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High Council for Women and Development (HCWD)

## Support Letter

The High Council for Women's Development (HCWD) is the responsible body for protecting women's rights in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, and for monitoring the impact of policies adopted by the Kurdistan Regional Government for the political, social and economic empowerment of women.

HCWD, is pleased to inform you of our upcoming research on Women's Workforce Participation (WWP). Our team has taken great care in designing the research tools that will be used in the first half of this study, and we believe that the findings will greatly inform our future strategy development and design. On that account, HCWD has commissioned GIZ and Catalyst Consulting's Beatrice Maneshi to undertake research and design a Women's Economic Empowerment (WEE) strategy focused on WWP. Ms. Maneshi will be supported by Dr. Kawa Walli in conducting data collection in the forms of interviews, focus groups, discussion, and surveying between January - April 2023.

As part of this research, our team working on WEE will be reaching out to stakeholders such as yourselves for interviews. This letter will be attached not only for the validity of this research, but will help to ensure that the information gathered is both accurate and valuable.

The HCWD requests the support of parties of concern or interviews and focus groups to ensure full participation in providing this expertise, insight, and opinion to the data collection process.

We appreciate your support and cooperation in this important endeavor, and we look forward to working with you to improve the participation of women in the workforce in the Kurdistan Region.

Sincerely,  
High Council for Women and Development (HCWD)



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