

# Participation and Leadership

## Strengthening women in and through football in Iraq (all regions regions)

### Participants from Iraq (all regions)

#### Esraa Awad, 35 (Cairo, Egypt)

Football player and activist in Cairo

Esraa Awad has been selected Egypt's Player of the Year in 2010. The scrappy midfielder led the Egypt Women's National Team to qualify for the 2016 Africa Cup of Nations in an upset victory over the Ivory Coast, Egypt's first trip the Cup of Nations in 18 years. The match was played on a pitch in a hotel in Cairo, the best the women could get, and for Awad's heroics the hotel gave her extra food. "We still have a long way to go here," says Awad. "I want it to be different for the next generation".

#### Rajaa Chatah, 32 (Tripoli, Lebanon)

Azm School | Asian Football Confederation

Rajaa Chatah is a futsal instructor at the Asian Football Confederation (AFC). Holder of a masters degree in Physical Education she is a Coordinator and teacher in Azm School. As a player she played with several teams in North Lebanon and was selected to play in the national team for several years in futsal and football. Coaching the male Lebanese futsal team, they grabbed the championship title in 2017 and 2018. She was the only female coach leading a men's team in Lebanon and winning a title.



#### Fadwa Elbahi, 33 (Tripolis, Libya)

Hera Organization

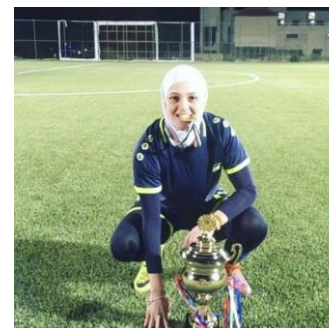
Fadwa Elbahi captained the Libyan women's national team until 2016. Later she co-founded an NGO "Hera Organization" and has been giving workshops for young girls in schools and refugee camps, encouraging them to overcome cultural barriers through sport.



#### Lyne Ismail, 31 (Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates)

FA Level 2 Certified Football Coach and Community Activist

Lyne is passionate about creating connections in all aspects of her environment - whether it be on the football field, in the workplace, or through her passion projects, she fulfills her sense of purpose by bringing marginalized communities together for a common cause. She has a strong focus on advocating for women's sports in the Middle East, specifically in Abu Dhabi where she now resides.



#### Yasmeen Shabsough, 25 (Jordan)

Football coach and former national player

Yasmeen is a former Jordanian national player and started playing football at the age of 12. She worked for the S4D Programme of GIZ in Jordan and coached PE teachers, football coaches and university students how to combine social skills with sportive skills in developmental workshops, which they then implement in their own community's training sessions. Currently she is doing her master degree in Switzerland. still coaching and played in several teams in Jordan.

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**Nadia Fadhli Abdulameer, 26 (Wasit)**  
Futsal player

Nadia has been playing soccer since she was 12. She has already played for many clubs and is currently playing futsal.



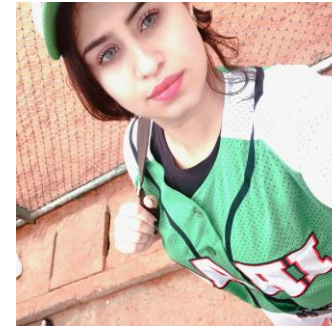
**Zeina Adbeljabbar Hattab Al-Abbadi, 40 (Baghdad)**  
Football coach | Al-Jaish Sports Club

Ten years ago Zeina started playing football and entered in the national team. Besides being a coach at Al-Jaish Sports Club, she studied physical education and has an administration job at the Iraqi women's national team (juniors) and in the Ministry of Youth and Sports.



**Sarah Munadhil Abdulwahid Al-Bayati, 21 (Baghdad)**  
Volleyball player | Student

Sarah is a young volleyball player, playing for Al-Shabab Sports Club. She also has experience in other sports, such as swimming and football.



**Noor Alhuda Jasim Mohammed Al-Hammed, 25 (Maysan)**  
Fitness trainer, softball player

Noor is an enthusiastic athlete in different disciplines: handball, volleyball, football. She works as a fitness trainer and plays softball.



**Faten Malallah Alwan, 42 (Baghdad)**  
Football coach | Captain of Iraqi National Team

Faten has been very active in Iraqi women's soccer since 1999. She is known as the captain of the national team and coaches women in soccer.



**Rana Al-Omairi, 22 (Baghdad)**  
Student | University of Baghdad

Rana is studying physical education and sports science at the University of Baghdad. She was involved into many organized sport activities, so football became part of her daily life.

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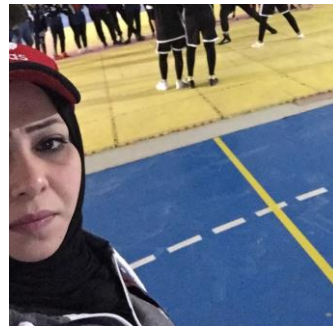
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### Fatimah Al-Quzweeni, 26 (Baghdad)

Journalist | former football player

Fatimah grew up in Syria and loved playing football from an early age: "Football is my life!". She played football for Biladi Women's Club/ Al-Zawraa Club. Actually she works as reporter at UTV IRAQ channel.



### Sohad Mohsen Mohammed Mohsen Alzobeidi, 42 (Maysan)

Ministry of Youth and Sports

Sohad works for the Ministry of Youth and Sports and is responsible for the women's sector in Maysan. She forms women through various sports.



### Amenah Bidan, 24 (Baghdad)

Translator | Illustrator

As an illustrator, Amenah, works on a series of stories that raise awareness on women's football and promote it. Football is her passion!



### Robina Gorgis Shamo Dawood, 32 (Dohuk)

Coach | Football Analysis

Robina, 32, works as a coach for the Fastlink Academy in Duhok. She is also coaching teams at Dohuk Women's Sport Club.



### Khoze Hameed Abdullah Hamo, 30 (Dohuk)

Teacher | Coach

Khoze started playing football in 2007 and coaching in 2016. Besides her job as a college teacher, she has been coaching a team of the Akree club since last year and is a coach assistant of the national team.



### Ibithal Mohammed Youssef, 30 (Mosul)

PhD student, University of Tikrit | Coach

Ibithal is a PhD student in Physical Education and Sports Sciences at the University of Tikrit. Her specialization is sports psychology for people with a disability. Ibithal is also a psychology coach for people with a disability.

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### Intisar Nawaf Abd, 45 (Diyala)

Team Leader | Spirit of Soccer

For more than ten years football has been Intisar's passion: From her point of view football is one of the most popular sport and can be extremely helpful for young people. She works for Spirit of Soccer, an organization which delivers programs for children in communities devastated by war, in camps for refugees and Internally Displaced People.



### Ata Dawood Raban, 29 (Duhok)

Basketball Player | Football coach

Grown up in a family of athletes, Ata has been playing football for over 15 years in various Iraqi clubs. After her PE studies she started to coach football and other sports in cooperation with international NGOs. Besides being a basketball player for the Iraqi national team, she coaches young football teams.



### Ahed Dheaa Younis, 30 (Mosul, Nineveh)

Futsal coach

Ahed, 30 years old, works as a futsal coach and a futsal referee. She supports and works especially with young women.