

Iraq's Constitutional Quota for Women in the Council of Representatives

Gender Equality · Good practice · Iraq

Quality score: 74/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Since 2005, Iraq's constitution has reserved at least 25% of the 329-seat Council of Representatives for women. In 2021, women won 95 seats (28.9%) — 57 outside the quota — though researchers find the gain has not translated into policy power.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	2/3
Impact on gender equality	1/1
Effectiveness	1/1
Efficiency	0/1
Evaluated outcomes	1/1
Sustainability	1/1
Achievement / evidence	1/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	0/1
Curator validation	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-05

[Independent High Electoral Commission of Iraq / Council of Representatives](#) — accessed 2026-07-05

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