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COMPONENT 1 - IMPROVE KNOWLEDGE OF LEGAL REMEDIES

Result 1.1: Partner CSOs, Professional Organizations, and Government Partners Launch Strategic Communication Campaign That Effectively Delivers Priority Access to Justice Messages to Targeted Vulnerable Populations

Amal Humanitarian Association Al Basreya completed a workshop in Madina Village, in the Nashwa District of Basrah Province, targeting persons with disabilities (PWDs) in the area north of this Province. The objective of the workshop was to educate attendees about their legal rights and entitlements in accordance with Iraqi law. Over 35 participants (4 females and 31 males) attended the event and benefited from the information provided.



Result 1.4: Effective Monitoring and Evaluation of Implementing Partner Public Awareness Campaigns

Perception Survey: Relief International (RI) conducted four focus group discussions (FGD) in Sulaymaniyah, Erbil, Mosul and Diyala and was attended by ministries officials, provincial council members, NGO members, lawyers, journalists, media and public. The groups discussed effective methods for increasing awareness through civil society organizations, vulnerable group classifications and difficulties in accessing justice, and empowerment of civil society. The participants agreed on a number of recommendations to help vulnerable people access their rights, including:

- The need for MOLSA to assume more responsibility in empowering and supporting vulnerable groups
- The urgent need to open new support and rehabilitation centers for vulnerable groups
- The need to legislate new laws related to the support of vulnerable groups
- The need of the government to support the role of civil society organizations in raising vulnerable groups' awareness about their rights and methods to access them

To date, RI has implemented 13 of 20 focus group discussions in Baghdad and other provinces. The process of gathering data for the perception survey implementing by RI is ongoing in all provinces. To date, 5138 people from all provinces have participated.



Weekly Update of Awareness Campaigns

#	Grantee	Quantity of Print	Distributed	Radio / TV / Web	Awareness Trainings
1	College of Law and Politics, University of Salah Al Din	0	0	0	1
2	Iraqi Alliance of Disability (IADO)	3000 Poster	3000 Poster	0	2(0)
		3000 Brochures	2800 Brochures		
		750 Hand Bag	500 Hand Bag		
		100 Flex	100 Flex		
		300 Sign Board	300 Sign Board		
3	Woman for Justice	Posters 1000	Posters 250	0	0
4	Voice of Older People (VOP)	2 Banners	1 Banners (1)	1 Live TV program (1) Live Radio Program	10(0)
5	Al-Taqwa Association for Woman and Child Rights	Posters 1000	950 Poster (0)	20 Radio Adv. (0)	0
		Brochures 2500	2450 Brochures (0)		
6	Baghdad Women Association (BWA)	2000 Folder	394 Folder (26)	0	17
7	KURDS	0	0	8 Radio programs (4) 3 Live TV Program (0) 1 Newspaper Ad	0
8	Kurdistan Bar Association	3000 Posters	1000 Posters	2 Radio programs	1
		4000 Brochures	2500 Brochures		
9	Iraq center for human rights Activists (ICHRA)	1 Banner	1 Banner		2(0)
		Booklet	Booklet		
10	Sayed Al Shuhadaa Org. for Social Development	500 Posters	225 posters(100)		4(0)
		2000 Booklets (2000)	0 Booklets		
11	Baghdad Law School	Print 1 Banner and implement Forum and TV Adv. under process			
12	Warvin Foundation From Women Issues	1 Banner	1 Banner	1 Web	1
13	Civil Development Organization (CDO)	Leaflet draft design submitted for approval			
14	Hiyad	2000 Booklet	0 Booklet	1 Radio Program	4(0)
		2000 Brochure	0 Brochure		
15	Hataw	Draft Posters and Signpost submitted for approval			
16	Al Amal Al-Basryah	500 Posters	200(25) Posters		4(1)
		1500 Booklet	120 Booklet (60)		
17	Hadia	1000 Posters (1000)			2(0)
		1000 Brochures (1000)			
18	Harikar	Signboard was submitted for approval			
19	Al Taqwa	1000 Posters	100 Posters	10(2)	
		2500 Brochures	500 Brochures		
20	ICHRA	1 Banner (1)	1 Banner (1)		2(0)
		0 Brochures			
21	Aswat Al Iraq			1 film Shooting (1)	

Note: **Entries in parentheses indicate new additions this week.** Numbers in the above table have not been verified by M&E data collection forms, but are a close approximation for the purposes of communicating accomplishments of grantees within a reasonable margin of error. Verified data will be presented in quarterly reports.



COMPONENT 2 - IMPROVE LEGAL EDUCATION AND SERVICES

Result 2.1: Support Iraqi NGOs Working in Priority Access to Justice Areas to Improve their Administrative and Substantive Capacity to Support Vulnerable Populations

Weekly Update of Legal Assistance to Vulnerable Groups Provided by Access to Justice Partners (Cumulative and New)

#	Grantee	Location	Focus of Legal Assistance	# of Hotline Calls	# of Legal Consultations	# of Legal Cases
1	Community Development Org. (CDO)	Sulaymaniyah, Kirkuk	Women	30(0)	34(10)	28(4)
2	Baghdad Women Association	Baghdad	Women	1	90(0)	11(1)
3	Hadia Society For Human Rights And Civilian Community Development	Basrah	Women	0	38(7)	37(8)
4	Al-Taqwa Association For Woman And Child Rights	Basrah	IDP women	37(7)	111(7)	63(4)
5	Alamal Humanitarian Association Al Basreyaa	Basrah	Disabled	0	17(3)	12(2)
6	Sayed Al-Shuhdaa Organization For Social Development	Basrah	Women	0	50(22)	75(5)
7	Iraqi Center For Human Rights Activists (ICHRA)	Basrah	Women	0	0	0
8	Harikar	Dahuk	Women IDP's	38(14)	87(13)	21(3)
9	Voice of Older People (VOP)	Dahuk	Women	0	12(0)	5(0)
10	KBA	Erbil	Mixed	0	0	0
11	Al Meameen Humanitarian Association	Basrah	Women	0	0	0
12	Al Arqam Cultural Charity Association	Basrah	Women	0	0	0

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Success Story

Soon after her arranged marriage under tribal tradition, S.H., a young woman from Basra, became a victim of spousal abuse. The situation deteriorated to the point that her husband regularly beat her and burned her with cigarettes. Eventually the abusive husband left S.H. with their children, abandoning her for a new wife with no means of support for herself or the children.

S.H. heard about the Hadia Legal Clinic and the support they provide for women in desperate situations, and the clinic took her on as a client. The lawyer started several legal and administrative proceedings on her behalf including ratifying the divorce, accessing alimony and obtaining IDs for S.H.'s children that will allow them to register and attend school.

Result 2.4: Support Development of Programs and Modernization of Academic and Practical Curriculum Related to Extending Access to Justice to Vulnerable Population at Law Schools in Iraqi Universities in Key Location throughout Iraq.

A2J completed a site visit to Baghdad Law School to solve outstanding issues regarding receipt of grant funds in light of the directive from the Ministry of Higher Education that law schools may not receive funding directly from a donor and may not open bank accounts. This directive will impact the way the Program provides grants to law schools. The meeting produced resolution on resolving compliance issues with the current grant, and demonstrated a way forward through the issuance of in-kind grants to the law schools for the opening of legal clinics. The Program is currently reviewing needed updates to the grants manual to make work with university-based legal clinics in the future possible.

COMPONENT 3 - ADVOCACY AND IMPROVED GOVERNMENT SERVICES**Result 3.1: Support Partners in Reviewing Processes and Procedures for Reform of Policies, Regulations, and Legislation as they Relate to Vulnerable Populations.**

Component 3 reviewed and updated a questionnaire for NGOs to gather information from concerned citizens that will support amending the Personal Status Law to improve the procedures for women whose husbands have disappeared and to apply for widows' benefits. A2J grantee, Fatima House, in partnership with the Council of Representatives (COR) Human Rights Committee will cooperate in sending this questionnaire to the NGO's working in these areas all over Iraq. The committee will then compile the results and discuss next steps for moving forward to make the necessary changes in the law.

Component 3 is coordinating with the COR Women, Family and Childhood Committee to meet with the Ministry of Interior (MOI) to facilitate the granting of citizenship to children based on the nationality of the mother. Regardless of the fact that Parliament has issued a law in this regard that supports the issuance of citizenship to children based on their mother's Iraqi citizenship, practical challenges exist that prevent implementation of the law. The Director General of the *Jinsyia* (Nationality) Directorate and the MOI Inspector General will attend this meeting inside Parliament.

GRANTS

The A2J Grants Team completed the following tasks:

- Close-out procedures for KHRW, Mercy Hands, Al-Fatima House, Salam Al-Rafidain, Al-Malak
- Collection of responses from the Grants Evaluation Committee (GEC) on 36 Grant Summary Forms (GSFs), 21 of which were approved for moving on to the next phase of submitting a full grant application
- Preparing Requests for Approval for Tammuz Organization, Al-Zuhoor, and Um Al-Yateem that will be sent to USAID in the coming week.
- Coordination and preparation for site visits with Components 1 and 2 to Erbil based NGOs



- Ongoing follow-up on outstanding issues on 20 conditionally approved NGOs from the last two GEC meetings
- Execution of grant agreements with Al-Meameen and Al-Arqam, Al-Rawaby, and Al-Meezan
- Site visit and USAID audit coordination for Baghdad Women Association

OPERATIONS

Anser Naveed Syed has assumed his responsibility as Director of Operations replacing Antonio Magallanes-Villamor who vacated the position earlier this month.

Mr. Campo Elias Osorio has been appointed as Finance and Admin Manager. His visa is in process and he is expected to arrive in Baghdad by August 6, 2012

Finance Officer Hussam Laith submitted his resignation, with a final working day of August 22, 2012. Hiring for this position is in process.

Access to Justice Program Current Approved Grants

NGO/CSO Name <i>Project Name or Activity</i>	NGO Location	Activity Location	Target Beneficiaries	Grant Life	Begin Date	USAID Budget	Status
Iraqi Al Amal Association <i>Legal awareness campaign and legal services as a tool for protection of women from domestic violence</i>	Baghdad	Najaf/Kirkuk	Women affected by gender-based violence	6 mos.	1-Sep-11	\$84,070	Activities Completed Ongoing Close-Out Procedures
Fatema House Charity for Women <i>Women's legal clinic</i>	Baghdad	Sadr City	Women	6 mos.	1-Nov-11	\$51,810	Activities Completed Ongoing Close-Out Procedures
Al-Rahma Humanity Association <i>Center for legal consultations and representation in court for women</i>	Baghdad	Al-Sha'ab	Women	6 mos.	1-Oct-11	\$47,500	Activities Completed Ongoing Close-Out Procedures
Women Empowerment Organization <i>Public awareness on Women's rights and mobile legal clinics</i>	Erbil	Ainkawa	Widows	8 mos.	1-Sep-11	\$100,000	Activities Completed Ongoing Close-Out Procedures
Mercy Hands for Humanitarian Aid <i>Legal Clinic Aid and Information Services for IDPs and Returnees</i>	Baghdad	Karrada	IDPs	6 mos.	1-Sep.-11	\$74,650	Activities Completed Ongoing Close-Out Procedures
Kurdistan Human Rights Watch <i>Providing public awareness and legal assistance to IDPs</i>	Erbil	Ainkawa	IDPs	6 mos.	1-Sep-11	\$85,800	Closed-Out
Soran Association for Care of the Handicapped <i>Legal Awareness/Services, Support for Accessibility for People with Disabilities</i>	Erbil	Soran	Disabled	8 mos.	1-Sep-11	\$72,044	Activities Completed Ongoing Close-Out Procedures
Salam Al-Rafidain <i>The right for knowledge and justice to weak women and girls</i>	Baghdad	Yousfiya	Women	8 mos.	15-Sep-11	\$73,065	Activities Completed Ongoing Close-Out Procedures
Salahaddin Law School <i>Improving Access to Justice for Vulnerable Groups in Erbil through a Law School Clinic</i>	Erbil	Erbil	Vulnerable	8 mos.	1-Sep-11	\$93,860	Stopped
Baghdad Law School <i>Legal Clinic at the College of Law</i>	Baghdad	Adhamiya	Vulnerable/Students	12 mos.	1-Dec-11	\$91,410	Under Implementation

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Kurdistan Bar Association <i>Continuing Legal Education for Lawyers Serving Vulnerable Groups</i>	Erbil	Erbil	Vulnerable	8 mos.	1-Sep-11	\$86,310	Under Implementation
Al-Malak Human <i>Improving the access to justice for women in Mosul</i>	Mosel	Mosel	Women	8 mos.	1-Oct-11	\$83,606	Activities Completed Ongoing Close-Out Procedures
Al-Shabak Women's Organization <i>Improving Access to Justice for Vulnerable Groups in the Ninewa Plains</i>	Ninewa	Bartella	IDPs	8 mos.	1-Sep-11	\$83,310	Activities Completed Ongoing Close-Out Procedures
Al-Mortaqa <i>Public awareness training</i>	Baghdad	Karada	Govt. and NGO employees	6 mos.	1-Sep-11	\$92,000	Activities Completed Ongoing Close-Out Procedures
Women for Justice <i>Legal Assistance for vulnerable groups</i>	Baghdad	Karbala	Women	8 mos.	pending	\$69,840	Activities on Hold
IADO <i>Public awareness campaigns and Forums for the rights of disabled people in Iraq</i>	Baghdad	Harthiya	Disabled	6 mos.	1-Feb-12	\$78,300	Under Implementation
Basrah University Law School <i>Legal Clinic in College of Law, University of Basrah</i>	Basrah	Basrah	Lawyers and vulnerable people	12 mos.	1-Feb-12	\$95,795	Pending
Iraqi Bar Association <i>Capacity Building for Lawyers</i>	Baghdad	Mansoor	Lawyers	12 mos.	1-Mar-12	\$98,780	Under Implementation
Hataw <i>Strengthening the role of Media in combating Violence Against Women (VAW)</i>	Sulaymaniyah	Sulaymaniyah	Media	6 mos.	1-May-12	\$58,746	Under Implementation
Kurdistan Reconstruction & Development Society (KURDS) <i>Access to Justice Social Services for People with Disabilities in Kurdistan Region</i>	Kurdistan	Dohuk	Disabled	12 mos.	1-May-12	\$99,464	Under Implementation
Harikar <i>Dohuk Legal Clinic</i>	Dohuk	Dohuk	IDPs	12 mos.	1-May-12	\$99,175	Under Implementation
Civil Development Organization (CDO) <i>Women Legal and Social Clinic Center</i>	Sulaymaniyah	Kirkuk	Women	12 mos.	1-Apr-12	\$93,050	Under Implementation
Voice of Older People (VOP) <i>Legal Support and Awareness for Legally Unregistered Marriages</i>	Dohuk	Dohuk	Divorcees	12 mos.	1-May-12	\$97,926	Under Implementation

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Aswat Al-Iraq <i>Production and Distribution of Video and Radio Awareness Spots and Programming on Access to Justice for Vulnerable Populations in Iraq</i>	Baghdad	Baghdad	Iraqi war widows and vulnerable populations	6 mos.	1-May-12	\$82,700	Under Implementation
Bustan Association <i>Children, Youth, Widows</i>	Basrah	Basrah & Misaan	Children and youth	6 mos.	15-Jun-12	\$63,963	Under Implementation
Baghdad Women Association <i>Provision of free legal assistance to vulnerable women in Baghdad</i>	Baghdad	Baghdad	Women and men	10 mos.	15-May-12	\$65,443	Under Implementation
Iraqi Center for Human Rights Activists (ICHRA) <i>Empowering vulnerable women to get governmental subsidy in Basrah</i>	Basrah	Basrah	Women	12 mos.	15-Jun-12	\$87,756	Under Implementation
Warvin Foundation For Women Issues <i>Raising Women's Awareness of Their Rights</i>	Erbil	Erbil	Women/Widows	12 mos.	1-May-12	\$98,746	Under Implementation
Sayed Al-Shuhdaa Organization for Social Development <i>Legal rights awareness campaign and Legal Aid Center for Vulnerable Women</i>	Basrah	Basrah	Women	12 mos.	15-May-12	\$99,502	Under Implementation
Hiyad <i>Provide legal advice to and raise awareness of vulnerable women in Basrah</i>	Basrah	Basrah	Women	6 mos.	15-Jun-12	\$59,802	Under Implementation
KHRW Strategic Partnership Grant <i>Training, mentoring and resource centers for Legal Clinics</i>	Erbil	Iraq - Wide	Beneficiaries of all legal clinics	8 mos.	NA	\$234,840	Grant Agreement not Executed - on Hold
Al-Arqam Cultural Charity Association <i>Legal Aid Centers and awareness-raising</i>	Basrah	Basrah	Women	12 mos.	NA	\$99,402	Under Implementation
Al Rawaby <i>Legal Clinic and Raising Legal Awareness for Disabled Persons</i>	Basrah	Basrah	Disabled	12 mos.	NA	\$99,532	Under Implementation
Al-Taqwa Association <i>Legal Services Clinic for women returnees, immigrants, and IDPs</i>	Basrah	Basrah	Women	12 mos.	15-Jun-12	\$99,899	Under Implementation
Al-Meameen Organization <i>Legal Clinic and awareness raising</i>	Basrah	Basrah	Women	12 mos.	15-Jun-12	\$97,877	Under Implementation
Amal Association Humanitarian Al Basyra <i>Legal Clinic and legal awareness raising for the disabled</i>	Basrah	Basrah	Disabled	12 mos.	15-Jun-12	\$99,342	Under Implementation
KHRW Phase II <i>Legal awareness and legal services for IDPs</i>	Erbil	Ainkawa and Khabat	IDPs	8 mos.	NA	\$97,900	Grant Agreement in Process

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Al-Meezan Newspaper <i>Al-Meezan Legal Independent Newspaper</i>	Babil	Iraq-Wide	Various Vulnerable Groups	6 mos.	NA	\$99,300	Under Implementation
Hadia <i>Awareness campaign and legal services to vulnerable women</i>	Basrah	Basrah	Women	6 mos.	15-Jun-12	\$99,682	Under Implementation
Salam Al Rafidain <i>Registered Marriage is Essential to Ensure the Rights of Women and Children</i>	Baghdad	Baghdad	Women/Children	8 mos.	NA	\$99,976	Grant Agreement in Process
Mercy Hands for Humanitarian Aid Phase II <i>Legal Clinic Aid and Information Services for IDPs and Returnees</i>	Baghdad	Karrada	IDPs	5 mos.	NA	\$99,882	Grant Agreement in Process
Model Iraqi Women <i>Advocacy Campaign for Social Security Reform (Widows' Benefits)</i>	Baghdad	Iraq-Wide	Women/Children	6 mos.	NA	\$98,384	Grant Agreement in Process
Inma Organization <i>Legal Clinic Aid and Information Services for IDPs and Returnees</i>	Kirkuk	Kirkuk	IDPs	10 mos.	NA	\$99,971	Grant Agreement in Process
Youth Save Organization <i>Awareness campaign on violence against women</i>	Babil	Iraq-Wide	Victims of GBV	9 mos.	NA	\$66,682	Grant Agreement in Process

TOTAL: \$3,961,092

Calendar of Activities

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
July 21	22	23	24	25	26	27
▪	▪	▪	▪ Awareness Raising Grantee Site Visits in Basrah	▪ Awareness Raising Grantee Site Visits in Basrah	▪ Awareness Raising Grantee Site Visits in Basrah	▪
28	29	30	31	August 1	2	3
▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪ Human Rights Training – IBA HQ Baghdad	▪
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
▪ Human Rights Training – IBA HQ Baghdad	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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USAID Recommended to attend events circled in **RED**