months, with a budget of 100,000 EUR. The project focused on strengthening the income generation capacity of vulnerable women, men, and youth in Mosul, Hamdaniya (Ninewa), and Erbil City, aiming to support sustainable livelihoods through enhanced access to livelihood opportunities and skills development. With a total of 31 beneficiaries—14 women and 17 men—the project ensured a gender-inclusive approach while targeting a diverse age range. After receiving vocational trainings and grants, The 31 beneficiaries were able to start their own small business. This project succeeded in its aim of building economic resilience and restoring dignity to conflict-affected communities by promoting income generation and fostering social cohesion across these vulnerable minority groups in Ninewa and Erbil.

PICTURES OF THE “WEAVING COMMUNITIES BACK TOGETHER” PROJECT





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