

Official Announcement

Dear members, colleagues and friends,

Kurdistan Database Advisory's Network (KURDAN) project started several months ago. This was a collaborative work between the Ministry of Planning (MoP) of Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) and Kurdistan Medical and Scientific Federation (KMSF) in the United Kingdom.

Following the submission of the initial proposal by KMSF, the MoP initiated the project and it gained financial support from KRG.

It is hoped that KURDAN will provide a dynamic platform for KRG ministries and Kurdish organisations to announce and describe their projects, and for Kurdish professionals to display information on their areas of expertise. This would only be achieved through active networking between professionals, academics and institutions.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank Mr Osman Shwani, the Minister of Planning, for his constant support and encouragement throughout the process of developing KURDAN.

We would also like to acknowledge the efforts of all those colleagues who were involved in taking the project forward, in particular:

- Dr Jamal Ameen for his valuable input towards drafting the initial KMSF proposal, his role in gaining financial support for the project and for facilitating communication between the MoP and KMSF.
- Dr Dilan Roshani for finalising the KMSF proposal, his technical and intellectual input towards the design of the project, and his perseverance despite various technical obstacles.
- Dr Hiro Khoshnaw for her contribution towards writing the proposal.
- Prof. Dlawar Ala 'Aldeen for his general advice.

We hope that KURDAN will be the start of many other joint projects and collaborative work between KRG and KMSF.

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