



Rezan Organization for Development (ROD)

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ROD PROFILE





ABOUT US

Rezan Organization for Development, a registered Iraqi nonprofit, started in 2018 in Kurdistan amidst the turmoil caused by ISIS. Originally founded by a group of dedicated young volunteers, Rezan aimed to provide crucial aid to communities affected by conflict and displacement. Starting with fundraising efforts to address immediate needs, the organization expanded its outreach as more volunteers joined, offering support to increasingly vulnerable communities. Evolving from its roots in humanitarian aid, Rezan has reoriented its focus towards climate resilience and social protection in response to the shifting challenges facing Iraq. We are committed to effecting lasting change, prioritizing initiatives aimed at addressing the pressing issues brought on by climate change, while also aiming to enhance economic development and safeguard the most vulnerable populations. Through combined expertise from international NGOs and localized experience, Rezan endeavors to ensure that no individual or community is overlooked in their mission to build a better, more sustainable future for Iraq.



MISSION

Rezan is dedicated to alleviating the impacts of climate change on vulnerable communities in Iraq. We aim to empower these communities by fostering awareness of the far-reaching effects of climate change, promoting eco-friendly agricultural practices, advocating for improved water resource management, and enhancing waste management systems. Through these efforts, we strive to fortify households and communities against the adverse effects of climate change while creating sustainable livelihood opportunities and advocating for social protection for the most vulnerable populations.

VISION



Rezan envisions a resilient Iraq where communities thrive amidst environmental challenges. This is achieved when people have prosperous and sustainable livelihoods, and the community has adopted climate-resilient practices, ensuring a dignified and secure future for all.

COMMITMENT

ROD is dedicated to serving underprivileged and vulnerable communities in Iraq with an environmentally friendly approach. This commitment necessitates continuous consultation with the communities, relevant stakeholders, community activists, organizations, and research on environment-friendly approaches

VALUES

- **Honesty:** ROD upholds honesty in its actions, operations, and interactions with stakeholders.
- **Transparency:** The organization values transparency, ensuring that its activities are conducted with openness and accountability.
- **Compassion:** ROD approaches its work with compassion, demonstrating care and empathy towards the communities it



APPROACH

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.



APPROACH

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.

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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.

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