

BEYOND SURVIVAL

How Education Builds Community Leadership

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3 AUGUST 2014

AGE 18

My village was attacked. Education stopped. Service began.

Sinjar / Shingal, Iraq

The first lesson was service

From a school shelter to a youth-led initiative



70+ families

school shelter • volunteer service

Sunrise launched • 1 January 2015

From a tent to an institution

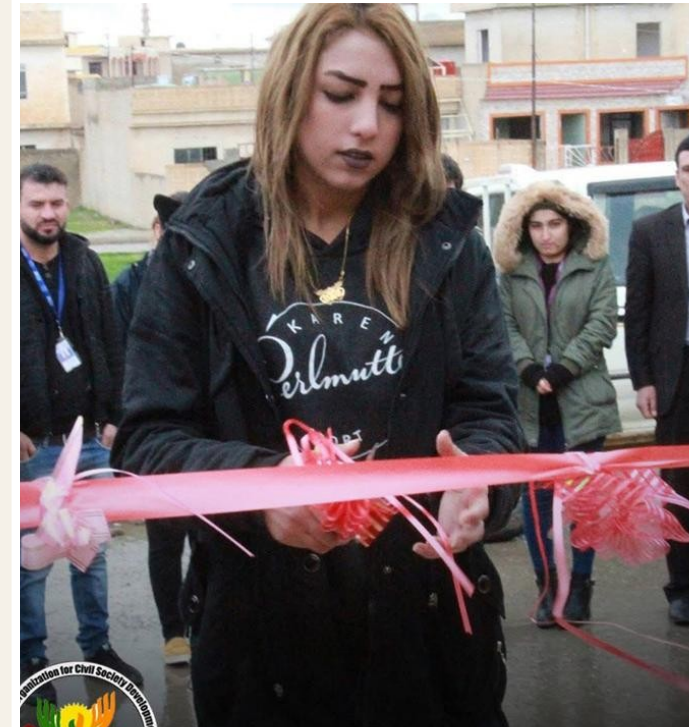
Three moments that defined Sunrise



2015 THE FIRST SPACE

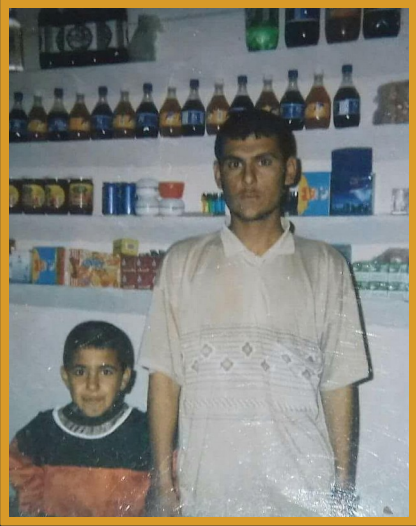


2017 THE STORM



2019 THE FIRST OFFICE

Office • classroom • meeting room • dream



Why education became survival

"There is a difference between speaking for survivors and enabling survivors to speak for themselves."

DOCUMENTATION

REPRESENTATION

LEADERSHIP

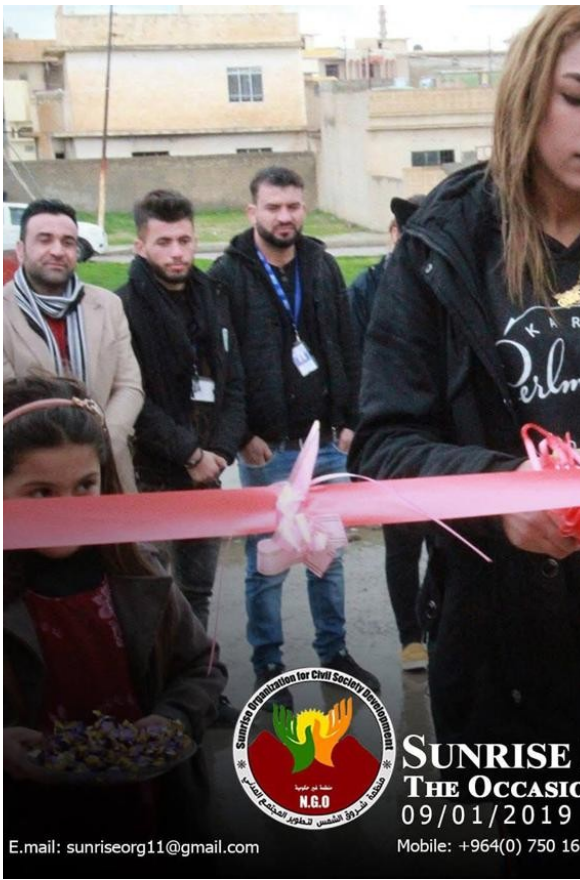
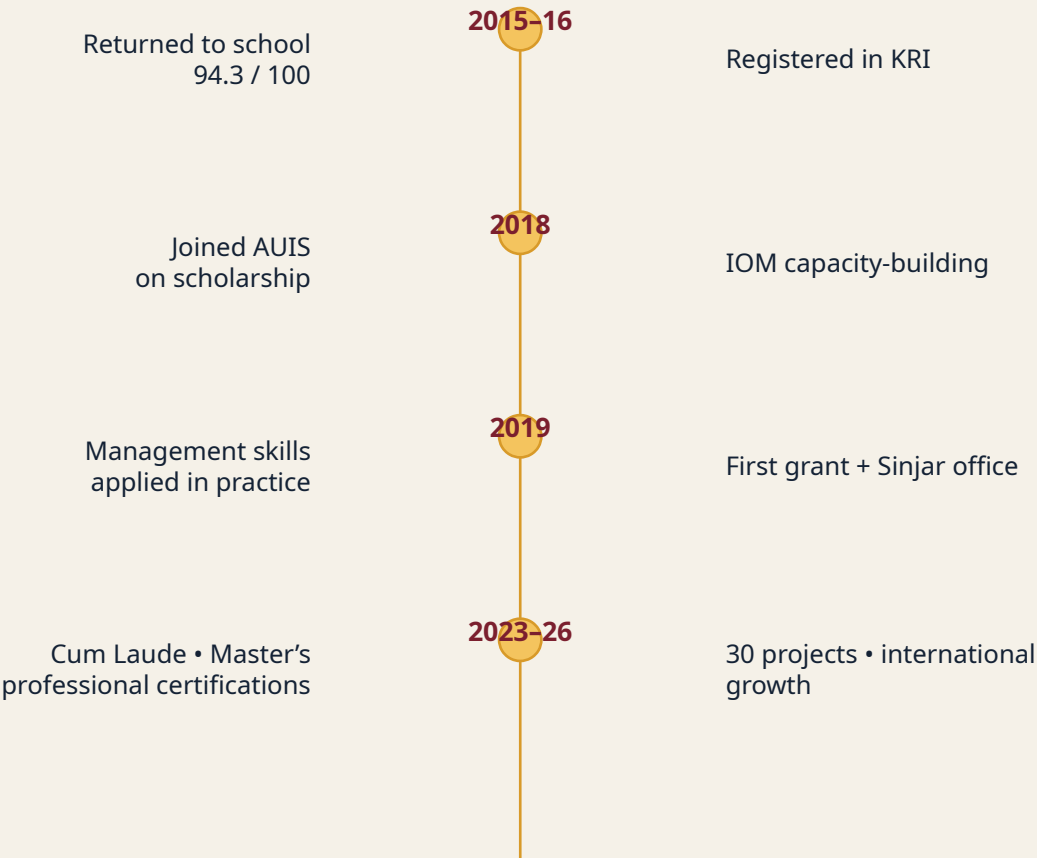


Two journeys grew together

Education strengthened leadership; leadership strengthened the institution



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SUNRISE

When our community needed us most

104

locations reached

5,200

families supported

A prepared local organization is part of a community's crisis infrastructure.



Education multiplies opportunity

From receiving capacity-building to transferring it



300 unemployed youth

training + individual grants
2025-2027

KNOWLEDGE STAYS LOCAL



Speaking for ourselves

*Experience became voice.
Education made it heard.*

AUIS Cum Laude • LAU Master's
PMP • Green Project Management

What education made possible

From volunteer action to lasting institutions

30

strategic projects

15+

international partners

40,000+

people reached



2015

Kurdistan Region

2017

Federal Iraq

2025

The Netherlands



**“Education did not only rebuild my future.
It strengthened my community’s capacity
to shape its own.”**

Education • Voice • Leadership • Recovery

Thank you

