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Iranian and Kurdish Women's Rights Organisation (IKWRO) was set up on August 2002 and became a registered charity in July 2004 (Charity No. 1104550). We identified the need for a service to offer help and support to Iranian, Kurdish, Afghan, Turkish and Arab women and young girls who are at risk of domestic violence, "honour" based violence, female genital mutilation, forced marriage and other form of gender based violence.

Since then we worked restlessly to develop IKWRO and have tried our best to provide professional services, good quality of work, confidential and best practice of advice, advocacy, support and referral for our service users. We tried to be up-to dated by participating different training courses for the need of our work.

IKWRO provides:

Direct Services: IKWRO delivers a range of direct services provided via advice line and by appointments. These include:

- Practical and emotional support for women who are at risk of "honour" killings, forced marriage and domestic violence. IKWRO advocates for women and puts them in touch with the services necessary to guarantee their safety and protection.
- General advice on welfare rights, housing, immigration and family issues, and provision of interpreting support and assistance with filling forms and applications.
- Free counselling service in Farsi, Kurdish, Arabic and English Languages.
- Guidance and support to enable users to access education, training and employment, including provision of job search assistance.
- Campaign on issues such as Ending forced marriages, FGM, "honour killings", and "No recourse to Public Fund" to push for full protection for those at risk and changing the law and policy in support of women and girls.
- Raising awareness of Middle Eastern women and young people of the issues they are facing, and also their rights and entitlements in the UK. For example domestic violence, forced marriages, FGM, "honour killings", and "No recourse to Public Fund"; providing information on equal rights for women and young people and for the whole community through conferences, seminars, workshops, trainings, publicity etc.
- Raising awareness within statutory and voluntary organisation, professionals who directly/ indirectly providing services for refugee women and children of the issues they are facing, through conferences, seminars, workshops, trainings, publicity etc.
- Provision of refuges for Middle Eastern, North Africa, Afghan and Turkish women.
- Provide training for professionals to have a better understanding of the problems BME women and girls are facing in the UK, to be better able to identify risks and threats women and girl confronting, and different ways they can be protected and helped.
- Providing capacity building, ESOL courses and employment support to BME women in London
- Social and recreational facilities for women and their children.

The organisation will act as a gateway to mainstream services such as legal advice, health care, education and training. To empower women and girls IKWRO also works in partnership with many organisations in the UK and internationally

In 2006, the Iranian and Kurdish Women's Rights Organisation (IKWRO) won the 'Rising Star award' by the Lilith Project founded, Eaves Housing for the **Best New Voluntary Sector Organisation**.

IKWRO has constantly been in the media, and is consulted by authorities for changes in the policy and law both nationally and internationally.