

Report

Challenges facing youth and women in Amadiye district and ways to address them

Introduction:

In 10/25/2022 a dialogue session was organized entitled (Problems and challenges facing youth and women in Amadiye district and ways to address them) by Step Organization for Democracy and Elections in cooperation and coordination with the university of poly Technic- technical Institute in Amadiye, in the institute's hall.

The session was started by Mr. Sarbest Mustafa, the director of the organization, he referred to the goals and plans of the organization, and the objective of holding this event in the district of Amadiye. About 156 participants from different groups were participated in the even (parties, students, NGOs, government officials and media)

The activity included two sessions: - the first one about problems and obstacles facing young people in the Amadiye region, which were on three panels, the first session was presented and facilitated by Mr. Delgash Sadiq, the Deputy Director of the Step organization.

The first panel: - The government's vision for diagnosing the problems of youth in the region and its plans to develop the necessary treatments and solutions for them.

The second panel: - The economic problems and obstacles facing young people to address, as presented by Dr. Reber Fattah, Dean of the College of Administration and Economics at the University of Dohuk.

The third panel: - Problems and obstacles facing young people and limiting their political participation, which was presented by Dr. Jumaa Bendi, a professor at the University of Dohuk.

The second session: - Problems and obstacles facing women in Amadiye and ways to address them. It was also on three panels. As for the second session, it was moderated by Mrs. Sundus, one of the professors at the Technical Institute in Amadiye.

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The first panel: - Problems and obstacles that women face and affect their political participation. They were presented by Dr. "Suzan Ibrahim," a professor of political science at the University of Dohuk.

The second panel: - Economic problems and obstacles facing women and limiting their advancement, presented by Mr. "Jagar Muhammad"

The third panel: - Social problems and challenges facing women, presented by Mrs. "chimen Rashid" Director of

The result of the first session, concerned with youth affairs, was to show us the most important problems facing young people in the Amadiye region from various fields, which are as follows: -

1 - The security problems and challenges facing the general population of Amadiye district, and the impossibility to return the people of 167 villages out of a total of 356 villages, who make up a group of villages affiliated with the district, as a result of the presence of PKK members and the pursuit of them by Turkish forces.

2- The problem of unemployment in the region, which has become a general problem in KRI, especially after 2014, which causes other more serious problems and phenomena, such as the spread of electronic betting games and gambling among the region's youth, in addition to the generation of social and family problems such as the increase in divorce cases and suicides due to Debt accumulation. And also increased drug use.

3- The lack of justice regarding the annual budgets "if any" or the distribution of project submissions in general, because although the Amadiye district with its six districts constitutes 28% of the lands of Dohuk governorate, its population does not reach 8% of the total population of the governorate. As the estimation of the establishment of projects and services so far depends on the population ratio, and there is no consideration for the huge geographical area, nor the need of the region as scale for providing of projects and services.

Problems and challenges facing women in the Amadiye area: In addition to the problems and challenges facing young people, even males or females, women have other own problems and challenges, the most important are:

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1- The backward clan and social heritage, through which the woman is viewed as a human being of a lower degree than the man or subordinate to him. This leads to women being viewed with distrust and skepticism about their capabilities, which leads to narrowing the space for them to advance their reality, whether in terms of economic or political participation.

2- The biological status of woman as she takes care of maternity, child care, and managing the affairs of the home. Despite the highness of this role, the lack of nurseries and kindergartens near the work sites is considered a serious challenge for working women to continue in their profession, and this also effects on their efficiency and the possibility of their development or giving administrative and political positions to women.

3- Classical education has proven its failure in building youth capabilities, especially for women, and it is not linked to the needs of society and economic activity, and does not lead to building experienced cadres who can depend on their experiences in establishing and developing small projects, as it's in the most countries of the world.

4- Private sector companies do not depend on employing youth expertise, especially women, and if they do that, these jobs are very limited. Often the family or clan relationship is the basis and criterion on which to rely in the field of employment.

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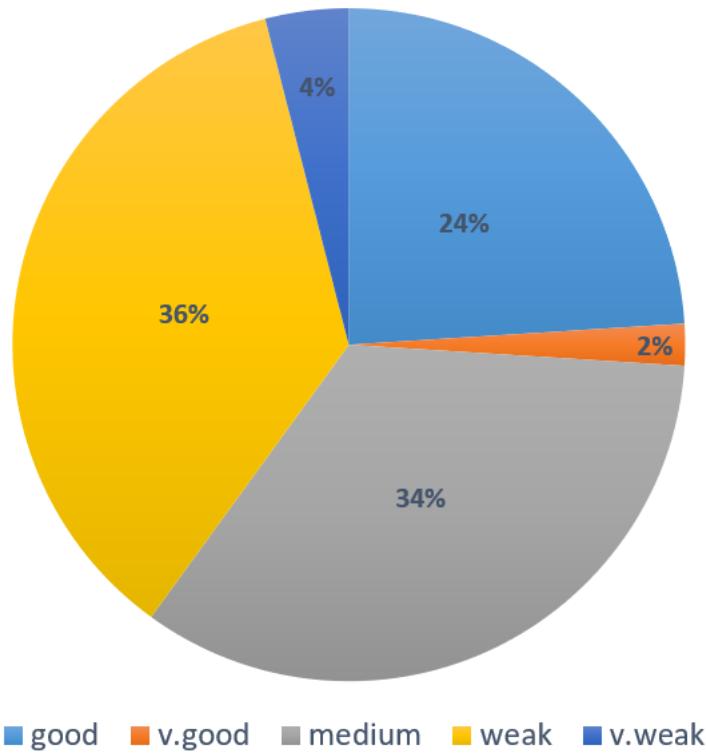


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Questionnaire:

During this session, a simplified questionnaire was organized to put a number of central questions regarding the challenges and obstacles facing youth and women in the Amadiyae region, a separate questionnaire paper for both women and youth, and it was distributed to fifty attendees: after collection data organization staff analyzed results were as follows:

In your opinion, what is the status of women in the region?

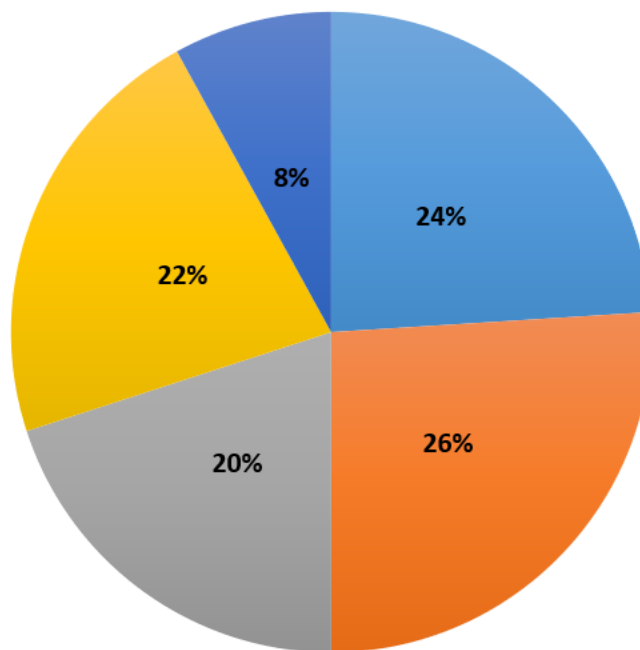


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Three of the most important problems of women



■ Lack of economic potential ■ The unemployment ■ personal freedom ■ social ■ education

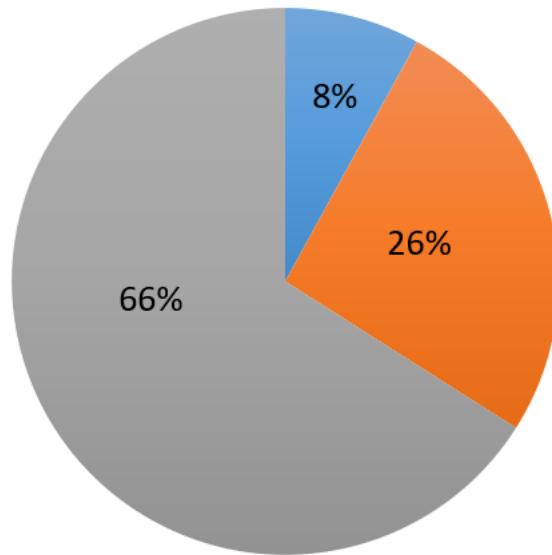
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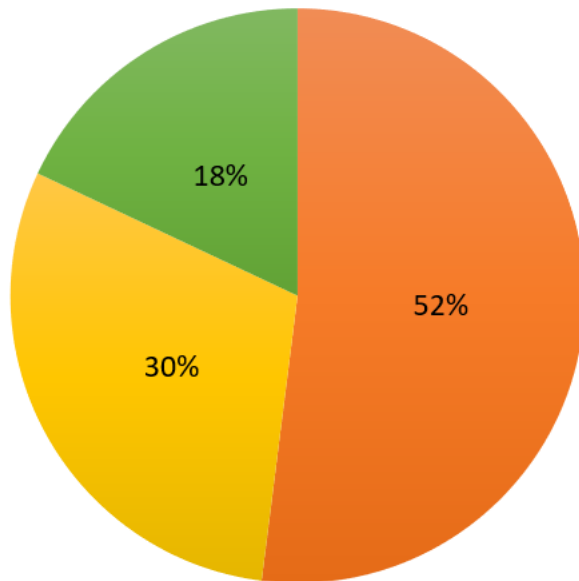
- Women do not have enough potential
- The lack of government support
- Habits and family are a hindrance

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In your opinion, what are the most important needs of a woman?



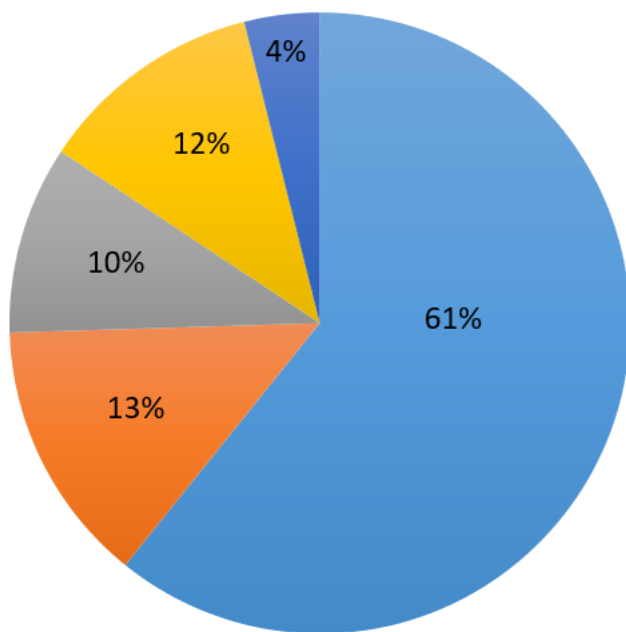
Find job opportunities the support personal Freedom

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What do you think is the solution



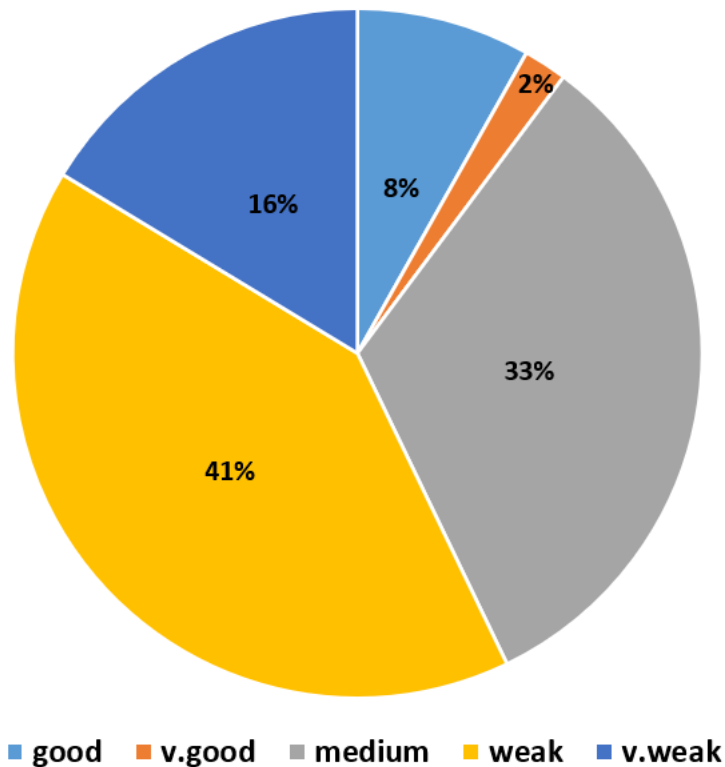
■ Building women's capabilities ■ government reforms ■ Private sector development

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In your opinion, what is the situation of young people in the region?

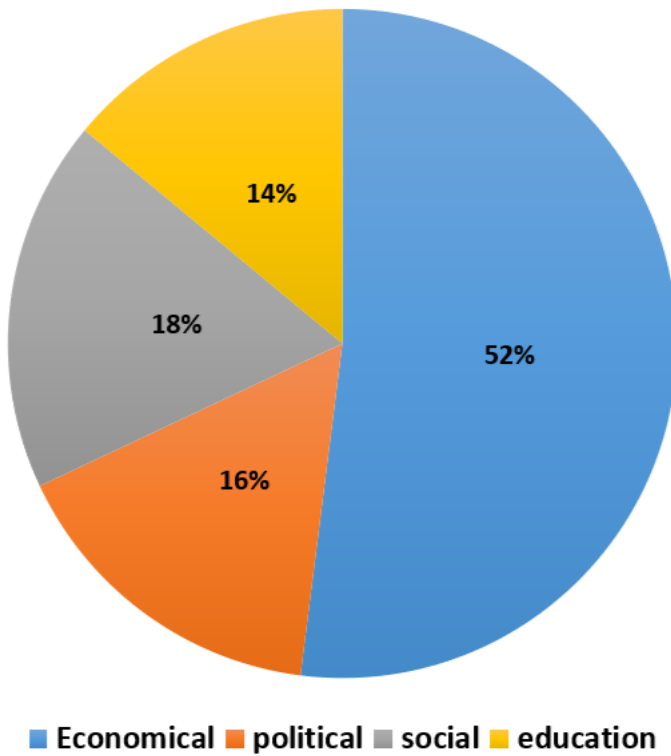


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Three of the most important problems of youth

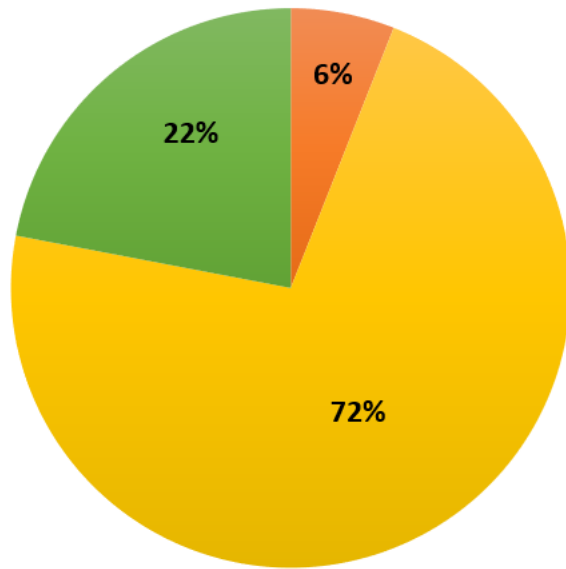


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The causes that lead to youth problems



- Young people do not have enough potential
- The lack of government support
- Habits and family are a hindrance

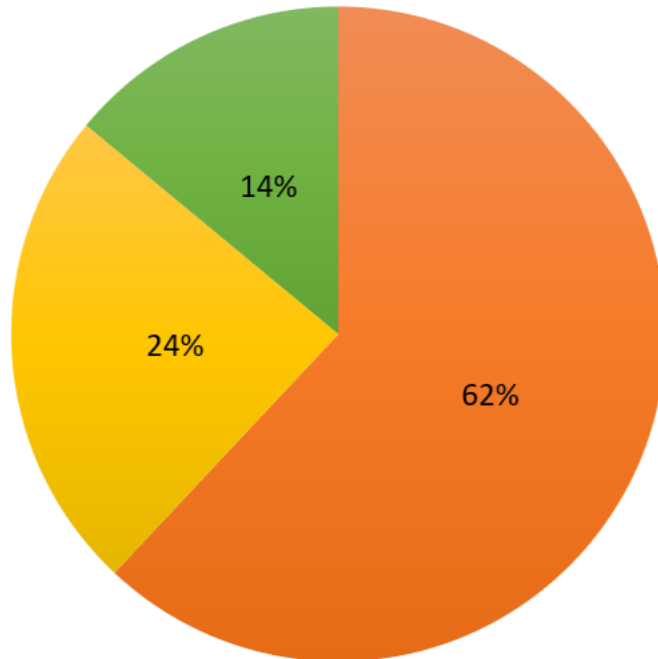
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In your opinion, what are the most important needs of young people?



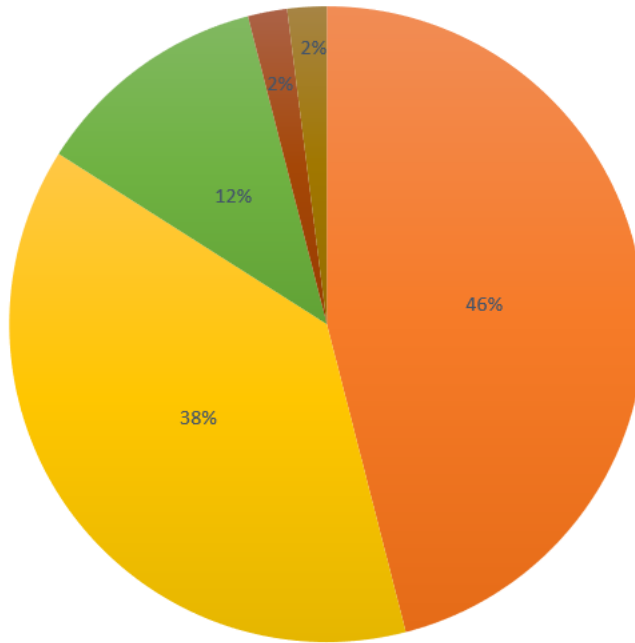
■ Find job opportunities ■ Confidence in their abilities ■ government support

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What do you think is the solution



- Youth capacity building
- government reforms
- Private sector development
- Establish some laws
- other

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Recommendations for young people:

In order to work to provide job opportunities and economic advancement for the region in general and for the youth group in particular, there are a number of suggestions made by the participants: -

- 1- The necessity of depending on the geographical criterion, importance of the region, and real needs when proposing service and strategic projects, this should be a criterion for future annual financial budgets.
- 2- The necessity of conducting a real and accurate survey of the unemployed and determining the status of the unemployed and the age groups covered by them, so that the necessary plans can be drawn up to address this problem.
- 3- The necessity of conducting research and practical studies by the Technical Institute in Amadiyah and elsewhere, or by civil society organizations, for the purpose of identifying problems, conducting statistics and providing real numbers to develop the necessary solutions.
- 4- The need to work on rehabilitating Bamerne Airport and expanding it to be a civil airport for the governorate, as there is an existing airport that needs only development and expansion, the problems of this are much less than establishing and establishing a new airport starting from scratch.
- 5- The need to work on extending a train line between Ibrahim Al-Khalil on the Turkish border, and Haji Omran on the Iranian border, to pass through the Amadiyah district, because it is the easiest, shortest and most feasible way, provided that it is a train to transport passengers and goods together.
- 6- Giving priority and privilege to the Amadiyah district in terms of proposing and implementing projects, especially those related to the tourism aspect, because the geography of the region suitable for that.
- 7- The role of civil society organizations, the government and political actors in the region in raising awareness about the importance of tourism in the judiciary, and its role in reviving the economy and providing job opportunities, and the need to transfer the College of Tourism to Amadiye.
- 8- Giving privacy to the Amadiye district in the implementation of projects related to balancing the development of the regions from the federal government.

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9- Work to develop and capacity-building, rise political and electoral awareness in the region, because political participation requires building a broad and active base in terms of political representation and effective participation in elections, to choose the best and most efficient for administrative positions and for parliamentary representation.

10- The need to encourage small projects and open the way for government and private banks to grant soft loans to owners of small projects, especially tourism, agricultural and even industrial projects, especially for women and youth.

Recommendations related the issues of women:

- 1- depending on the criteria of qualifications and skills in selecting women leaders for middle and high administrative and representative positions, instead of tribes and political background.
- 2- Building nurseries and kindergartens in all residential complexes, districts and sub-districts, be close to the work and employment site. In order for women to be assured of taking care of their children during working hours.
- 3- Attention to raising the level of special culture and the importance of its participation in sports.
- 4- All the suggestions concerned the youth are right and required for women in this region as well.

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