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Global Training In the Rule of Law

The ISIS Debris of  
War Orphans: Giving  
the Parentless the  
Legality of A Name

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

SUNSGLOW initial statement to governments and other entities: This is a proposal to provide legal help to women who have suffered rape and harassment at the hands of ISIS. Its implementation depends upon securing financial support. Such support would cover expenses related to planning, as well as operational and administrative activities.

Headquartered in New York City, SUNSGLOW was launched in 1999 with the purpose of fostering the globalization of the rule of law. Its programming consists of: (1) training in various legal issues; and (2) high-level colloquia, which focus on one or two central issues presented as exchanges of experience. These programs are designed for judges, attorneys, law enforcement officers, law students, diplomats, media personnel, business persons and others, dealing with governmental and non-governmental organizations.

Policies are set forth by a board representative of several specialties. This financial sponsorship would significantly help us to promote our objectives especially as they relate to the problem of women and children in the Middle East. This is to be accomplished by advising governments, in accordance with their constitutions, to take action to protect the basic rights of victims of sexual violence perpetrated by ISIS.

The main thrust of this proposal is to secure \$100,000 as financial support to fund our War Orphans Project. Of this amount, \$50,000 shall be allocated to the planning phase; \$25,000 to operational expenses; the remaining amount would cover administrative expenses.

## **MISSION**

SUNSGLOW'S mission, as a not-for-profit is summed up in its motto. The motto is "training for legal and judicial reform, respect for human rights, and the enhancement of good governance across national borders, time zones, and language barriers. This mission was formally endorsed by the United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan, who described this unique non-governmental venture as one of "the United Nations partners".

## THE PROJECT

### INTRODUCTION

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The focus of this project is to help women and children who are affected by ISIS. We are going to focus on those individuals from Iraq and Syria who are left without proper name identification from rape to “Sexual Jihadism”, these young victims are left to float in society without parental identification. They are the victims of double jeopardy: one being the product of sexual aggression; and becoming shamed with no known parents.

### PROPOSAL

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This project will deal with woman and peace and security, in order to empower, promote and protect these women’s basic human rights, we need to address this legal issue in the light of the following facts:

- I. The Iraqi constitution provide for registering the child, there are no specific provision for implementation of enforcement of the law. In Syria the constitution doesn’t provide the right to registering the child at all.
- II. The laws in Iraq and possibly in Syria as well, allow the mother to register her child under her name or her family name under very specific circumstances. In order for a woman to register her child under her name she must plead her case to the minister or interior fort his approval.
- III. Nonetheless such child is not provided by legal documentation allowing for medical care, school attendance nor other social facilitators.
- IV. Such cultural barriers have significant detriments. For if the mother has been raped, she is disowned by her family, or even killed to avoid shaming.
- V. This situation has resulted in suffering by many women for being deprived of any recognizable status.

- VI. In Iraq, the United Nations International Children Emergency Fund (UNICEF) indicates that children whose birth resulted from rape or other forms of coercion were later abused by becoming either combatants, terrorists or suicide bombers.
- VII. Under such circumstance, the stigma becomes life long as it causes extreme economic difficulty, the lack of family environment, and the disconnect society.
- VIII. Such generation of war children shall in the future be a threat to society if left astray. Anecdotally a considerable number of these children join terrorist organizations ISIS, or Al-Qaida.
- IX. The immediate can be seen in Syria, Iraq and other locations in the Middle East and North Africa.
- X. This issue of war children must be addressed objectively from its root causes, including the containment of the so called Madrasas (Islamic schools) in order to begin the process of stable nation-building.
- XI. The prime objective of this project is to devise legal schemes within the prevailing constitutions and other laws to protect mother and children in the affected areas.
- XII. The generation of war children is symptom of wars and armed conflict, especially in the Middle East and North Africa. As an example the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) informs that from 2014 to 2018 5,500 girls were forced into marriage: 500 girls were killed or forced into prostitution by ISIS; several were thrown off cliffs; some were stoned to death, or fatally shot several times; or imprisoned as sex slaves. (add 220 children stuff from Kurdistan article)
- XIII. This can be achieved through the following:
  - a. Simplifying the rules and regulations for the registration of births
  - b. Easier access to documentation and records available at multiple offices or bureaus.
  - c. Use assisting factors as encouragement. Promoting forgotten traditions such as using mother's name is common in several traditions, including Islam. For example, Mohammad (PUH) is called Mohammad Bin Ame'na (Ame'na is

the prophet mother); in Christianity, Jesus is called Issa Bin Mariam (Mariam is Mary the virgin).

## OBJECTIVES

1. The first objective is to maintain flexibility in custom designing its well-focused programs to meet the specific needs of the beneficiaries. The duration of the programs range from two to five years. Each program is concluded with an objective evaluation and a discussion of future needs of the country or region where the program takes place.
2. The second objective is to offer a great diversity of subject matters: from court administration to the intricacies of the new humanitarian and international criminal laws; from the application of due process to terrorism and the law; from international arbitration and other methods of alternative dispute resolution to the application of the law in fighting corruption. These are examples of our course offerings.
3. Our third objective deals with the design of our programs that mainly target law professionals such as judges, attorneys, law enforcement officers, law students, diplomats, media personnel, business persons and others, especially those dealing with various governmental and non-governmental organization.
4. The fourth objective relates to our expansion plans. As we grow, new regional centers would be established to form what promises to be an integrated chain. We aim to highlight the role of these centers through inviting their local representatives to its programs when held outside of their regions, making selected training material available to them for later use, and inviting their views on the choice of program topics and regional trainers.

## TEAM MEMBERS

- Our trainers and administration team are highly drawn from our Board, consisting of distinguished professionals from various countries and with diverse backgrounds. They are complemented by local or regional faculty, Bar Association resources and judges at all levels from various parts of the world. These trainers are equipped to address the subjects in Arabic, English and French.
- SUNSGLOW collaborates with governmental and non-governmental agencies with the aim of securing the basic human rights of all, particularly women and children which impact society in terms of understanding that those women and children had no choice in what happened to them. The least we can do is assist them to grow into productive members of society.

## KEYS TO SUCCESS

1. Unique, innovative and contemporary: the creation of initiatives programs differentiate us from other organizations in the area because of the unique service we provide.
2. SUNSGLOW accepts, acts and reports on its program commitments and sources of program funding with full transparency, and within a framework of professional ethics which is solely intended to frame its judicial and legal training programs on the basis of complete neutrality, respect for national sovereignty, domestic jurisdiction, internal laws and practices, and cultural diversity.
3. Network community: we have already established a wide network through our Board, team members and supporters.
4. SUNSGLOW utilizes various methods to disseminate information about its activities and other developments. In this regard, we depend primarily on our website, contacts

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with governments (primarily through permanent missions at the United Nations from which Yassin El-Ayouty retired after 32 years of service)

5. Cost control: we control costs at all times, without exception. Cost control is an integral aspect of our organization and its projects. We manage the financials based on realistic estimates for each component of the project to avoid going over the budget. The success of our proposal is over 80% determined before we start implementing. Our focus is to reduce the costs to be able to provide more events and programs throughout the year, by managing the following crucial elements of costs, service preparation, events, including rental space and equipment.