Fight for Humanity’s Mission

Fight for Humanity is a non-partisan, impartial and independent NGO that works for the fulfilment of the human rights of individuals affected by armed conflict or violence. The organization relies on International Human Rights Law to actively promote, through dialogue, training, and awareness-raising campaigns, the basic rules that guarantee the respect for human dignity.

Fight for Humanity believes that a strong respect for human rights is a condition to build sustainable peace and has prioritized four human rights areas that it estimates essential to support peace efforts: cultural rights, including the protection of cultural heritage; freedom from discrimination and the promotion of the rights of women and girls; child rights; and freedom of expression.
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Our Main Achievements in 2022

**Promoting women’s rights and participation in Myanmar**

Fight for Humanity and Berghof Foundation conducted a participatory action research project examining the role that armed and political movements can play to implement UN resolution 1325 on Women Peace and Security to protect women in conflict and promote their participation in peace processes.

**Supporting more than 650 Detained Children in Syria**

Fight for Humanity supported more than 700 detained children from ISIS-related families with educational, recreational, and psychosocial support. These efforts were coupled with advocacy work for the children’s reintegration or repatriation to their home countries.

**Protecting and Promoting Cultural Heritage for Peace in Syria**

Fight for Humanity and its local partner Orient Association secured, organized and documented more than 7000 artefacts in North East Syria and took conservation measures for 50 unique Roman mosaics, and built local capacity for heritage protection.

**Promoting social cohesion in Northern Iraq**

Fight for Humanity worked together with its partners to empower and engage local authorities and communities to promote social cohesion between different ethno-religious communities and the signature of 10 local peace agreements in conflict-hit and contested areas of Ninewah and Kirkouk.
In 2000, the United Nations (UN) adopted Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace, and Security (WPS), that notably seeks to better protect women and girls during armed conflict and to promote their participation in building peace. This resolution was initially designed to be implemented by UN Member States. Its wider application could improve the lives of an estimated 75 million women and girls currently living in areas controlled or influenced by armed and political movements.

Our Projects in 2022

Protecting Women and Promoting Their Participation in Peace-Building Processes

Context

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Action

Berghof Foundation and Fight for Humanity, with the support of the German Federal Foreign Office, conducted a participatory action research project examining the role that these movements can play to implement resolution 1325. Over a period of six months, the research team investigated the perceptions, regulations, practices, needs, progress, and challenges regarding the implementation of the WPS agenda of two Ethnic Resistance Organizations (EROs) from Myanmar: the Karen National Progressive Party (KNPP) and the Karen National Union (KNU).

Achievements

- A policy brief and a research report presenting findings and recommendations for the international community, policy makers and EROs.
- A video on the situation in the EROs areas and the current challenges.
- Presentation of the research report to the two movements' leaders as a first step before the implementation of some of the recommendations.
- Dissemination of the policy brief to policy-makers and international community through several online events and social media.
- Securization of funding for a next phase of the project to follow up on the recommendations and extend the project to another country.
Supporting more than 650 Detained Children in Syria

Context

After the 2019 defeat of ISIS by the international coalition led by the United States and the Syrian Democratic Forces, over 10,000 ISIS combatants were captured alongside their families. While the combatants are held in detention centers and their relatives in camps, hundreds of boys have also been separated from their families and sent to detention centers, reportedly for security reasons. In 2021, Fight for Humanity and its local partner Purity, with the support of Medico International, started a project to support more than 700 of these children with basic educational, social, and recreational activities.

Action

Despite an attack on one detention center in January 2022, during which dozens of detainees and the detention staff were killed, the team continued its support to the more than 700 children in detention. The team managed to conduct individual assessments of all the children, provided educational and recreational sessions, and led advocacy efforts for a solution for them outside the detention centers – reintegration in their communities when possible or repatriation for the foreigners.

Achievements

Fight for Humanity and its partner Purity:

- Conducted the individual situational assessment of 779 children in detention, opening the way to a customized psycho-social support and efforts for their reintegration.
- Trained and coached Purity’s social workers and educators on how to deal with children in detention with the support of Heartland Alliance International.
- Facilitated the installation of 3 containers in the detention centers to be able to conduct the activities with the children.
- Designed a basic educational programme adapted to the children and prepared a psycho-social support manual for the social workers.
- Led 432 educational and recreational sessions for the children in both detention centers using educational and recreational material.
- Encouraged the separation of the children from adults in one of the center, as well as the repatriation of 203 Iraqi children with the support of UNICEF and UNAMI.
Protecting and Promoting of Cultural Heritage for Peace in Syria

Context

The ongoing Syrian conflict and the economic crisis is continuing to have dramatic implications on the country’s cultural heritage. Syrian artefacts and historical sites have been exposed to vandalism, destruction, looting, and smuggling. In North East Syria alone, several hundred historical sites in need of protection have been identified. In 2022, Fight for Humanity, with the support of the ALIPH Foundation, continued its project with local partner, Orient Association, to protect this invaluable heritage. The revalorization of the region’s common past is meant to facilitate peacebuilding efforts.

Action

The team worked to protect thousands of artefacts and kept on feeding a digital database to record and document them. The team facilitated awareness-raising sessions on how to protect cultural heritage for the Internal Security Forces (ISF). The support among local authorities and the population, for the protection of cultural heritage was increased through awareness-raising sessions, a video, and campaigns. The team also took stabilization measures to protect 50 unique Roman mosaic tablets.

Achievements

Fight for Humanity and its local partner Orient Association:

- Recorded and documented 7,400 artefacts including potteries and bones coming from past archeological excavations or confiscated from smugglers.
- Created a video to promote the importance to protect cultural heritage in the region.
- Disseminated the video, 5,000 booklets and 4,000 flyers among students and the population to increase awareness to protect cultural heritage in the region.
- Trained 10 local archaeologists to become trainers on how to prevent illicit trafficking of artefacts, how to recognize artefacts, and how to handle them when capturing them from smugglers.
- Conducted, with the support of the trained trainers, 4 awareness-raising sessions to 172 members of the Internal Security Forces (ISF) on how to deal with illicit trafficking.
- Treated, with the support of an international expert, 50 rare Roman mosaics tablets to protect them from fungus and stored them in wooden boxes in a safe place.
Promoting Social Cohesion in Territories Affected by the Conflict with ISIS in Northern Iraq

Context

Sunnis, Yezidis, Arabs, Kurds, Turkmens, Shabaks, Kakais, Shias, Christians – the Ninewah and Kirkouk governorates are home to a number of ethnoreligious groups. Following the conflict with the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), the level of distrust between communities has increased, and therefore it is essential to “rebuild the social fabric” in areas that were hit hard by the conflict.

Action

In a project supported by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Government of the Netherlands, a consortium of three partner organizations, led by Public Aid Organization (PAO) and composed of the Alliance of Iraqi Minorities (AIM), and Fight for Humanity worked together to empower and engage local authorities and communities to promote social cohesion between different ethno-religious communities. Twelve locations in the Ninewah and Kirkouk governorates in Northern Iraq were identified for the project including the city of Mosul.

Achievements

The consortium:

- Worked to build the capacity of 630 representatives of local authorities, police and security personnel and community members on conflict analysis, positive peacebuilding, dialogue, and mediation over 24 workshops.
- Secured the signing of 10 local peace agreements in 10 different locations by the local authorities, security forces, community leaders and the federal government on topics such as violent extremism, the return of families associated with the Islamic State or the improvement of social cohesion following 48 Focus Group Discussions (4 in each location) and 36 mediation sessions.
- Produced and disseminated on social media one video to promote social cohesion between communities.
Working Towards Preventing and Ending Child Recruitment in North East Syria

Context
The SDF and the Self-Administration of North East Syria signed an Action Plan on 29 June 2019 with the UN. Through this Action Plan, the SDF, with the support of the Self-Administration, committed to ending and preventing the recruitment and use of children under the age of 18, and further identifying and separating boys and girls currently within its ranks. Since December 2019, Fight for Humanity has been supporting the implementation of this Action Plan.

Action
Fight for Humanity conducted trainings for SDF and the Internal Security Forces (ISF), and local authorities, as well as provided technical support in the development of policies and mechanisms for preventing recruitment. Fight for Humanity also conducted awareness-raising sessions and online video campaigns on the prevention of child recruitment, the release of children, and the protection of education, targeting a large range of key actors and the population.

Achievements
- Hundreds of children under 18 were prevented to join the SDF or separated from the SDF.
- Training of 65 SDF and ISF officers including a trainer of trainers, 265 participants from civilian councils and civil society organizations, and 150 members of the civilian administration of the local authorities and 131 members of detention and rehabilitation centers on the Action Plan and child protection.
Outreach

Events

On 25th April 2022, Anki Sjoeberg, Fight for Humanity's Co-Director participated in a debate organized by the Cercle des Dirigeants d'Entreprises de Genève in connection with the book "126 heartbeats for Geneva International. The video of the event can be watched here.

On 4 May 2022, Mehmet Balci Fight for Humanity's Co-director participated in a panel organized by the Royal Society for Asian Affairs on how to address engagement with armed groups on cultural heritage. The video of the event can be watched here.

On 3rd November 2022, Fight for Humanity participated in the 2022 Geneva Peace Week by co-organizing a workshop with Berghof Foundation, “Observe and act: What can participatory research tell us about the role of armed & political movements in the implementation of Security Council Resolution 1325?”

Publications

Fight for Humanity co-published an article:
In the media

Fight for Humanity was quoted in several media articles
- Tribune de Geneve, 25 January 2022: Sept cents garçons pris pour boucliers humains par Daech
- The Telegraph, 31 July 2022: The UK-funded ‘black hole’ prisons housing children in cells without sunlight

Online community

Fight for Humanity communicated regularly online, using social media to report on the progress of its projects, participate in advocacy efforts, and highlight news related to human rights in areas controlled by non-state armed acto

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Financial Statements

For its third year of existence, Fight for Humanity was able to increase its financial support with a total income of CHF 834'234 versus CHF 731'587 in 2021 (+14%). This support came from 5 different donors. Two service contracts were also signed and implemented for partner non-government organizations. This third accounting period ended up with a surplus of CHF 53'117.

In 2023, Fight for Humanity intends to pursue its collaboration with its different donors and partners and to continue exploring the possibility of establishing new partnerships. The financial statements were audited by Mazar SA and the audit report is available here.

Balance sheet

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### Statement of Operations

**Statement of Operations for the year ended 31 December 2022**

**in CHF**

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| **Direct and administrative expenses** |               |               |
| Staff costs           | 639           | 642,654       | 643,293       | 8,443         | 438,601       | 447,044       |
| Travel costs          | 7,572         | 25,426        | 33,998        | 839           | 12,471        | 12,810        |
| Equipment, vehicle and rentals | 1,784 | 3,391 | 5,175 | 400 | 12,628 | 13,028 |
| Operational consumables | 20           | 36,536        | 36,556        |               | 86,306        | 86,306        |
| General and office expenses | 9,354 | 20,440 | 29,790 | 1,754 | 21,473 | 23,227 |
| Professional fees     | 21,627        | 27,922        | 49,549        | 9,967         | 45,129        | 55,096        |
| Bank charges          | 2,106         |               | 2,106         | 2,388         | 102           | 2,490         |
| Insurance charges     |               |               |               | 271           |               | 271           |
| Telecommunication costs | 216           | 4,837         | 5,053         |               | 667           | 667           |
| Visibility            |               | 5,665         | 5,665         |               | 12,350        | 12,350        |
| Overhead expenditures billed to the projects |               | 39,815 | 39,815 |               | 34,743        | 34,743        |
| **Total direct and administrative expenses** | 43,958 | 806,607 | 850,555 | 23,562 | 664,470 | 688,032 |
| **Net Operating income** | 40,031 | (56,452) | (16,421) | 13,310 | 30,245 | 43,555 |

| **Financial result** |               |               |
| Foreign exchange gain | 57,165 |               | 57,165 | 10,227 |               | 10,227 |
| Foreign exchange loss | (44,109) | (23,090) | (67,199) | (11,570) | (2,138) | (13,708) |
| **Net financial result** | 13,066 | (23,090) | (10,064) | 1,848 | (2,138) | (3,702) |
| **Net ordinary result before closed projects** | 53,117 | (79,592) | (26,425) | 11,967 | 27,887 | 39,854 |
| **Net result from closed projects transferred from (to) unrestricted fund** |               |               |
| **Project’s deferred income variation** | 79,542 | 79,542 | (27,887) | (27,887) |               |
| **Result of the year or period after allocations** | 53,117 |               | 53,117 | 11,967 |               | 11,967 |
Our Team

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The Fight for Humanity Committee is the leading body of the organization. Every year, it organizes the General Assembly and participates in decision-making processes.

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Pascal Bongard
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Intern

Nikoy Norris
Intern
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The role of the Advisory Council is to provide strategic and technical advice on the operational direction of Fight for Humanity. The Advisory Committee has a consultative role and its members serve in their individual capacity.

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**Partners:** Berghof Foundation, Medico International

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**Supporters:** the members of its committee and advisory council and all the people who brought their support to the organization

**Staff:** its staff members, consultants, interns and volunteers