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COMPONENT 1 - IMPROVE KNOWLEDGE OF LEGAL REMEDIES

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

The Program provided training for new grantees in the Kurdistan Region from May 27-29, 2012. The training covered USAID Branding and Marking guidelines, awareness-raising work plans, and weekly update requirements. Attendees were: Hataw, Civil Development Organization (CDO) and Bustan Association in Sulaymaniyah; Kurdistan Reconstruction & Development Society (KURDS), Harikar, and Voice of Older People (VOP) in Duhok; and Aswat Al-Iraq, Warvin Foundation, and Kurdish Human Rights Watch (KHRW) in Erbil.



On May 29, 2012, the Program conducted a monitoring visit to the Baghdad Women Association's (BWA) Legal Awareness Workshop in Karrada, Baghdad. The workshop was attended by 23 participants (17 female, 6 male). The agenda included the Iraqi Personal Status Law and causes and types of violence faced by women. Possible remedies were presented which encouraged participants to access the free legal services provided by BWA's legal clinic.



The Program is currently providing start up support to four new awareness campaigns in the Kurdistan Region. The campaigns cover issues related to vulnerable women, people with disabilities, and accessing legal services.

Weekly Update of Awareness Campaigns

#	Grantee	Quantity of Print	Distributed	Radio / TV / Web	Awareness Trainings
1	Iraqi Al-Mortaqa Foundation for Human Development	8 Banners	8 Banners	N/A	4
2	Fatema House Charity Women	5 Banners	5 Banners	0	90(0) Completed
		2000 Brochure	2000 Brochures(132)		
		2000 Plastic Bags with Advertising (Contribution)	2000 Plastic Bags with Ads (Contribution)		
3	Mercy Hands for Humanitarian Aid	5250 Brochures	5250 Brochures	60 Radio Adv.	40(completed)
		2650 Posters	2650 Posters	60 TV Adv.	
4	Al-Malak Human Organization	2000 Posters	2000 Posters	16 Live Radio	16(completed)



#	Grantee	Quantity of Print	Distributed	Radio / TV / Web	Awareness Trainings
		3000 Booklets	3000 Booklets	Programs	
		3 Banners	3 Banners		
		6000 Adv. in Magazine	6000 Adv. in Magazine		
5	College of Law and Politics, University of Salahaddin	0	0	0	1
6	Women Empowerment Organization	2 Banner	2 Banner	15 Live Radio Programs	71(0)
		Handout 1000	Brochure 1000 (0)	TV Ad. 1	
		Booklet 500	Booklet 350(0)		
7	Salam Al-Rafidain Organization	26 Banners	26 Banners	N/A	20(completed)
		1500 Business Cards	1500 Business Cards		
8	Al-Rahma Humanity Association	300 Handbooks	300 Handbooks	TV: 1 Web. 1	9(completed)
		10 Banners	10 Banners		
		3000 Brochures	3000 Brochures		
9	Al-Shabak Women Association	5000 Posters	5000Posters	8 Radio Advertisements Web. 1	8(completed)
		4000 Brochures	4000 Brochures		
		Announcement in the Al-Yaqeen newspaper about the project (1000)			
10	Kurdish Human Rights Watch	4000 Booklets	4000 Booklets	Web: 16 Adv. Radio: 6	6 (completed)
		6 Banners	6 Banners		
11	Soran Association for the Care of the Handicapped (SACH)	1000 Posters	1000 Posters (100)	1 Radio Adv. 6 Live Radio Programs	3(Completed)
12	Iraq Al Amal Association	2000 Brochures	2000 Brochures (50)	12 Live Radio Programs	5 (completed)
		19 Banners (5)	19 Banners (5)		
13	Women For Justice	1000 Posters Printed	250(0)	n/a	n/a
14	Baghdad Law School	Print 1 Banner and implement Forum and TV Adv. under process	n/a	n/a	n/a
15	IADO	3000 Posters	2750 Posters (250)	0	1
		3000 Brochures	2550 Brochures (50)		
		750 hand bags	250 Hand bags (complete)		
		50 Flex	100 Flex (10)		
		300 Sign boards	275 Sign boards (25)		
16	Kurdistan Bar Association	Material Approved , Radio program under review	n/a	n/a	n/a
17	Community Development Org. (CDO)	In process to get the approval of Component 1 on the design and content	0	0	0
18	Bagdad Women Association	Draft material in process for approval	0	0	0

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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

The Program completed a five-day training program on best practices for NGO/community-based legal clinics from May 26-30 in Basrah. The 16 participants included directors and lawyers from eight NGO grantee legal clinics. The training was based on the A2J best practices model and was conducted by A2J lawyers Hadi Al-Kindi and Zaid Hikmat. The trainers provided in-depth instruction through lecture, group discussion, and interactive exercises on the provision of quality legal services and the management and operations of NGO legal clinics. A2J-Basrah's Regional Director also led exercises and group discussions. The agenda included: focusing a legal services program; organizational development; handling vulnerable populations with sensitivity; legal advocacy techniques; legal defense; informal justice; and managing legal services programs. The training is being given to all new A2J funded legal clinics.

During the workshop, A2J also provided new grantees with technical assistance on reporting, managing information, databases, progress reports, filing systems, and classifying legal services according to A2J criteria. Lastly, A2J discussed coordination between the eight new legal clinics' activities in Basrah with Mercy Corps' CAP Women's Awareness and Inclusion Literacy classes.



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(0)	284(0)	177(0)
2	Iraqi Al Amal Association - Kirkuk Center	Kirkuk	Women	151(0)	166(0)	85(0)
3	Fatema House Charity for Women	Baghdad – Sadr City	Women	0	0	550(15)
4	Al-Rahma Humanity Association	Baghdad - Shaab	Women	121(0)	382(0)	124(0)
5	Women Empowerment Organization	Erbil - Einkawa	Women	156(0)	154(0)	82(0)
6	Mercy Hands for Humanitarian Aid	Baghdad - Karrada	IDPs	129(0)	136(0)	114(0)



#	Grantee	Location	Focus of Legal Assistance	# of Hotline Calls	# of Legal Consultations	# of Legal Cases
7	Kurdistan Human Rights Watch	Erbil – Einkawa / Khabat	IDPs	300(0)	351(0)	32(0)
8	Soran Association for Care of the Handicapped	Erbil – Soran	Persons with Disabilities	847(10)	254(10)	952(0)
9	Salam Al-Rafidain	Baghdad – Yousifiya	Women	150(5)	81(0)	40(0)
10	Al-Malak Human	Ninawa – Mosul	Women	275(3)	210(3)	102(0)
11	Al-Shabak Women's Organization	Ninawa - Bartallah	Women - IDP	399(0)	306(0)	23(0)
12	Women for Justice	Karbala	Women	167(0)	263(0)	164(0)
13	Community Development Org. (CDO)	Sulaymaniyah, Kirkuk	Women	n/a	n/a	n/a
14	Baghdad Women Association	Baghdad	Women	0	24(11)	1(0)

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Success Story

J. A. is a 21-year old from a violent home who was treated so cruelly by her stepmother that she became deaf as a result of physical abuse. When she turned 13, she was forced to marry a neighbor in an unregistered ceremony and live in a small room in a brick factory located on the outskirts of Sadr City. Living in poverty with her husband who earned a meager income selling soda cans to recycling factories, she lost her oldest daughter who died as a result of the smoke and pollution from the brick factory.

J.A. heard about Fatema House Association's Baghdad Legal Clinic and the legal services that it offers to women. She asked for help in getting her marriage certificate and in obtaining IDs for herself and her two remaining daughters. The legal clinic assigned her a lawyer who has started legal proceedings to register her marriage and to obtain the IDs. Once the marriage is registered and IDs are obtained, J.A.'s two daughters will then be able to receive medical care and other benefits from the government.

Result 2.3: Assist the IBA and Other Legal Associations to “Increase the Supply of Lawyers” Assisting Vulnerable or Disadvantaged Populations through Initiatives such as CLE for Lawyers, Pre-service Orientation Training for New Lawyers, and Targeted Training on Assisting Vulnerable Groups

A2J worked with the Iraqi Bar Association and the Kurdistan Bar Association in creating a draft work plan for their grant related activities.

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 a site visit to Baghdad Law School (BLS) legal clinic on May 29. A2J reviewed documentation, communication, and reporting skills. The clinic provided legal consultations to two vulnerable people this week.

A2J participated in the Middle East Regional Colloquium on Clinical Legal Education from May 27-28 in Jordan. The colloquium focused on developing law school legal clinic programs

in the Middle East, and creating linkages between the 14 participating law schools from Arab countries and Israel. A2J attended with the Director of the Baghdad Law School Legal Clinic.

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

#	Grantee	# of Legal Cases or Consultations	# of Students Participating in the Legal Clinic**	# of Courses Relevant to Legal Clinical Education***	# of Student-Days in Legal Clinical Education Courses
1	Salahaddin Law School (Erbil)	9	80	2(0)	28(0)
2	Baghdad Law School	37(2)	252(27)	15 (Completed)	2081 (Completed)

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**Includes past and current students.

***Course includes combination of subject matter and dedicated particular group of students that repeatedly attend subject matter instruction.

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

Having an Effect on Vulnerable People

The Program’s efforts to inspire a change in legislation that requires lawyers to accept for representation a minimum number of cases for vulnerable persons bore fruit in recent days when the KRG Parliament scheduled the Kurdistan Bar Association’s draft Law on Lawyers for a first reading. This puts the Iraqi Kurdistan Region, for the moment, further along than the Iraqi Bar Association in Baghdad in having legislation actually introduced. Both Bar Associations have backed *pro bono* provisions suggested by the program. A2J is planning to provide technical assistance and training to aid both Bar Associations in understanding the introduction, administration, and management of *pro bono* requirements.

A2J spoke at an event sponsored by grantee, Iraq Alliance of Disabled Organizations (IADO), which is doing advocacy work for appropriate disabilities legislation consistent with the U.N. Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. A2J gave a brief history of laws and practices dealing with disabled populations from the Middle Ages to the 2006 Convention, and modern notions of mainstreaming and integrating disabled populations into the community.

The need to see that the Convention is fully implemented in Iraq's legislation and the important role that IADO has in advocating for such was also noted.



OPERATIONS

A2J conducted a preliminary meeting with East Studio on May 30 concerning roll out of the media campaign on marriage registration. The vendor's Cultural/Campaign Advisor and Project Manager, together with the A2J Senior Public Awareness Advisor, Director of Operations, and Finance & Administration Manager attended the meeting. A follow-up meeting has been scheduled to ensure that professional expectations are being met.

The new Finance & Administration Manager arrived in Baghdad.

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	Executed
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	Executed
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	Executed
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	Executed
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	Executed
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.	Mar-15-12	\$63,963	Grant Agreement in Process
Baghdad Women Association <i>Provision of free legal assistance to vulnerable women in Baghdad</i>	Baghdad	Baghdad	Women and men	10 mos.	May-15-12	\$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.	NA	\$87,756	Grant Agreement in Process
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

NGO/CSO Name <i>Project Name or Activity</i>	NGO Location	Activity Location	Target Beneficiaries	Grant Life	Begin Date	USAID Budget	Status
Hiyad <i>Provide legal advice to and raise awareness of vulnerable women in Basrah</i>	Basrah	Basrah	Women	6 mos.	NA	\$59,802	Grant Agreement in Process
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
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-May-12	\$99,899	Executed
Al-Meameen Organization <i>Legal Clinic and Awareness Raising</i>	Basrah	Basrah	Women	12 mos.	NA	\$97,877	Grant Agreement in Process
Amal Association Humanitarian Al Basyra <i>Legal Clinic and Legal Awareness Raising for the Disabled</i>	Basrah	Basrah	Disabled	12 mos.	15-May-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.	NA	\$99,682	Grant Agreement in Process
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
May 26	27	28	29	30	31	June 1
▪	▪ NGO Legal Clinics Best Practices Training in Basrah	NGO Legal Clinics Best Practices Training in Basrah	NGO Legal Clinics Best Practices Training in Basrah	▪ NGO Legal Clinics Best Practices Training in Basrah	NGO Legal Clinics Best Practices Training in Basrah	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
▪	▪ NGO Legal Clinics Best Practices Training in Erbil	▪ NGO Legal Clinics Best Practices Training in Erbil	▪ NGO Legal Clinics Best Practices Training in Erbil	▪ NGO Legal Clinics Best Practices Training in Erbil	▪ NGO Legal Clinics Best Practices Training in Erbil ▪ IBA Human Rights Training for Lawyers, Baghdad	▪
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
▪ IBA Human Rights Training for Lawyers, Baghdad	▪ “New Media” in Cooperation with IREX in Erbil	▪ “New Media” in Cooperation with IREX in Erbil	▪ “New Media” in Cooperation with IREX in Erbil ▪ NGO/Govt. Awareness Campaign Partnership Workshop in Baghdad	▪	▪	▪
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	▪

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

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
▪ IBA Human Rights Training for Lawyers, Baghdad	▪			▪		
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
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