









### **Mission and Vision**

Un Ponte Per (UPP) is an association for international solidarity and a Non-Governmental Organization founded in 1991, immediately after the end of the bombings in Iraq, under the name "Un Ponte per Baghdad." Its purpose was to promote solidarity initiatives for the Iraqi population affected by the war. Subsequently, the organization's intervention has expanded to other countries in the Middle East and North Africa, the Balkans, and recently to Italy and Eastern Europe.

The purpose of UPP is the prevention of armed and violent conflicts through information campaigns, cultural exchanges, cooperation projects, peacebuilding programs, and the construction of networks for social justice. UPP rejects war as a means of resolving national and international disputes and aims to build peaceful and equitable coexistence among peoples by fostering encounters between diverse cultures,

languages, religions, and traditions to build social cohesion.

To address the root causes of conflicts, UPP considers the protection of human rights central and provides concrete support to those who promote and protect fundamental rights and freedoms, whether they are individuals, movements, organizations, or informal groups. This commitment is realized through advocacy campaigns, cultural and best practice exchanges, collaborative projects, coalition building, and actions to strengthen the organizational, structural, and participatory capacities of the civil societies it engages with.

In 31 years of activity, Un Ponte Per's intervention has evolved, adapting to the changing contexts in which it operates but always maintaining the same goal: promoting peace and human rights and preventing new conflicts.

Equally unchanged is the commitment that the organization has placed in ensuring the quality

of its projects, paying particular attention to supporting the self-determination of affected populations and communities, valuing partnerships, respecting individualities, and above all, respecting the political and social demands of the individuals and organizations it collaborates with.

### **Values**

The foundational values of Un Ponte Per are:

**DEMOCRACY.** The organization adopts a democratic system of organization in which all individuals have equal rights and responsibilities, ensuring effective participation and access to information.

PARTICIPATION. UPP is a democratic association with popular participation. The adopted governance model requires that the social partners of the organization, each according to their responsibilities, are called to participate in the decisions made by the organization at strategic and operational levels and to take on responsibilities related to the decisions made.

### VALUING THE QUALITY AND ASPIRATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS.

The association is based on volunteerism, understood as activities performed voluntarily and free of charge for solidarity purposes, and on the professional work of paid personnel who share the goals and philosophy of the association.

#### **DECENTRALIZATION AND**

**TERRITORIALITY.** The association considers territorial rootedness and connection with movements and expressions of civil society, as well as with institutions present in the territory, as essential values.

#### EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY.

Given the responsibility assumed by the association, especially towards populations

victimized by wars, conflicts, various forms of exclusion, and injustice, the association is aware of the need to ensure that programs, projects, and initiatives achieve levels of effectiveness and efficiency through:

- Clear identification and accessibility of decision-making instances; systems of inclusion and exclusion; responsibilities and powers; decision-making methods.
- Promotion of goal-oriented planning processes with a clear identification of financial resources so that there is a collective financial responsibility.
- Involvement of volunteer and paid staff who carry out their duties by reconciling motivations of solidarity with adequate professionalism.

TRANSPARENCY. We acknowledge that an association that bases its existence on an ethical principle has trust among individuals as its only sustenance. We decide to build mutual trust on the transparency of information, understanding it as the knowability and verifiability of information, limiting the confidentiality of information to the protection of people's safety and respect for privacy.

RESPONSIBILITY. Work performed voluntarily and freely, as well as paid work, will be carried out based on the principle of each individual's responsibility, to the extent of their decision-making capacity towards the association and the populations with whom we work.

**RESPECT.** The necessary attitude of respect in approaching the diverse cultures of the peoples with whom we interact is a fundamental part of our political "vision."



In 2022, Un Ponte Per continued its activities in the countries where it has been operating for some time: Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, and Jordan.

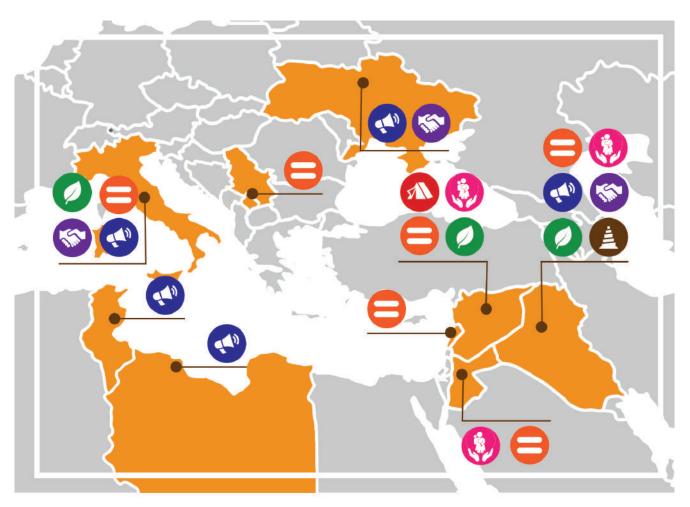
Particular commitment was dedicated to Syria, where Un Ponte Per focused its efforts on providing healthcare in the Northeast and addressing gender-based violence, child labor, early marriages but even early recovery and empowerment of local civil society. In Iraq, the organization supported civil society organizations and human and environmental rights activists, along with programs to ensure access to primary healthcare and reproductive care.

In **Jordan** and **Lebanon**, the organization maintained its presence to promote rights advocacy, social cohesion, and counteract the impacts of the reduction in civic spaces and the economic crisis.

In 2022, Un Ponte Per initiated new solidarity initiatives in **Libya** and **Tunisia**, aiming to strengthen its intervention strategy in support of local civil society organizations.

Simultaneously, with the war looming on Europe's doorstep, the association launched a peacebuilding intervention in **Ukraine** and an initiative to support Ukrainian, Russian, and Belarusian human rights activists and defenders.

In Italy, Un Ponte Per continued its training programs and Peace Education initiatives with determination, focusing on schools as privileged places for building paths of knowledge and integration.





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### **JORDAN**

### 2 projects

### **222** direct beneficiaries

In Jordan, our commitment continues alongside young people and women who are more vulnerable and marginalized, with a particular focus on individuals with disabilities, both among local and refugee communities, Syrian and non-Syrian. With the support of the Waldensian Church, we have completed a multi-year program for disability empowerment through Paralympic sports, supporting the Jordan Paralympic Committee that promotes this category in table tennis, wheelchair basketball, goalball, athletics, and fitness. We have expanded the project to include as many athletes as possible, but the demand far exceeds the capacity of the Paralympic Committee to provide coaches and therapists. Local associations run by people with disabilities also have great potential but receive little international support, despite playing a fundamental role in the inclusion and social cohesion between host and refugee communities, involving war-disabled individuals. Our journey of empowerment for young people with disabilities or other strong vulnerabilities continues with other training and job placement projects, strengthened by new Jordanian partners specialized in providing these services. By emphasizing the legal obligations for Jordanian businesses to hire people with disabilities, we ensure that the work path is real and does not remain a signature on a fictitious contract.

### **Main Objectives**

- Contribute to improving the quality of life for adolescents and young adults in a situation of social exclusion, including at-risk adolescents and individuals with disabilities among refugees and the Jordanian community.
- Promote the social inclusion of adolescents and people with disabilities by improving access to rehabilitation services and psychosocial support in the Amman governorate.
- Support vulnerable young people through the development of technical and professional skills and context-specific peacebuilding initiatives in the Russeifa-Zarqa governorate area.

### **Key Results**

- 72 Paralympic sports activities organized.
- 72 individuals participated in the activities, surpassing the project's planned target (60) and demonstrating a strong demand for acceptance from participants for the services provided.
- 150 individuals participated in implemented activities, including those in Education and Technical and Vocational Training (TVET) for young people aged 18 to 30, and counseling on mental health and psychosocial support.

### **IRAQ**

13 projects

39.673 direct beneficiaries, of which 55% are women

264 civil society organizations directly involved

For over 30 years, Un Ponte Per has been operating in Iraq with a holistic vision of peace, human rights promotion, and solidarity rooted in social justice, addressing all forms of inequality based on gender, age, ability, race, and sexual orientation. Today, Iraqi civil society continues to struggle in addressing the lasting effects of the 2003 invasion and, more recently, the occupation by the Islamic State (Daesh). The crisis in fragile Iraqi democracy is complex, focusing on one hand on the demand for political changes, better basic services, and greater economic opportunities, particularly from younger generations. On the other hand, it concerns the lack of trust, justice, and accountability that fuels internal tensions. Civil society in Iraq plays a fundamental role in strengthening the democratic system; however, its space for action is increasingly limited by state and non-state actors: activists, human rights defenders, and independent journalists are often targeted and threatened, with dramatic consequences for their lives. In 2022, Un Ponte Per continued to work in collaboration with local activists, movements, and civil society organizations to enhance the participation and responsibility of all communities in every intervention and process. Direct funding programs for local organizations increased, synergies among different projects and programs were enhanced, and a local volunteer program was structured, accompanying young activists from Tahrir Square on a path to greater political prominence. With the firm belief that there can be no political rights without human, social, and economic rights, we also continued to support the economic autonomy of marginalized groups, including youth, women, people with disabilities, and internally displaced persons, by supporting the creation

of alternatives to the private system using what already exists in Iraq, such as its vast cultural and environmental heritage.

### **Main Objectives**

- Contribute to increasing the impact of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) for the promotion of human and environmental rights, their effectiveness in responding to the needs of communities, and their ability to collaborate and engage with authorities, strengthening their strategic actions as actors in the democratic process.
- Contribute to developing alternative sources of income and employment for young people through cultural and natural heritage, promoting employment in non-saturated sectors to mitigate the negative effects of restrictions imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Improve access to primary healthcare and reproductive health services and ensure economic support for access to healthcare for children with chronic conditions.
- Ensure a safe space for human rights defenders in Iraq and their families and increase freedom to work in the country.

### **Key Results**

- Supported 242 civil society organizations.
- 40 Civil Society Organizations organized initiatives for dialogue with local authorities on common social, economic, and environmental goals.
- Implemented 30 peacebuilding initiatives and projects in conflict areas, involving 45 peacebuilders, volunteers, and professionals active in nonviolent conflict transformation.
- Supported 49 entrepreneurial actors (associations, cooperatives, businesses) through microfinance, including 28 "ecofriendly" actors and 16 led by young individuals under 35.
- Trained 400 people professionally in the ecotourism and cultural heritage conservation sector.
- Supported 33 local development projects with a focus on the environment.



- Reached 11,225 individuals with protection, health, psychosocial support, and mental health services.
- Involved 160 individuals in the volunteer program: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Uppvolunteer">www.facebook.com/Uppvolunteer</a>

### **ITALY**

7 projects

3.609 destinatari e destinatarie diretti/e
15 civil society organizations directly involved

UPP's intervention in Italy in 2022 cut across the sectors identified in the 2021-2025 strategy: Human Security, Civil Society, and Young Generations, closely linked to Goal 3: Support the active role of new generations in generating models for an inclusive and solidarity-based society founded on the principles of environmental and social justice, transfeminism, and ecopacifism.

The young participants in the Universal Civil Service worked on tracking and networking human rights defenders in Italy and abroad, in synergy with ongoing projects in the Middle East, strengthening and expanding the work initiated in previous years through the "In Defense Of" network.

The activities of UPP's local committees focused on combating educational poverty by analyzing the critical issues produced by the years of the pandemic on the new generations: isolation, overexposure to social media, and psychological distress. Through the tool of Community Educational Agreements, support was provided for the involvement of students, teachers, parents, and territorial institutions to create an inclusive educational community. The approach was the same as that used in UPP missions abroad: horizontal, decolonized, aimed at supporting local realities and partners, without imposing models and working tools but offering help and support while respecting the cultures and traditions of the different actors we engage with. A network of local partners, where structured associations such as Libera and Arci collaborated with small associations and cooperatives rooted in the territories, proposed and supported activities of non-formal education in dozens of schools, involving thousands of students of all ages.

Starting from the consideration that the fight against climate change is a common effort that concerns all inhabitants of the planet and involves all sectors of human action, UPP considers it necessary to extend this battle of ideas (cultural) to all actors in society, starting from the so-called third sector, our main working area. In 2022, UPP, together with its partners, initiated a program of reflection on the climate impact of development cooperation projects and the strategies to introduce to reduce it, preparing dedicated tools and analyzing the environmental guidelines of major institutional donors. The online training program involved hundreds of students and professionals in the past months. Humanitarian workers are now testing their climate action skills through various tools to measure the climate impact of projects and operational sites and to develop action plans and strategic manuals to reduce emissions and improve positive climate actions.

### **Main Objectives**

- Increase awareness of the intersection between gender and the environment in Italy and Mediterranean countries among youth, civil society, and decision-makers.
- Create and disseminate a reflection on the climate impact of development cooperation projects and develop tools for this purpose, aiming to increase awareness, knowledge, and competence of professionals in the development, cooperation, and humanitarian aid sector, students, volunteers, researchers, and national and European institutions.
- Reappropriation and revitalization of outdoor green spaces to protect the environment and recreate a dimension of sociality and collectivity.
- Contribute to spreading the idea of an open, widespread, and youth-focused school attentive to well-being.
- Create a more inclusive prison environment by providing reading opportunities to Arabicspeaking inmates in Italy through the creation of bridges between Italy and Tunisia.

### **Key Results**

- 2,500 people, including 500 youth aged 14 to 28, were reached by events related to the intersection between feminism and environmental defense.
- Creation of a 25-hour Massive Online Open Course (MOOC) available in 5 languages aimed at promoting positive climate actions in the field of cooperation and the third sector.
- A total of 854 hours of non-formal education workshops on topics such as territory care, cultural stereotype opposition, women's rights, disability, peace, legality, opposition to the

- mafia phenomenon, poetry slam, urban art, theater, and social circus.
- Delivery of Arabic-language books to participating prisons in the project.



### **LEBANON**

### 5 projects

### 2.129 direct beneficiaries

Since October 2019, Lebanon has been going through a complex historical period marked by the intersection of political, economic, and health crises, which quickly led to the collapse of the country, exacerbating latent social tensions. While the end of the pandemic allowed the fragile national health system to breathe, the economic and political crisis continues to fuel a stagnant situation with no foreseeable way out. The severe economic situation, characterized by a massive contraction of the GDP, high inflation, and chronic energy crisis, is interconnected with the challenging political situation: in the last three years, the country has experienced only caretaker governments incapable of addressing the socio-economic deterioration. Adding to the situation is the absence of a President of the Republic: at the end of Michel Aoun's term in October 2022, the Parliament failed to elect a successor, leaving the country in a dangerous institutional and political vacuum.

In this complex context, the most vulnerable segments of the refugee and Lebanese population (children, minors, women, people with disabilities, and the elderly) are primarily affected. UPP persists in interventions consistent with its strategy in favor of the most vulnerable and marginalized groups, especially in the education sector to promote social cohesion, peacebuilding, women's and youth self-determination, while maintaining an approach attentive to the requests of local civil society organizations and the population itself, building solidarity and dialogue bridges between different communities at both the national and regional levels. The work in Lebanon is characterized, in the spirit of UPP, by a strong connection with local civil society, aiming to promote and increase

mutual exchange and collaboration. Thanks to the partnership with the organization Amel, we are still developing interventions in Lebanese public schools, contributing to the improvement of the national education system, fostering the educational inclusion of refugees, and improving school facilities. The twentyyear collaboration with the organization BAS allows us to support educational activities within Palestinian camps, contributing to the education of children. The partnership with the Permanent Peace Movement has led us to intervene with a project focused on food security, with a strong emphasis on social cohesion and peacebuilding in the Aley and Chouf areas. UPP has also supported Basket Beats Borders over the years, a project empowering women and youth within the Shatila camp through sports.

### **Main Objectives**

- Contribute to increasing the security
  of communities in Mount Lebanon by
  promoting understanding of the concept of
  human and food security and advocating for
  greater community-level efforts.
- Contribute to improving the well-being and social inclusion of Palestinian refugee children, adolescents, and their families in the Beddawi and Nahr Bared camps and surrounding areas.
- Support Palestinian children and their families by ensuring access to education and basic care.
- Improve and strengthen the social cohesion
  of youth in the Shatila camp by providing
  free access to sports and recreational
  activities both inside and outside the camp.

### **Key Results**

- Supported 61 entrepreneurial actors (associations, cooperatives, businesses) through microfinance, including at least 11 led by young individuals under 35.
- Reached 1,621 individuals with protection, health, psychosocial support, and mental health services.
- Involved 17 youth aged 18 to 28 in the projects.
- Provided access to informational campaigns and interventions on human rights (health, protection, legal assistance, employment, social inclusion) for 316 individuals.

### **SERBIA**

1 project

24 recipients, 50% of whom are women

In Serbia, the weight of the economic crisis caused by the slow recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic and the conflict in Ukraine burdens many families. Poverty does not affect all people equally. In the country, the most vulnerable communities, such as large families, displaced individuals, and those living in rural areas, are facing significant challenges. The rise in food and energy prices, along with education costs, is putting a strain on families' ability to meet daily

needs. Since 1999, in the aftermath of NATO bombings in Yugoslavia, our intervention has focused on central Serbia, in villages around Kraljevo, the city that has historically recorded the highest number of displaced people from Kosovo and Metohija.

Through the long-distance support program Svetlost and the campaign "Donate a Greenhouse," Un Ponte Per works in both educational and food-related contexts. In collaboration with the Serbian Red Cross in the city of Kraljevo, in 2022, Un Ponte Per provided educational support to 22 minors from single-parent families with disabled children and large families without income. Since 2016, 36 greenhouses have been built for as many families, enabling them to produce food even during the harsh Serbian winter.

### Main objectives and results

- Economically support Serbian refugee families who fled Kosovo during the war and children in their educational journey to prevent school dropout and child labor.
- Improve access to education for children and adolescents.



### **SYRIA**

14 projects

**526.268** recipients of protection, health, psychosocial support, and mental health services

2.142.126 indirect recipients of medical waste management and urban solid waste recycling services

In Northeast Syria (NES), the humanitarian situation is critical. In 2022, approximately 2.1 million people out of a total of 2.7 million needed assistance. In the NES provinces, people are particularly affected by difficulties in accessing basic services due to the ongoing low-intensity conflict, economic crisis, and health emergencies. The lack of basic sanitation services, caused by disrupted water supply, inadequate waste management, displacement, and the absence of sufficient housing solutions, contributes to the spread of epidemic diseases. The healthcare system is severely compromised by the consequences of conflict, inadequate infrastructure, and a shortage of healthcare personnel.

Un Ponte Per has been operating in NES since 2015 and is one of the main actors in the health sector in the region. They work in communities and displaced persons camps, mainly focusing on health but also providing protection services and livelihood recovery. In 2022, in collaboration with the Kurdish Red Crescent (KRC) partner, UPP supported 25 healthcare facilities, including 3 maternity wards in the hospitals of Raqqa, Membij, and Tabqa, 16 outpatient clinics, and a Health Point in a rural area of Hassakeh province. Additionally, assistance was provided through mobile health teams to serve marginal and remote areas with no access to healthcare services. A Center for Emergency Coordination and Management, coordinating about 40 ambulances, was also established. Since 2018, UPP has been supporting Municipalities and Local Authorities in NES through decentralized cooperation projects with a focus on environmental health.

In 2022, they supported the municipality of Hasakeh by initiating the first municipal system for the collection and recycling of urban solid waste throughout NES. They also assisted in the management of healthcare waste for 45 public and private healthcare facilities, from training healthcare personnel to collection and disposal in dedicated areas built in collaboration with local authorities. They further supported the Water Directorates in a region affected by a severe water crisis. Regarding protection services, in addition to activities in outpatient clinics, UPP, with partner DOZ, manages 2 community centers in Raqqa, one as a safe space for women and girls and the other as a child-friendly space.

### Main objectives

- Contribute to improving the healthcare system in NES and the health conditions of people affected by war.
- Contribute to the protection and improvement of psychosocial well-being for people affected by war in NES.
- Contribute to strengthening the prevention system for the risks of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA).
- Contribute to ensuring healthcare and environmental rights for people affected by war and the Covid-19 pandemic in NES through safe and sustainable management of medical and urban solid waste.
- Contribute to improving access to and the quality of water in response to the water crisis in some NES locations.

### Main results

- 45 healthcare facilities supported by medical waste management services, including 25 outpatient clinics supported with health services (emergency and infectious diseases, maternal and child health, reproductive health, internal medicine).
- 4,000 women and girls had access to information services on rights and prevention of gender-based violence (GBV) and reproductive health.

- 480 staff members of public or non-profit healthcare facilities increased their skills in protection and health topics.
- 270 participants in training and empowerment actions aimed at people belonging to discriminated, stigmatized, and excluded groups.
- 136 volunteers involved in environmental awareness campaigns and waste recycling in Hasakeh.

### **UKRAINE**

1 project

10.500 direct recipients

5 civil society organizations directly involved

In 1998, the bombings in Belgrade convinced us to build bridges of peace in our continent. In 2022, we made a similar decision following the invasion and Russian bombings in Ukraine. While the international community focused only on military and humanitarian aid, almost no one engaged in dialogue with the local civil society regarding the efforts of Ukrainian activists to protect social cohesion, continue peace education, and help young people manage and overcome the traumas they experienced. Thus, Un Ponte Per l'Ucraina was born, starting with the caravans of the "Stop The War Now" coalition, with which we first reached Lviv to deliver humanitarian aid and then Kiev to meet with civil society engaged in peacebuilding, nonviolent resistance, and support for conscientious objectors. Thanks to the support of the Italian Buddhist Institute Soka Gakkai and together with our Romanian partner PATRIR, the International Institute for Peace Research and Training, we built a network of partnerships with Ukrainian associations interested in these issues. Young Ukrainian activists received training on nonviolent conflict management, many schools across the country adopted peace education

courses with the methodology developed by our partners, and manuals and practices for managing psychological traumas caused by war were disseminated. Finally, those who courageously promoted practices of nonviolent resistance and non-collaboration with Russian authorities in occupied territories received micro-financing for their activities through this project. Despite the negative evolution of the armed conflict, the growing tension, and the polarization of geopolitical positions in favor of military confrontation, this coalition supported by UPP proposed alternative narratives and brought new demands to the European Union policymakers: more diplomacy and support for civil society peacebuilding projects, political asylum for conscientious objectors from all involved countries. This program was made comprehensive and coherent by the funds raised by our volunteers and the solidarity of many individuals in Italy who organized fundraising events such as the "Tavole di pace" (Tables of Peace). The funds collected provided legal support, salaries for personnel, and resources for the communication of Ukrainian, Russian, and Belarusian associations supporting conscientious objectors.

### Main objectives

- Promote the resilience of Ukrainian civil society to the trauma of war.
- Support the actions of young Ukrainians for nonviolent resistance and bottom-up peacebuilding, bringing their voice to national and international institutions.
- Give visibility to social cohesion and nonviolent actions in the country, with particular attention to young people.

### **Main results**

- 5,700 beneficiaries of online awareness campaigns on mental health and trauma processing.
- 20 participants in 2 online webinars on trauma management and its impacts.
- 59 peacebuilding initiatives in the country, including 3 "All for Peace" calls with about 20 organizations and 56 meetings/interviews during activities in 5 Ukrainian cities with Ukrainian and international organizations.
- 200 volunteers, peacebuilders, and professionals engaged in nonviolent conflict transformation.
- 4 reports developed and disseminated online on the need for peacebuilding in Ukraine and nonviolent resistance.
- Development of the Youth Peacebuilding Manual in the context of the conflict in Ukraine and online dissemination.
- 15 exercises developed based on the Schools of Peace Methodology for First Aid and peace education.



# REGIONAL ACTIONS - MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

2 projects involving Iraq, Syria, Libya, Tunisia, Lebanon

337 direct recipients

12 civil society organizations directly involved

UN Resolution 1325 commits states to promote women's participation in peace processes and the definition of security practices and policies. It is a global challenge that can significantly alter the ways of managing social conflicts and international disputes. Un Ponte Per has decided to work on this issue at the regional level in the countries of intervention. Also in 2022, thanks to funds from the Italian Women-Peace-Security Plan, we facilitated the exchange of best practices and peace actions on the ground by women activists and associations in the Middle East and North Africa. We strengthened the exchange work among Lebanese women who lived through and fought in the civil war, young Palestinian women in Lebanon who are taking paths of empowerment, Yazidi women leading their society out of the tragedy of genocide, and Syrian refugee girls in the camps of Iraqi Kurdistan. In 2022, a Tunisian association promoting gender equality and non-binary people through creative writing and art joined this group, as well as a Libyan organization fighting against gender-based violence and freedom of association.

Peacebuilding through the active participation of refugees and civil society is the central theme of another project that concerns the Mediterranean area, promoted by our Catalan partners at NOVACT. The crisis of Syrian refugees, many of whom will not return to Syria, can be seen as an opportunity to involve new actors in social cohesion programs in countries like Iraq. This project

has strengthened the youth participation of refugees and host communities in promoting peace and democracy, expanding the intervention to the network of local NGOs in Northeast Syria, often overlooked by the international community.

### **Main objectives**

- Promote the active participation of women and youth in peace processes through strengthening dialogue with civil society and their involvement to promote gender equality in Italy, the Middle East, and North Africa.
- Promote information and mobilization on UN Security Council Resolution 1325.
- Contribute to promoting the capacities and role of actors for social and political change among refugees, both internal and external, from conflict areas in Syria and Iraqi Kurdistan where forced isolation due to Covid-19 has worsened the situation and among youth in host communities in Jordan and Catalonia in peacebuilding activities and the consolidation of democracy and human rights in the Middle East.

### Main results

- Over 100 young refugees, displaced persons, and youth from host communities in Jordan and Catalonia have contributed to creating a network working on peacebuilding, with particular attention to adopting a rights-based approach and gender and environmental justice.
- 245 Iraqi, Tunisian, Libyan, and Lebanese women participated in training events on peacebuilding, mediation, and UNSCR 1325 resolution, acquiring skills about the implementation and active methodologies in the social and youth movements they are part of.
- 12 civil society organizations received support in advocacy practices, nonviolent action, strategic planning, and fundraising.
- At least 10 civil society organizations have embarked on the journey of building a Peacebuilding Academy and have contributed to the exchange of best practices among

Italian, Lebanese, Iraqi, Tunisian, and Libyan CSOs during various meetings.

 Reached at least 660 people in person and over 3000 people through social media by local CSOs funded through small grants.



### **Our Interventions**

### **TATWEER**

**Project Type:** Activism and Civil Society

**Country:** Iraq

Description: Tatweer's main objective is to support Iraqi civil society organizations so that they can have a greater impact on promoting human and environmental rights, effectively respond to the needs of individual communities, and collaborate with local and national authorities. To achieve this, three Civil Society Service Centers have been opened, training materials on various topics—ranging from good governance to project management—have been developed, and discussions between communities and civil society have been organized.

Beneficiaries (2022): Iraqi civil society organizations

Amount (2022): 1,315,651 €

Duration: 01/20-06/23

Partner: Al Mesalla

Funder: European Commission

### **PSYCHO-SOCIAL SUPPORT FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES**

**Project Type:** Psycho-social assistance and mental health

**Country:** Iraq

**Description:** With the support of psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers, the intervention aims to promote psychosocial well-being through accessible, fair, and comprehensive universal healthcare for everyone. Implemented activities include individual and group sessions to work on post-traumatic stress management involving children through play therapy. Additionally, the project's training component includes training for school teachers in refugee camps and officials from the Directorate of Health. Beneficiaries (2022): Syrian refugees, Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)

**Amount (2022)**: 595,273 € **Duration**: 01/22-12/22

Partner: N/A Funder: UNHCR

### **SUMEREEN - Sumerian Youth for Economic Development and Cultural Heritage**

**Project Type:** Cultural and Environmental Heritage

**Country:** Iraq

**Description:** The project aims to develop alternative sources of employment and income for young people in Thi Qar through the cultural and natural heritage of the area. The activities resulted in securing the archaeological site of Ur and promoting it as an eco-tourism destination, creating 400 jobs for the local population in eco-tourism and cultural sectors, and improving professional skills in the aforementioned areas.

Beneficiaries (2022): Youth, unemployed individuals, women, local authorities

Amount (2022): 784,878 €

Duration: 05/20-11/22

Partners: Humat Dijlah, Safina Projects

**Funder: UNDP** 

### IMPROVE COMMUNITY RESILIENCE TO PREVENT VIOLENT EXTREMISM IN AREAS OF RETURN

**Project Type:** Peacebuilding and Social Cohesion

**Country:** Iraq

**Description:** The intervention aims to support communities in the reintegration of families affiliated with Daesh (Islamic State) to mitigate future tensions. To achieve this, young people, local authorities, and civil society organizations have been supported in acquiring skills and competencies to prevent and counter violent extremism.

Beneficiaries (2022): Local communities, IDPs, Civil Society Organizations, local authorities

**Amount (2022): €**,549,396 €

**Duration:** 11/21-06/22 **Partners:** Ashor, PFO

Funder: UNDP

### **HIWAR** (Dialogue)

**Project Type:** Capacity building, Activism, and Civil Society

Country: Iraq

**Description:** Within Hiwar, meetings, courses, and training have been organized in 9 Iraqi governorates on suitable methodologies for designing and implementing projects. The aim is to support the development of skills, means, and best practices necessary for civil society organizations to independently build and manage project actions. This includes fostering dialogue among these organizations and with local authorities. Forty organizations, supported by a micro-grants program, have co-organized activities to achieve their social, economic, and environmental goals.

Beneficiaries (2022): Civil society organizations

**Amount (2022):** 509,705 € **Duration:** 02/22-12/22

Partner: N/A Funder: UNDP

### TOWARDS A NEW ERA OF SOCIAL STRUGGLE, RIGHTS, PEACE AND DEMOCRACY

**Project Type:** Civil Society

**Country:** Iraq

**Description:** This project supports Iraqi civil society and, in partnership with the Iraqi Civil Society Solidarity Initiative (ICSSI), aims to build a strong network of contacts between Iraqi civil society and the international civil society. It supports the work of the Iraqi Social Forum and the Kurdistan Social Forum and strengthens their presence in local and regional forums. Objectives include supporting the campaign "End Cross Border Bombing in Iraqi Kurdistan" and "Iraqi Human Rights Defenders NOW!"

Beneficiaries (2022): Civil society organizations

**Amount (2022):** 30,000 € **Duration:** 02/22-01/23

Partners: Iraqi Social Forum, Kurdistan Social Forum, Shaqufiyan, Sports Against Violence Iraq (SAVI)

**Funder:** CCFD

### **SALAMTAK 3**

Project Type: Psycho-social assistance and mental health, Prevention of sexual and gender-based violence

**Country:** Iraq

**Description:** In its third phase, Salamtak aims to improve access to primary health services for communities in return areas, supporting the national health system in providing sexual and reproductive health services to the population in the Niniveh governorate.

Beneficiaries (2022): IDPs, Returnees

**Amount (2022):** 20,757 € **Duration:** 01/22-07/22

Partner: N/A Funder: AICS

### **SALAMTAK 4**

**Project Type:** Psycho-social assistance and mental health, Maternal and child health, Prevention of sexual and gender-based violence

**Country:** Iraq

**Description:** In its fourth phase, Salamtak provides support for delivering quality health services and improving infrastructure for conflict-affected communities in the Niniveh Governorate. This includes activating a new maternal and child unit in the city of Mosul operational 24/7, organizing awareness sessions on communicable diseases in schools, rehabilitating water facilities, and inaugurating a new system for proper management of chemical and medical waste.

Beneficiaries (2022): IDPs, Returnees

**Amount (2022):** 144,055 € **Duration:** 10/22-09/23

Partner: Solidarités International

**Funder:** AICS

### SHELTER INITIATIVE PROGRAM/HRDS PROJECT

**Project Type:** Protection

**Country:** Iraq

**Description:** The intervention aims to ensure a secure space for Iraqi human rights defenders and their families during emergencies and temporary displacement in the region. Human rights defenders actively engage in host communities, avoiding situations of marginalization and isolation.

Beneficiaries (2022): Human rights defenders and their families

**Amount (2022):** 43,091 €

### **REST HOUSE: EMPOWERING HUMAN RIGHTS**

**Project Type:** Protection

**Country:** Iraq

**Description:** The intervention aims to enhance the safety and freedom of Iraqi human rights defenders in carrying out their work within the country. This is achieved by creating safe spaces for human rights defenders and their families during emergencies and temporary displacement in the region, alongside strengthening their role in promoting human rights and democracy. Human rights defenders are also actively involved in host communities, preventing situations of marginalization and isolation.

Beneficiaries (2022): Human rights defenders

**Amount (2022):** 5,555 € **Duration:** 09/22-08/24

Partners: Walking ARTs, Deir Maryam, Information Center

Funder: Dutch Embassy

### **REGAKAN** - Paths of memory and emancipation in Northern Iraq-Kurdistan

Project Type: Capacity building, sustainable tourism, youth employment

**Country:** Iraq

**Description:** The objective of the intervention is to promote economic development and employment opportunities for Iraqi youth in the eco-sustainable tourism sector through securing and rehabilitating culturally and environmentally significant sites. Employment development is further facilitated through specific training and internships in emerging sectors such as ecotourism, humanitarian sector, languages, and new technologies. The program concludes with a grant for the establishment of 8 local start-ups to create a network of dispersed hospitality.

Beneficiaries (2022): Iraqi youth

**Amount (2022):** 355,793 €

**Duration:** 03/21-09/22

Partners: Monastery of Deir Maryam al-Adhra, Eparchy of Adiabene, General Council of Tourism, General Directorate of Tourism of Sulaymaniyah, Department of Antiquities-Sulaymaniyah, Association of Tourist Promoters-Branch of Sulaymaniyah

Funder: CEI - Italian Episcopal Conference

### **AL-THAWRA UNTHA (The Revolution is Woman)**

**Project Type:** Women's self-determination, Capacity Building

**Country:** Iraq

**Description:** With Al-Thawra Untha, UPP supports Iraqi women in their journey of participation and leadership in all stages of state institution reconstruction, aiming for greater influence in shaping the political agenda and decision-making processes. This is achieved through organizing exchange meetings with feminists engaged in women's organizations and human rights feminists in Sudan.

Beneficiaries (2022): Young women, women's groups, and Iraqi activists

Amount (2022): 372,540 €

Duration: 01/21-12/25

Partners: PAX, INFOCENTRE, SIHA

**Funder:** Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs

### **FARAH**

**Project type:** Child Sponsorship Program

**Country:** Iraq

**Description:** UPP's Child Sponsorship Program in Iraq, active since 2013, aims to assist families displaced from the Nineveh

Plain by providing them with economic support for access to healthcare for children with chronic illnesses.

Beneficiaries (2022): Children with chronic illnesses and their families.

**Amount (2022):** 10,511 € **Duration:** 2013-ongoing

Partner: Yawm al-Huriya Organization

**Funder:** Private donors

### **SAWA II - Supporting Persons with Disabilities from the Refugee and Host Communities in Jordan**

**Project type:** Access to Rights, Social Cohesion

**Country:** Jordan

**Description:** The Sawa project, now in its second phase, aims to promote social inclusion for adolescents and people with disabilities. This is achieved through the provision of rehabilitation services and psychosocial support in the Governorate of Amman, with a specific focus on Paralympic sports activities.

Beneficiaries (2022): Adolescents; young adults; people with disabilities from the host and Syrian refugee communities.

Amount (2022): 41,995 €

Duration: 12/21-08/22

Partner: JPC-Jordan Paralympic Committee
Funder: Chiesa Valdese Otto per Mille

### FURAS-CHANCES: Empowering Youth through Vocational Skills Development and Peacebuilding Initiatives

Project type: Access to Rights, Vocational Training, Access to the World of Work

**Country:** Jordan

**Description:** Furas provides specific Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) courses to young people in Jordan, belonging to both the Jordanian host community and the Syrian refugee community. The goal is to bridge the gap between their preparation and the job market, facilitating their entry into the workforce.

Beneficiaries (2022): Syrian and Jordanian youth population.

**Amount (2022):** 11,997 € **Duration:** 11/22-04/23

Partners: Athar Association for Youth Development, First Institute for Training and Education

Funder: Chiesa Valdese Otto per Mille

#### **AMN AL-INSANI**

Project type: Food Security, Livelihood

**Country**: Lebanon

Description: Aimed at human and food security in the Mount Lebanon area, the intervention provides the population living in or returning to rural areas with the skills and means necessary to develop their own livelihoods autonomously and achieve full food security. Workshop topics include developing skills needed for small businesses, such as planning, time management, food safety techniques, and financial management. Amn al-Insani also involves the allocation of micro-grants for the creation of agro-entrepreneurial activities.

Beneficiaries (2022): Small farmers and cooperatives.

Amount (2022): 176,000 €

Duration: 09/21-03/23

Partner: Permanent Peace Movement
Funder: CEI - Italian Episcopal Conference

### MENTAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM IN PALESTINIAN CAMPS

**Project type:** Mental Health

**Country:** Lebanon

**Description:** The project aims to improve the well-being and social inclusion of individuals living in the Beddawi camp through access to psychosocial support services.

Beneficiaries (2022): Children, adolescents, and families among the refugee population in the Beddawi camp - both Palestinian and non-Palestinian - and in the surrounding area.

Partner: Beit Atfal Assomoud Amount (2022): 30,000 € Duration: 02/22-08/22

Funder: FCCD, Chiesa Valdese Otto per Mille

### **BASKET BEATS BORDERS**

**Project type:** Mental Health

**Country:** Lebanon

**Description:** Basket Beats Borders serves as a tool to enhance and strengthen social cohesion among young people within the Shatila camp through sports and recreational activities both inside and outside the camp.

Beneficiaries (2022): Youth from the Shatila camp.

Amount (2022): 2,437 €

Duration: 2022-ongoing

Partner: Shatila Youth Center

Funder: Emergency Funds UPP, Women Win Foundation

### **FAMILY HAPPINESS**

**Project type:** Child Sponsorship Program

**Country:** Lebanon

**Description:** UPP's Child Sponsorship Program in Lebanon, active since 1997, is committed to supporting Palestinian children and their families by ensuring access to education and the right to basic healthcare.

Beneficiaries (2022): Palestinian girls, boys, and youth and their families in Lebanon.

Amount (2022): 31,055 €

Duration: 1997-ongoing

Partner: Beit Atfal Assomoud

**Funder:** Private donors

# EMERGENCY AND POST-EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO LIFE-SAVING HEALTH NEEDS OF THE POPULATION AFFECTED BY CONFLICT IN NORTHEAST SYRIA, WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE MOST VULNERABLE GROUPS AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH (IV)

**Project type:** Health

**Country:** Syria

**Description:** The project consists of two interconnected components in the Health sector. On one hand, the goal is to support the provision of emergency, primary, and secondary healthcare services; on the other hand, it aims to consolidate, ensure, and establish - where absent - a safe system for the management of healthcare waste, thus also strengthening infection prevention and control activities. The project activities ultimately aim to contribute to reducing morbidity and mortality rates among the population affected by the war in Northeast Syria.

Beneficiaries (2022): Local population, IDPs.

Amount (2022): 2,300,000 €

Duration: 01/22-11/22 (Phase IV)

Partner: Kurdish Red Crescent (KRC)

**Funder: CDCS** 

## HEALTH CARE THROUGH LIFESAVING INTERVENTIONS, SUPPORTING LIFE AND WELL-BEING OF THE POPULATION AFFECTED BY WAR IN NORTHEAST SYRIA (V, VI)

**Project type:** Health

**Country:** Syria

**Description:** The intervention, active since 2017 and now in its VI phase, aims to provide comprehensive and quality lifesaving healthcare, as well as maternal, reproductive, pediatric health services, and a response to the Covid-19 epidemic for the vulnerable population in Northeast Syria, where the consequences of conflicts and displacement have been exacerbated by the Covid-19 epidemic.

Beneficiaries (2022): Local population, IDPs, refugees.

**Amount (2022):** 4,728,327 €

**Duration:** 05/21-06/23

Partners: Kurdish Red Crescent (KRC), Action for Humanity (AfH)

Funder: FCHO

### LINKING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AND RESPONSE IN NORTHEAST SYRIA -LEARN III

**Project type:** Health

**Country:** Syria

**Description:** The LEARN consortium, with UPP among its partners, aims to reduce morbidity and mortality and improve living conditions, resilience, and dignity of populations affected by conflict in NES. These objectives are pursued through the improvement of access to quality healthcare services on one hand and support to vulnerable households on the other, to restore, protect, and develop livelihoods.

Beneficiaries (2022): Local population, IDPs.

**Amount (2022):** 3,839,755 €

**Duration:** 10/21-03/23

Partners: Solidarités International, Relief International, People in Need, Kurdish Red Crescent (KRC)

Funder: BHA

### DARNA AL-AMAN III (OUR SAFE HOME)

**Project type:** Health, Protection

**Country:** Syria

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**Description:** The project aims to restore primary health services in the western part of Raqqa to provide first aid and a safe return to the city for families wishing to return.

Beneficiaries (2022): Women and children at risk of violence.

**Amount (2022):** 176,165 € **Duration:** 01/21-04/22

Partners: Kurdish Red Crescent (KRC), DOZ International

**Funder: AICS** 

### DARNA, OUR HOME (IV) - Support for Maternal and Child Services for the City of Ragga and its Province

**Project type:** Health, Protection

**Country:** Syria

**Description:** The project aims to restore primary health services in the western part of Raqqa to provide first aid and a safe return to the city for families wishing to return. The specific objective of the fourth phase is the further improvement of access to integrated protection and health services, alongside the provision of places and services for the prevention and response to gender-based violence and violence against minors.

Beneficiaries (2022): Women and children at risk of violence.

Amount (2022): 604,818 €

Duration: 06/22-09/22

Partners: Kurdish Red Crescent (KRC), DOZ International.

**Funder: AICS** 

### SUSTAINABLE HEALTH WASTE MANAGEMENT IN NORTH EAST SYRIA

**Project type:** Environmental Rights, Capacity Building

**Country:** Syria

**Description:** The intervention aims to contribute to ensuring environmental and health rights for populations affected by conflict and the Covid-19 emergency through proper and safe management of healthcare waste. This is made possible through close collaboration between UPP and local partners, including public authorities and civil society organizations.

Beneficiaries (2022): Local authorities and healthcare facilities.

**Amount (2022):** 96,500 € **Duration:** 06/21-07/22

Partners: Kurdish Red Crescent (KRC), Department of Local Administration and Environment of Jazeera Region (DOLAE), Department of Health of Jazeera Region, Raqqa Committee of Health, Raqqa Municipality, Menbij Municipality, Menbij

Committee of Health

Funder: AMB

### GEMAR ZERO: EMERGENCY IN NORTH EAST SYRIA AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE FOR WASTE RECYCLING AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**Project type:** Environmental Rights, Capacity Building

**Country:** Syria

**Description:** The intervention aims to contribute to ensuring environmental and health rights for populations affected by conflict and the Covid-19 emergency through proper and safe management of healthcare waste and recycling of ordinary waste. To strengthen local capacities in reducing the environmental impact of waste, the project involves UPP's support in testing and launching the first municipal waste recycling system in NES.

Beneficiaries (2022): Local authorities and healthcare facilities.

Amount (2022): 145,734 €

Duration: 12/21-06/23

Partners: Kurdish Red Crescent (KRC), Department of Local Administration and Environment of Jazeera Region (DOLAE),

Hasakeh Directorate of Environment, Hasakeh Municipality.

Funder: AMB

### HEALTH WASTE IN NORTHEASTERN SYRIA: IMPROVEMENT AND CONSOLIDATION OF THE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

**Project type:** Environmental Rights, Capacity Building

**Country:** Syria

**Description:** This intervention is an extension of the project with the aim of consolidating, improving, and expanding the healthcare waste disposal system in the governorates of Aleppo, Raqqa, and Hasakeh, in cooperation with local actors.

Beneficiaries (2022): Local authorities and healthcare facilities.

**Amount (2022):** 1,559 € **Duration:** 08/22-10/23

Partners: Kurdish Red Crescent (KRC), Department of Local Administration and Environment of Jazeera Region (DOLAE),

Department of Health of Jazeera Region, Sawsan NGO, Raqqa Committee of Health, Raqqa Municipality.

**Funder: AMB** 

### ISHRAF - Identifying and scoping options for health systems resilience and stewardship to improve access and financial sustainability

**Project type:** Health, Protection

**Country:** Syria

**Description:** The overall goal of the project is to improve health governance in NES, through enhancing access to healthcare, the health system, and its capacity to meet the population's needs by promoting territorial planning and integrating healthcare services. The intervention aims to strengthen the coordination of healthcare services and improve the capacity of local healthcare operators in managing primary healthcare services.

Amount (2022): 103,000 €

Duration: 09/22-08/23

Partners: Global Health Center - "A. Meyer" University Hospital, Primary Care International, University of Florence

**Funder: DG NEAR** 

#### **DARNA MoUs**

**Project type:** Protection, empowerment of women and children, psychosocial well-being

**Country:** Syria

**Description:** The project involves UPP contributing to the protection and empowerment of women and children affected by war in Syria, improving their psychosocial well-being by preserving and enhancing the protective space for civilians affected by the war in Raqqa. The focus is particularly on women and girls at risk and survivors of gender-based violence (GBV), their children and caregivers, and on children experiencing violence, abandonment, abuse, and exploitation.

Beneficiaries (2022): Women, children affected by war

Amount (2022): 18,000 €

Duration: 04/22-06/22

Partner: DOZ International

Funder: UPP

## DARNA AL-AMAN (OUR PROTECTED HOME) - Continuity of life-saving protection and empowerment services for women, girls, and children affected by conflict in Raqqa (NES)

Project type: Protection, empowerment of women and children, psychosocial well-being

**Country:** Syria

**Description:** The project involves UPP contributing to the protection and empowerment of women and children affected by war in Syria, improving their psychosocial well-being by preserving and enhancing the protective space for civilians affected by the war in Raqqa. The focus is particularly on women and girls at risk and survivors of gender-based violence (GBV), their children and caregivers, and on children experiencing violence, abandonment, abuse, and exploitation.

Beneficiaries (2022): Women and children at risk of violence

Amount (2022): 100,000 €

Duration: 07/22-12/22

Partner: DOZ International

**Funder: IBISG** 

### PROVISION OF PROTECTION AGAINST SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE (PSEA) TO AFFECTED POPULATIONS IN NORTH EAST SYRIA

**Project type:** Protection, empowerment of women and children, psychosocial well-being

**Country:** Syria

**Description:** The intervention involves UPP contributing to the efforts of the NES PSEA network by strengthening the prevention of risks of sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) for all categories of the population affected by the conflict benefiting from humanitarian assistance through all available access points and to strengthen the VAS response where it occurs.

Beneficiaries (2022): Women, men, boys, girls, IDPs, returnees, and members of the host community.

**Amount (2022):** 23,590 € **Duration:** 09/22-02/23

Partners: Kurdish Red Crescent (KRC), DOZ International

Funder: IOM

### IMPROVING ACCESS TO WATER FOR THE POPULATION OF HASAKEH GOVERNORATE

**Project type:** Access to rights, environmental heritage

**Country:** Syria

**Description:** The overall goal of the project is to respond to the water crisis and improve access to water for the population of Hasakeh Governorate

Beneficiaries (2022): Population of Hasakeh Governorate

Amount (2022): 98,452 €

Duration: 06/22-02/23

Partners: Hasakeh Water Directorate, Solidarity Economic Association, Roots for Change, Siemenpuu Foundation

Funder: Water For Rojava Campaign (W4R)

### IMPROVING ACCESS TO WATER FOR THE POPULATION OF AMUDA AND BASHIRA

Project type: Access to rights, environmental heritage

**Country:** Syria

**Description:** The overall goal of the project is to improve the quality and quantity of water supplied to the city of Amuda and the surrounding 80 villages.

Beneficiaries: Population of the city of Amuda and the surrounding villages.

**Amount (2022):** N/A **Duration:** 06/22-01/22

Partners: Qamishli Water Directorate, Solidarity Economic Association, Roots for Change, Siemenpuu Foundation.

Funder: Water For Rojava Campaign (W4R)

#### **WOMEN WAVING PEACE**

Project type: Peacebuilding, women, peace, and security, women's empowerment

Countries: Libya, Tunisia, Lebanon, Iraq

Description: The goal of the Women Waving Peace intervention is to promote the active participation of women and youth in peace processes with a gender equality perspective in Italy, the Middle East/Southwest Asia, and North Africa. Among the activities, characterized by a strong gender approach, are four cycles of training at the local, national, and international levels, awareness campaigns on the role of women in the nonviolent transformation of conflicts, mediation and reconciliation, and the exchange of best practices related to UN Security Council Resolution 1325 - Women, Peace, and Security, aimed at involving women in peace processes.

Beneficiaries (2022): Iraqi, Lebanese, Libyan, and Tunisian women and activists

**Amount (2022):** 82,000 € **Duration:** 07/22-12/22

Partner: N/A Funder: DGAP

ASITI: Fostering the role of internally displaced women and refugees in the long-running conflicts in Syria and the KRI and the youth of Jordanian and Catalan host communities in peacebuilding and consolidation of democracy and human rights in the Middle East.

**Project type:** Peacebuilding, empowerment of women and youth

Countries: Syria, Iraq

**Description:** The goal of ASITI is to promote the role of women, refugees, and internally displaced persons (IDPs) in long-standing conflicts in Syria and Iraqi Kurdistan, and the youth of hosting communities in Jordan and Catalonia, with a focus on peacebuilding and the consolidation of democracy and human rights in the Middle East/Southwest Asia.

**Beneficiaries (2022):** N/A **Amount (2022):** 6,840 € **Duration:** 02/22-08/23

Partner: N/A

Funders: ACCD, Fons Català

### PEACE SUPPORT UKRAINE

**Project type:** Peacebuilding and social cohesion

**Country:** Ukraine

**Description:** The intervention aims to promote the resilience of Ukrainian civil society to the trauma of war and support the action of Ukrainian youth for nonviolent resistance and grassroots peacebuilding, bringing their voice to national and international institutions. Specifically, Peace Support Ukraine aims to give international visibility to social cohesion and nonviolent actions taking place in Ukraine and strengthen the capacities of youth, civil society, and educational institutions to organize peacebuilding activities and trauma management first aid.

Beneficiaries (2022): Local population, activists, civil society organizations, schools

**Amount (2022):** 86,000 € **Duration:** 07/22-01/24

Partners: PATRIR, Nonviolence International, IPCG, ULA

Funder: IBISG

### PATHS FOR HUMAN SECURITY THROUGH NONVIOLENT PRACTICES AND ECOFEMINISM

Project type: Activism and civil society

**Country:** Italy

**Description:** The project, within the framework of Civil Service, aims to promote the concept of human security affirmed by UN Resolution 1325 in Italy, with particular attention to threats and progress at the intersection of gender and the environment in Italy and Mediterranean countries. Specifically, the project aims to create mechanisms for individual and collective protection/defense for Earth Defenders, increasing their influence on youth, civil society, and decision-makers.

Beneficiaries (2022): Youth, civil society, and decision-makers in the Italian territory

Amount (2022): N/A

Duration: 05/22-05/23

Partner: N/A

Funder: National Civil Service Office

### (E)MISSION (IM)POSSIBLE

**Project type:** Activism and civil society

Countries: Italy, Spain, Portugal, Mozambique, Togo, Guinea-Bissau, Venezuela, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, and the Middle East Description: The project aims to develop higher education qualifications in the field of climate action among current and future development cooperation professionals. The goal is to strengthen the role of NGOs as leaders in climate actions, setting examples of environmentally and climatically sound practices. Specifically, (E)mission (IM)possible aims to improve the capacity of higher education institutions, NGOs, and environmental organizations to implement training and develop qualifications in the field of climate action. The project includes activities such as delivering a Massive On-Line Open Course (MOOC), a climate neutrality training toolkit, a methodological framework for implementation, webinars, and dissemination events in various European cities.

Beneficiaries (2022): Students, volunteers, unemployed or not yet employed professionals, NGO personnel, academics, and teachers, local, national, and European institutions, higher education institutions, climate organizations, and environmental movements.

Amount (2022): 8,930 €

Duration: 01/22-09/24

Partners: A Sud Ecologia e Cooperazione onlus, Universidad de Cadiz, Associacion Iroko Desarrollo Forestal Sostenible,

AIDGLOBAL, Fondazione Ecosistemi, Bosque y Comunidad

Funder: Erasmus+ KA220-HED - Cooperation partnerships in higher education (EU)

#### P.AR.CO. - Shared Artistic Paths in Monza

**Project type:** Activism and civil society

**Country:** Italy

Description: The project's goal is to reclaim and revitalize outdoor spaces in the city of Monza, with a particular focus on green spaces, emphasizing the importance of environmental respect and outdoor living in this historical phase. It also aims to reclaim a dimension of sociality and collectivity in community spaces that foster human relationships, which have been severely affected during the quarantine months due to Covid-19. The proposed activities involve the use of artistic languages to reacquaint oneself with experiencing emotions positively and creatively and building relationships with oneself and others.

**Beneficiaries (2022):** N/A **Amount (2022):** 3,876 € **Duration:** 06/21-11/22

Partners: Parada Italia Onlus, Arci Scuotivento, La Scatola dei Pensieri, Liberi Svincoli

Funder: Fondazione della Comunità di Monza e della Brianza Onlus

### DRAWING PEACE BETWEEN AGRATE AND IRAQ

**Project type:** Activism and civil society

Countries: Italy, Iraq

**Description:** The project aims to offer peace education paths through non-formal education activities in the city of Sulaymaniya, in Iraqi Kurdistan, and in the city of Agrate Brianza, creating moments of exchange between Italian and Iraqi youth.

Beneficiaries (2022): Italian and Iraqi youth

Amount (2022): 2,071 €

Duration: 07/22-05/23

Partner: Centro Polifunzionale per Giovani Sulè Funder: Municipality of Agrate Brianza (MB)

### **COMMUNITY EDUCATIONAL AGREEMENTS**

**Project type:** Peace education, combating school dropout

**Country:** Italy

**Description:** The project, born in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic emergency and the consequent closure of schools for 18 months, aims to counter new educational poverty, school dropout, and educational failures to create a school connected to its social base. The activities include 750 hours of workshops in theater, circus, poetry slam, murals, comics, and community gardens to engage almost 2300 students.

Beneficiaries (2022): Students in the Brianza area, 1st and 2nd grade (ages 6-19).

Amount (2022): 46,341 €

Duration: 02/22-02/23

Partners: Arci Scuotivento, Arcodonna, Banca del Tempo, Gruppo Solidarietà Africa, La Scatola dei Pensieri, Legambiente,

Libera, Parada, Silvia Tremolada, Socialtime Onlus

Funder: Fondazione della Comunità di Monza e della Brianza Onlus

### **KUTUB HURRA - Free Books**

Project type: Peace education, combating school dropout, inclusion, prevention of violent extremism

**Country:** Italy

**Description:** The project aims to raise awareness in the Italian public about migration and prevent violent extremism among Arabic-speaking inmates in Italian prisons. Despite the largest linguistic community after Italian being Arabic-speaking, Italian prisons lack books in the Arabic language. Therefore, the project involves bringing Arabic books from Tunisia to facilitate training activities aimed at creating a more inclusive prison environment.

Beneficiaries (2022): Arabic-speaking inmates in Italian prisons

Amount (2022): N/A

Duration: 06/21-ongoing

Partners: ALBM - Associazione Lina Ben Mhenni, Istituto Penitenziario Livorno, Istituto Penitenziario Pisa, Garante detenuti

Livorno, ARCI Livorno, Università degli Studi di Firenze, CESDI Centro Servizi per Donne Immigrate, Controluce.

**Funder:** Private funds

### **SVETLOST**

**Project type:** Child Sponsorship Program

**Country:** Serbia

**Description:** Child Sponsorship Program support active in Serbia since 2013 is designed to provide economic assistance to orphans, families in need, and populations victimized by segregation and violence in Kosovo. The latter live in poor and isolated areas lacking food, water, and electricity.

Beneficiaries (2022): Minors in conflict or post-conflict zones, orphans, and families in need.

**Amount (2022):** 8,800 € **Duration:** 1999-ongoing

Partner: Red Cross of Kraljevo

Funder: Private donors





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