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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

During the past week, the program oversaw the successful completion of five awareness-raising campaigns implemented by grantees in different parts of the country. Preparations are underway by the grantees on starting eight new campaigns in the Baghdad and KRG regions.

A2J provided technical assistance to the Kurdistan Judiciary Union who approached the program, seeking support for a media campaign designed to help vulnerable groups in KRG better understand their rights under the Iraqi Constitution. The A2J team explained the program and how to apply for grant.



Access to Justice will conduct the “Awareness-Raising Campaign Roundtable” on April 12 in Erbil. Seven NGOs (2 from Sulaymaniyah, 2 from Dohuk and 3 from Erbil) will participate in the event which aims to identify and support grantees in designing and implementing an awareness-raising campaign.

The third course, “Right to Information Policies”, of the joint training program with IREX will be held in Erbil on April 11-12. The course was scheduled for March, but was postponed until April due to trainer unavailability.

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 (Completed)
2	Fatema House Charity Women	5 Banners	5 Banners	0	52
		1200 Brochure	1190 Brochures		
		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 Programs	16
		3000 Booklets	3000 Booklets		
		3 Banners	3 Banners		
		6000 Adv. in Magazine	5000 Adv. in Magazine (450)		
5	College of Law and Politics, University of Salahaddin	0	0	0	1



#	Grantee	Quantity of Print	Distributed	Radio / TV / Web	Awareness Trainings
6	Women Empowerment Organization	2 Banner	2 Banner	12 Live Radio Programs (2)	47 (3)
		Handout 1000	Brochure 497 (93)	TV Ad. 1	
		Booklet 500	Booklet 170 (120)		
7	Salam Al-Rafidain Organization	26 Banners	26 Banners	N/A	20
		1500 Business Cards	1460 Business Cards		
8	Al-Rahma Humanity Association	300 Handbooks	300 Handbooks	TV: 1 Web: 1	9
		10 Banners	10 Banners		
		3000 Brochures	2925 Brochures		
9	Al-Shabk Women Association	5000 Posters	5000 Posters	8 Radio Advertisements Web: 1	8 (Completed)
		4000 Brochures	4000 Brochures		
		Announcement in the Al-Yaqeen newspaper about the project			
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.	3 (Completed)
		1 Banners (1)	1 Banners (1)	6 Live Radio Programs	
		200 Brochures (200)	0 Brochures		
12	Iraq Al Amal Association	2000 Brochures	1950 Brochures	12 Live Radio Programs	5
		19 Banners	19 Banners		

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Result 1.2: Improved knowledge of target groups about services/entitlements offered by the government and civil society

Access to Justice is contracting out two major Program-supported awareness campaigns to media production firms. The first one, which is a campaign to raise awareness on the rights of women with regards to identity and the importance of registering their marriages, will be launched in the next couple of weeks, with the offers from firms received and contracting underway. The second campaign, which is to raise awareness of the rights of persons with disabilities, will be launched shortly thereafter. The RFP for this second campaign is currently posted on the Access to justice website.

Result 1.3: Practical knowledge of vulnerable populations of how to access and use tools improved through traditional and social media

During the week, the program completed a three-day training course on “Strategic Communication Planning.” The training focused on designing, planning, implementing, and monitoring awareness-raising campaigns for target vulnerable groups. Six participants from newly approved grantees from KRG, Harikar, Hataw, Kurdistan Reconstruction and Development Society (KURDS), Warvin, and Voice of Older People (VOP) attended the training. Topics included identifying campaign goals, audience analysis, message construction, effective communication tools, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation of campaigns.



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

The component team conducted site visits to Al-Shabak Women Association and Al-Malak Human Organization in Mosul to monitor the quality and progress of their awareness-raising campaign and to reiterate the importance of USAID branding and marking requirements.

The component team continues to work closely with Iraqi Alliance of Disability (IADO), providing them with technical assistance and input on developing materials that will be effective tools for providing information on legal rights to disabled communities in Iraq.



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

Component 2 joined the site visit to Al-Shabak in the Ninawa Province to monitor project implementation. The Al-Shabak grant agreement will expire at the end of May, and they will have achieved their target group of assisting 300 families, with a focus on their main target group—women. Currently, they handle cases for IDP men and women. Until now, Al-Shabak has provided the following kinds of assistance to IDPs:

- 200 cases assisting in application for stipends for displaced women with the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs
- 5 alimony cases
- 17 terror victim cases
- 80 widow cases/consultancies
- 25 divorced cases/consultancies
- 10 cases assisting in application for stipends for orphans with the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs



The team also completed a site visit to Al-Malak NGO in Mosul to follow-up project implementation. Al-Malak has two offices for their legal services: one in Mosul and another in Tala'far. Both offices handled 103 cases and 142 consultancies. Tala'far office has more cases because it is a rural area hot spot with many victims of terrorism.



**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	82(0)	258(0)	156(0)
2	Iraqi Al Amal Association - Kirkuk Center	Kirkuk	Women	131(0)	136(0)	81(0)
3	Fatema House Charity for Women	Baghdad – Sadr City	Women	0		408(20)
4	Al-Rahma Humanity Association	Baghdad - Shaab	Women	121(5)	382(12)	124(3)
5	Women Empowerment Organization	Erbil - Einkawa	Women	75 (0)	83(0)	53(0)
6	Mercy Hands for Humanitarian Aid	Baghdad - Karrada	IDPs	129(0)	136(0)	114(0)
7	Kurdistan Human Rights Watch	Erbil – Einkawa / Khabat	IDPs	222(0)	274(0)	32(0)
8	Soran Association for Care of the Handicapped	Erbil – Soran	Persons with Disabilities	220(0)	98(0)	20 (0)
9	Salam Al-Rafidain	Baghdad – Yousifiya	Women	122(5)	81(2)	40(0)
10	Al-Malak Human	Ninawa – Mosul	Women	192(14)	146(13)	73(6)



#	Grantee	Location	Focus of Legal Assistance	# of Hotline Calls	# of Legal Consultations	# of Legal Cases
11	Al-Shabak Women's Organization	Ninawa - Bartallah	Women - IDP	342(3)	261(10)	19(2)
13	Women for Justice	Karbala	Women	39(6)	73 (13)	39 (7)

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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 provided advice and assistance to the Kurdistan Bar Association (KBA) to design a draft agenda for proposed meetings between the KBA and the Florida Bar Association. The agenda was discussed at the US Consulate in Erbil with Mr. Michael Lahr, and Dr. Haval Maroof, Senior Legal Advisor and it was agreed that 5 FBA members will visit KBA and work with them on *pro bono* issues.

Weekly Update of Training to Lawyers Provided by Access to Justice Partners (Cumulative and New)

#	Grantee	Focus of Lawyer Training	# of Training Sessions	# of Trainees
1	Kurdistan Bar Association	Legal Service Provision to Vulnerable Populations	5	125
2	Iraqi Bar Association	Human Rights Awareness	9	590

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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

2.4.4 Support moot court initiatives.

Access to Justice accompanied both teams from Iraq, the Baghdad law School and Dhi Qar Law School, to participate in the international rounds of the Jessup Moot Court Competition in Washington, DC. The Iraqi teams arrived on March 24th. During the Orientation, they received the warmest welcome by the participants.

Both teams completed extensive practice training with the four interpreters to practice the simultaneous interpretations and to prepare for the rounds.

Baghdad Law School, the competitive team, participated in four rounds and Dhi Qar Law School, the exhibition team, had 2 exhibition rounds. Both teams demonstrated strong performance and abilities to defend their arguments. In addition, they gained a great deal of experience from the judges' feedback and from observing the other teams.



Dhi Qar Law School and Kuwait Law School Teams



Baghdad Law School with Belgium Law School Team

While in Washington, DC, the Iraq teams visited the Federal Court of Appeals, participated in a Law School Curriculum Work Shop at George Washington University School of Law, and exchanged regional experiences with teams from Afghanistan and Palestine. A separate report will be submitted to USAID.

2.4.2 Promote the establishment of Legal Clinics in law schools as an effective means of practical education relevant to assisting vulnerable populations with their legal issues

**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	# 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(0)	28(0)
2	Baghdad Law School	Various	9(0)	40	3(0)	488(0)

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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 worked on technical aspects of several grant applications and reviewed newly-considered applications.

OPERATIONS

Because of the Arab Summit, program employees were not able to travel to/from work. As a result, Iraqi employees in Baghdad worked from home during the week. Regional offices continued with normal operations.



The Access to Justice Jessup Moot Court Competition delegation of 14 including the Baghdad Law School and Dhi Qar Law School teams successfully arrived in Washington, DC on Saturday, March 24, 2012.

GRANTS

A total of 12 requests for approvals were sent in to USAID for a total amount of obligated funding of over \$1.2 million. Access to Justice received approvals from USAID for all but one of the submitted requests, equaling an obligated additional amount now of over \$1 million. The remaining approval is for the Kurdistan Human Rights Watch Strategic Partnership grant, which will allow the program to utilize the experiences and capabilities of KHRW, having demonstrated its abilities during a previous grant, to develop the capacities of other legal aid services grantees in administrative as well as technical areas of implementation.

Among the grants approved were eight projects in Basrah, which makes a total of ten now in the Basrah/Misan/Muthanna/DhiQar region.

The following page contains a list of the different grants that were submitted for approval during the last week.

Access to Justice Program Grants Submitted to USAID for Approval During the Last Week

#	NGO/CSO Name	Component	Project Name	Activity Location	Target Beneficiaries	Grant life	USAID Budget	Status/Remarks
1	Sayed Al-Shuhdaa Organization for social development	C1,C2,C3	Legal rights awareness campaign and legal aid Centre for vulnerable Women	Basrah	Women	12 months	\$99,502	Approved by USAID on Mar27, 2012
2	Hiyad	C1	Provide legal and awareness advices to vulnerable women in Basra.	Basrah	Women	6 months	\$59,802	Approved by USAID on Mar26, 2012
3	KHRW Strategic Partnership Grant	C2	Training, Mentoring and Resource centers for LCs	Iraq - Wide	Beneficiaries of all legal clinics	8 months	\$234,840	Re-Submitted to CO for approval on 27Mar2012
4	Al-Arqam Cultural Charity Association	C1,C2	Legal Aid Centers and Awarness	Basrah	Women	12 months	\$99,402	Approved by USAID on Mar27, 2012
5	Al Rawaby	C1,C2	Legal Clinic and Legal Awareness clinic for disabled	Basrah	Disabled	12 months	\$99,532	Approved by USAID on Mar27, 2012
6	Al-Taqwa Association	C1,C2	Legal services clinic for returnees, immigrants, and IDPs women.	Basrah	Women	12 months	\$99,899	Approved by USAID on Mar26, 2012
7	Al-Meameen organization	C1,C2	Legal Clinic and Awarness	Basrah	Women	12 months	\$97,877	Approved by USAID on Mar27, 2012
8	Amal Association Humanitarian Al Basyra	C1,C2	Legal Clinic and Legal Awareness clinic for disabled	Basrah	Disabled	12 months	\$99,342	Approved by USAID on Mar27, 2012
9	KHRW Phase II	C1 and C2	Legal awareness and legal services for IDPs	Ainkawa and Khabat	IDPs	8 months	\$97,900	Approved by USAID on Mar28, 2012
10	Al-Meezan newspaper	C3	Issuing Al Meezan Legal Independent newspaper	Babil	Babel Population	6 months	\$99,300	Approved by USAID on Mar28, 2012
11	Hadia	C1 and C2	Awareness campaign and legal services to vulnerable women	Basrah	Women	6 months	\$99,682	Approved by USAID on Mar28, 2012
12	Salam Al Rafidain	C1	Registered Marriage is Essential to ensure the rights of women and children	Baghdad	Women/Children	8 months	\$99,976	Approved by USAID on Mar29, 2012

TOTAL: \$1,287,054

Calendar of Activities

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
March 24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jessup Moot Court Int'l Rounds in Washington, DC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jessup Moot Court Int'l Rounds in Washington, DC Workshop on Strategic Comm. for new IKR A2J Grantees in Erbil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop on Strategic Comm. for new IKR A2J Grantees in Erbil Jessup Moot Court Int'l Rounds in Washington, DC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop on Strategic Comm. for new IKR A2J Grantees in Erbil Jessup Moot Court Int'l Rounds in Washington, DC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jessup Moot Court Int'l Rounds in Washington, DC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jessup Moot Court Int'l Rounds in Washington, DC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jessup Moot Court Int'l Rounds in Washington, DC
31	April 1	2	3	4	5	6
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
▪	▪ Access to Justice Quarterly Partners Meeting - Erbil	▪ Access to Justice Quarterly Partners Meeting - Erbil	▪ Access to Justice Quarterly Partners Meeting - Erbil	▪	▪	▪
28	29	30	31	May 1	2	3
▪ Program-wide team meeting, Baghdad ▪ Planned Civil Society Reception for Program Partners – US Embassy (To Be Confirmed)	▪ Mid-Year Program Review	▪	▪	▪	▪	▪

USAID Recommended to attend events circled in RED