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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

The last training of the course series, “Effective Communication and Information Dissemination Using Traditional and New Media,” was conducted in Erbil on June 20 and 21, 2012. The specific topic of training, “Increasing Understanding of Images in Advocacy,” was attended by 10 participants (7 male, 3 female) from the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, KRG, Kurdistan Bar Association, Women Empowerment Organization and Civil Development Association. The objective of the training was to introduce the participants to the significance of visual images in conveying messages more effectively. The trainer explained the concept of “a picture speaks a thousand words,” with the help of captivating images. The participants were also provided with in depth knowledge about the technical aspects of photography including balancing images and the importance of the correct lighting and angles. The participants expressed that this was one of the most useful trainings that they had ever attended as it has not only improved their photography skills but also familiarized them with the fact a good photo can sometimes make a stronger impact than a long written article or feature and can also enhance the impact of written materials.



A2J Erbil conducted a site visit to Warvin on June 19, 2012, to follow-up preparations for the 1st female journalist training that is planned for June 25-28, 2012 at the Chwar-Chra Hotel.

KRG MOLSA submitted the design of 4 brochures and one booklet to reduce gender-based violence and increase the access of vulnerable women to their rights. A2J Erbil provided them with technical advice.



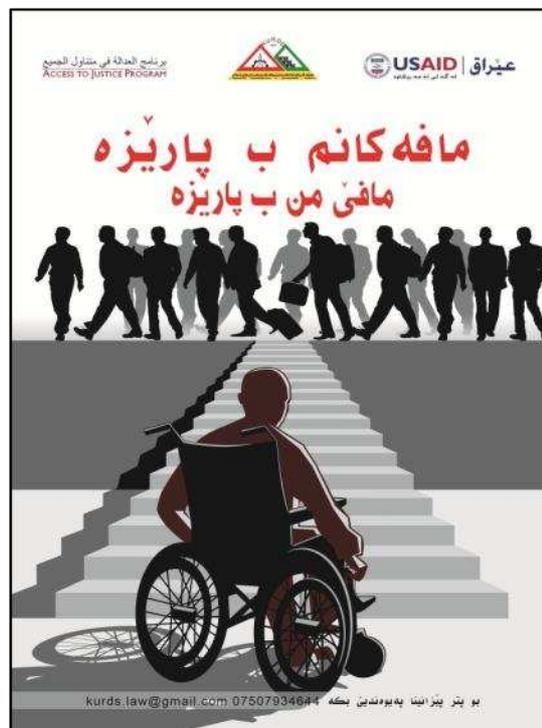


A2J Erbil conducted an unscheduled site visit on June 19, 2012 to Aswat Al-Iraq to follow up on concerns that the Program has with progress of the grantee, and will be conducting a similar unscheduled site visit to Hataw in the coming week for similar reasons.

A2J Erbil conducted a site visit to the Kurdistan Jurists' Union (KJU) on 18 June, the 3rd follow-up meeting conducted with KJU in order to develop better potential cooperation between A2J and KJU. KJU is intending to submit a proposal for A2J funding for an awareness campaign.

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

Awareness Raising Campaigns: This week Kurdistan Reconstruction and Development Society (KURDS) from Dohuk started their awareness and advocacy campaign for people with disabilities. Their first product is a poster that aims to create support for the rights of PWDs.



Weekly Update of Awareness Campaigns

#	Grantee	Quantity of Print	Distributed	Radio / TV / Web	Awareness Trainings
1	College of Law and Politics, University of Salahaddin	0	0	0	1
2	Women Empowerment Organization	2 Banner	2 Banner	15 Live Radio Programs	80 (4)
		Handout 1000	Handout 1000	TV Ad. 1	
		Booklet 500	Booklet 500		
3	Iraqi Alliance of Disability (IADO)	3000 Poster	3000 Poster	0	2(1)
		3000 Brochures	2750 Brochures		
		750 Hand Bag	500 Hand Bag		
		100 Flex	100 Flex		
		300 Sign Board	300 Sign Board (25)		



#	Grantee	Quantity of Print	Distributed	Radio / TV / Web	Awareness Trainings
4	Woman for Justice	Poster: 1000	Poster:250	0	0
5	Voice of Older People VOP	0	0	1 Live TV program	0
6	Al-Taqwa association for woman and child rights	Poster 1000	300 Poster (180)	10 (2)	0
		Brochures 2500	1200 Brochures (900)		
7	Baghdad Women Association (BWA)	2000 Folder	150 Folder (150)	0	13 (5)
8	KURDS	0	0	Radio program 2 Live TV Program 1 (1)	0
9	Kurdistan Bar Association	3000 Poster (3000)	1000 Poster (1000)	Radio program 1 (1)	1
		4000 Brochures (4000)	2500 Brochures (2500)		
10	Baghdad Law School	Print 1 Banner and implement Forum and TV Adv. under process			
11	Warvin Foundation From Women Issues	Draft Banner and web site logos design was submitted and approved			
12	Civil Development Organization CDO	Leaflet draft design submitted for approval			
13	Hiyad	Booklets approved			
14	Hataw	Draft Posters and Signpost submitted for approval			
15	Al Amal Al-Basryah	Draft Poster design submitted for approval			

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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

A2J performed a site visit to Community Development Org (CDO) on June 17 in Kirkuk. The team provided technical assistance on reporting protocols, documentation process, management, case privacy, and addressing potential challenges that the organization may face during the project life cycle. To date, CDO legal clinic has received two legal consultation and 13 client representation cases dealing with personal status issues such as divorce, custody and inheritance.



A2J completed a site visit to Voice of Older People (VOP) on June 18. The legal clinic has not officially begun operating, however the A2J team provided the technical assistance on reporting, documentation, and cases classification.

A2J completed a site visit to Harikar NGO in Duhok on June 19; the A2J team provided technical assistance on archiving documents, reporting, management, cases classification and client confidentiality. To the date, the legal clinic has provided 25 legal consultations and is representing 3 clients. The majority of cases are assisting IDPs and women deal with issues related to the penal code such as rape, robbery, counterfeiting, illegal crossing of borders and personal status related issues such as forced marriage, custody, alimony and divorce.

A2J completed site visits to Amal Humanitarian Association of Basrah, Sayed Al-Shuhada's Organization, Hadia Society for Human Rights and Civilian Community Development, and Al-Taqwa Association in Basrah. These NGOs recently began implementing their grant-related activities, and will soon be launching legal clinics to provide legal assistance to vulnerable groups across the province of Basrah. A2J provided technical assistance for these NGOs on reporting protocols, documentation, case coding and classification, as well as filing. Of these NGOs, Al-Taqwa has already begun assisting IDP women, and has provided 30 legal consultations and is representing 27 clients.



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	Iraqi Al Amal Association - Najaf Center	Najaf	Women	87	284	177
2	Iraqi Al Amal Association - Kirkuk Center	Kirkuk	Women	151	166	85
3	Fatema House Charity for Women	Baghdad – Sadr City	Women	0	0	550
4	Al-Rahma Humanity Association	Baghdad - Shaab	Women	121	382	124
5	Women Empowerment Organization	Erbil - Einkawa	Women	156	154	82
6	Mercy Hands for Humanitarian Aid	Baghdad - Karrada	IDPs	129	136	114
7	Kurdistan Human Rights Watch	Erbil – Einkawa / Khabat	IDPs	333(12)	402(20)	35(1)



#	Grantee	Location	Focus of Legal Assistance	# of Hotline Calls	# of Legal Consultations	# of Legal Cases
8	Soran Association for Care of the Handicapped	Erbil – Soran	Persons with Disabilities	861(4)	254(0)	952(0)
9	Salam Al-Rafidain	Baghdad – Yousifiya	Women	150	81	40
10	Al-Malak Human	Ninawa – Mosul	Women	275(0)	210(0)	102(0)
11	Al-Shabak Women's Organization	Ninawa - Bartallah	Women - IDP	399	306	23
12	Women for Justice	Karbala	Women	167	263	164
13	Community Development Org. (CDO)	Sulaymaniyah, Kirkuk	Women	4	9(2)	17(7)
14	Baghdad Women Association	Baghdad	Women	1	57(19)	3(2)
15	Hadia society for Human Rights and civilian Community development	Basrah	Women	0	0	0
16	Al-Taqwa association for woman and child rights	Basrah	IDP women	0	30	27
17	Alamal Humanitarian Association Al Basreyaa	Basrah	Disabled	0	0	0
18	Sayed Al-Shuhdaa Organization for social development	Basrah	Women	0	0	0
19	Iraqi center for human rights Activists (ICHRA)	Basrah	Women	0	0	0
20	Harikar	Dahuk	Women IDP's	0	12(1)	6(3)
21	Voice of Older People (VOP)	Dahuk	Women	0	12	5(2)

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Success Story

A.M a woman aged 25 years old residing with her husband in Al-Yousfiaya, Her marriage was not registered in court and A.M and her husband haven't any chance to solve this issue and didn't have the enough awareness to access their rights, and they were concerned in case they have a new child how the child would be affected by this.

A.M and her husband heard about the Salam Al-Rafidain legal clinic and the services it offers to vulnerable people through word of mouth around the neighborhood. They met a lawyer who began legal proceeding to register the marriage and the lawsuit was settled. They are now officially married.

Result 2.2: Work with Iraqi legal professional associations (primarily the Iraqi Bar Association and Jurist Union and their subsidiaries) to increase administrative and substantive capacity for empowering lawyers and other legal professional to assist vulnerable or disadvantaged populations

A2J continued the Human Rights for Legal Professionals training in Baghdad in conjunction with the Iraqi Bar Association on June 21. The full details will be provided in the next report.

The KBA completed training for 12 lawyers from Erbil on June 16 at Sania Hotel in Erbil; the training covered the importance and role of legal clinics to support vulnerable populations, volunteer/*pro bono* work by lawyers to support human rights issues, and the lawyers' code of conduct.



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

A2J completed site visits to Diwaniya Law School in Qadissia, Diyala Law School in Diyala, and Kirkuk Law School in Kirkuk on June 17, 20, and 21 to discuss the possibility of these law schools applying for grants to open law school legal clinics. The team presented the A2J model for law school legal clinics, involving a legal clinic course that must include student participation in the clinic work. All of these schools expressed their interesting for applying grants; the team will conduct follow-up meeting in coming weeks.



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

#	Grantee	Focus of Legal Assistance	# of Legal Cases or consultations	# of Students Participating (Current or Completed) in the Legal Clinic	# of Courses Relevant to Legal Clinical Education	# of Students in Legal Clinical Education Courses
1	Salahaddin Law School (Erbil)	Various	9	80	2	28
2	Baghdad Law School	Various	42	252	15 (completed)	2081 (completed)

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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 obtained a copy from the Legal Office of COMSEC of the Child Welfare Law, in order to track the law and suggest comments aimed toward passage of sound legislation, in coordination with the NGO community.

The team met, together with our NGO grantee Model Iraqi Women, with noted renowned Parliamentarian human rights lawyer Safiya Suhail (famous for womens' rights in particular), to discuss the best directions for crafting and passage of a robust draft Social Insurance Law, to address in particular Iraq's outsized widows problem.

Component 3 worked to refine grant activities for IADO, Sallahadin University Law College, Kurdistan Human Rights Watch, and KURDS.

Result 3.2: Coalitions, Hotlines, or Other Positive Linkages to Support Government Efforts to Improve Legal Frameworks for Vulnerable Populations

A2J met with the Diyala Provincial Council (PC) Civil Society Committee on June 20. A2J presented the Program scope of work, and expressed desire to collaborate and coordinate with the PC to provide the best services possible to vulnerable groups in the Diyala province. The Diyala Provincial Council members welcomed the idea and provided a letter of support to A2J.



OPERATIONS

New staff were identified for the following positions, previously vacated: Capacity Building and Training Specialist, NGO Grants Coordinator, and Media Specialist.

Ms. Balsam Abd Al-Rahman Mansour started work as NGO Grants Coordinator on June 20, 2012.

GRANTS

Detailed planning continued for the preparation of the coming partner's meeting slated on July 14 to 15 to be held at the Lebanese Club in Baghdad;

During the last GEC Meeting, the following NGOs were conditionally approved: National Association for Blinds Care; SADA Center, Iraqi Future Organization, Diyar Center, INSAN Iraqi Society, Anhur Organization, and Al Murshad. Submission for Request for Approvals for these grants to USAID will be forthcoming.

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	Closed-Out
Fatema House Charity for Women <i>Women's legal clinic</i>	Baghdad	Sadr City	Women	6 mos.	1-Nov-11	\$51,810	Executed
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	Closed-Out
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	Executed
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	Executed
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	Executed
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	Executed
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	Executed
Kurdistan Bar Association <i>Continuing Legal Education for Lawyers Serving Vulnerable Groups</i>	Erbil	Erbil	Vulnerable	8 mos.	1-Sep-11	\$86,310	Executed
Al-Malak Human <i>Improving the access to justice for women in Mosul</i>	Mosel	Mosel	Women	8 mos.	1-Oct-11	\$83,606	Executed
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	Executed
Al-Mortaqa <i>Public awareness training</i>	Baghdad	Karada	Govt. and NGO employees	6 mos.	1-Sep-11	\$92,000	Executed

NGO/CSO Name <i>Project Name or Activity</i>	NGO Location	Activity Location	Target Beneficiaries	Grant Life	Begin Date	USAID Budget	Status
Women for Justice <i>Legal Assistance for vulnerable groups</i>	Baghdad	Karbala	Women	8 mos.	pending	\$69,840	Work 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	Executed
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	Executed
Hataw <i>Strengthening the role of Media in combating Violence Against Women (VAW)</i>	Sulaymaniyah	Sulaymaniyah	Media	6 mos.	1-May-12	\$58,746	Executed
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	Executed
Harikar <i>Dohuk Legal Clinic</i>	Dohuk	Dohuk	IDPs	12 mos.	1-May-12	\$99,175	Executed
Civil Development Organization (CDO) <i>Women Legal and Social Clinic Center</i>	Sulaymaniyah	Kirkuk	Women	12 mos.	1-Apr-12	\$93,050	Executed
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	Executed
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	Executed
Bustan Association <i>Children, Youth, Widows</i>	Basrah	Basrah & Misaan	Children and youth	6 mos.	15-Jun-12	\$63,963	Executed
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	Executed
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	Executed
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	Executed
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	Executed
Hiyad	Basrah	Basrah	Women	6 mos.	15-Jun-12	\$59,802	Executed

NGO/CSO Name <i>Project Name or Activity</i>	NGO Location	Activity Location	Target Beneficiaries	Grant Life	Begin Date	USAID Budget	Status
<i>Provide legal advice to and raise awareness of vulnerable women in Basrah</i>							
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 in Process on Hold
Al-Arqam Cultural Charity Association <i>Legal Aid Centers and Awareness</i>	Basrah	Basrah	Women	12 mos.	NA	\$99,402	Grant Agreement in Process
Al Rawaby <i>Legal Clinic and Legal Awareness Clinic for Disabled</i>	Basrah	Basrah	Disabled	12 mos.	NA	\$99,532	Grant Agreement in Process
Al-Taqwa Association <i>Legal services clinic for women returnees, immigrants, and IDPs</i>	Basrah	Basrah	Women	12 mos.	15-Jun-12	\$99,899	Executed
Al-Meameen Organization <i>Legal Clinic and Awareness Raising</i>	Basrah	Basrah	Women	12 mos.	15-Jun-12	\$97,877	Executed
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	Executed
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
Al-Meezan newspaper <i>Issuing Al Meezan Legal Independent Newspaper</i>	Babil	Babil	Babil Population	6 mos.	NA	\$99,300	Grant Agreement in Process
Hadia <i>Awareness campaign and legal services to vulnerable women</i>	Basrah	Basrah	Women	6 mos.	15-Jun-12	\$99,682	Executed
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	Pending USAID Approval

TOTAL: \$3,603,005

Calendar of Activities

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
June 16	17	18	19	20	21	22
▪	▪	▪	▪	▪ “Increased understanding of images in advocacy” with IREX in Erbil	▪ “Increased understanding of images in advocacy” with IREX in Erbil ▪ IBA Human Rights Training for Lawyers, Baghdad	▪
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
▪ IBA Human Rights Training for Lawyers, Baghdad	▪	▪ Basrah Legal Clinic Visits	▪ Basrah Legal Clinic Visits ▪ Meeting with Basrah Deputy Governor	▪ Basrah Legal Clinic Visits	▪ Basrah Legal Clinic Visits	
30	July 1	2	3	4	5	6
▪ Law School Legal Clinic Workshop in Baghdad	▪ Law School Legal Clinic Workshop in Baghdad	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
▪ Quarterly Partners Meeting	▪ Quarterly Partners Meeting	▪ USAID IP Meeting – US Embassy	▪	▪	▪	▪

USAID Recommended to attend events circled in **RED**