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## COMPONENT I

# IMPROVE KNOWLEDGE OF LEGAL REMEDIES

**The Iraq Access to Justice Program is United States Agency for International Development (USAID)/Iraq's three-year program designed to improve access to justice for vulnerable and disadvantaged peoples in Iraq. Included in this group are women, widows, orphans, detainees and the incarcerated, minorities (both ethnic and religious), the impoverished, and internally displaced persons and returnees.**

### WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Erbil Strategic Planning Meeting June 12-13, 2011: Kim Washington (Assistant Project Officer) met with the Access to Justice staff in Erbil, Iraq to identify and develop plans to improve the work relationship between Erbil and Baghdad offices. Discussions were focused on communication, training, and programmatic implementation. As a result, the Baghdad office is currently implementing plans to have monthly visits with the Basra and Erbil regional directors in Baghdad to help improve communication and implementation between the different offices

- Component I discussed avenues for improving government communication of rights and entitlements to vulnerable populations with the Ministry of Human Rights (MoHR). As basic communication approaches have been developed through the work of other international and GOI efforts over the years, the MoHR and Component I discussed options for targeted, advanced training. Since this is a central need identified for Access to Justice, additional government actors will be included in trainings, and options for integrating the training into the ministry's budget will be explored. Based on initial market reviews, there are technical specialist available in Iraq through a local NGO that specializes in media training.
- Component I and IREX agreed to collaborate on projects that address access to information and communication initiatives of Persons with Disabilities. The two programs plan to carry out training programs in planning and implementation of communication/awareness campaigns for priority vulnerable groups.
- Component I and IADO continued work in refining priority communication initiatives as part of combined efforts targeting People with Disabilities. Over the next 6 months, Component I will support a survey to gauge the awareness levels of the disabled about their legal rights and entitlements under Iraqi law; a communication/awareness raising campaign to increase levels of awareness of rights and entitlements; and the drafting of a website plan. The IADO Board of Directors will delegate members to work on each of the initiatives.
- Collaboration with Ministry of Women, Iraq: Representatives of MOW have showed keen interest in the activities under A2J; they have requested the program to provide technical support in raising the awareness of all segments of Iraqi women about their legal and constitutional rights, especially in case

of violence against women as the ministry is currently engaged in drafting laws to protect women from violence.

- Erbil Regional Office (ERO): Met with Soran Association for Caring for People With Disabilities about a non-competitive grant proposal to raise awareness on the rights of PWDs; Met with Yezidi Solidarity and Fraternity League in Ba'shiqah about their non-competitive grant proposal to raise awareness on the rights and entitlements of minorities and widows.

## COMPONENT 2

# IMPROVE LEGAL EDUCATION AND SERVICES

- Component 2 worked with the grants team to complete additional non-competitive grants under the Access to Justice Grants Manual.
- Component 2 finalized the third, and final, product related to Access to Justice's contribution to the national law school curriculum reform process, which is the summary Report on the Curriculum Reform and Clinical Legal Education in Iraq: Next Steps on the Law School Deans' Council Conference supported by Access to Justice in Erbil from 1-3 May, 2011. Over the past several months, Access to Justice has built a partnership with the Law School Deans' Council and individual law schools for improving access to practical legal education in areas of import to vulnerable populations and increasing access to legal information and support through law school clinics. Two previous products and tools included a review on the status of law school curriculum reform in Iraq and a report on the use of law school clinics in Iraq.
- ERO: Met with Soran Association for Caring for People With Disabilities about efforts to establish a legal clinic for people with disabilities; Met with Yezidi Solidarity and Fraternity League in Ba'shiqah about a non-competitive grant to establish a legal clinic for widows; Discussed options for a law school legal clinic at the University of Erbil, Faculty of Law.

## COMPONENT 3

# ADVOCACY AND IMPROVED GOVERNMENT SERVICES

### **SUB-RESULT 3.2: MECHANISMS CREATED FOR DIALOGUE BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND NGOS/CSOS ON IMPROVING POLICIES, LAWS, AND REGULATIONS FOR FACILITATING ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS.**

- Sub-IR 3.2: Component 3 organized meetings with the National Institute for Human Rights, Ministry of Human Rights, and Ministry of Women for itself and other Access to Justice components. The Ministries and Access to Justice discussed options for creating government, civil society and other actor partnerships through Roundtables on shared priorities, potentially including the national plan for human rights, the Convention on Eliminating Discrimination Against Women, and the national strategy for women.
- Component 3 continued coordination on Law on Lawyers advocacy plan development with the IBA, while making inquiries with our Erbil office on assistance as to the KRG's analogous law.
- We are waiting for a reply to a meeting request with ComSec on the status of the Law on Rights of People with Disabilities.

# GRANTS

- The Grants Team worked with program Components to complete two non-competitive grant applications (Iraqi Al Amal Association and Al Rahma Humanity Association) for review by the COTR.
- Finalized documents relating to the Basra and Erbil workshops.
- Translating and reviewing proposals related to addition non-competitive grants.
- Developing Administrative, Financial, and Personnel Policy and Procedures manuals that will be given to grantees at award.
- Revised Rapid Grant Checklist and Rapid Grant Application form.
- Met with Allegra Klein from 4 Points to finalize training TOR for Grant proposal writing workshop set for June 25, 2011.

# M&E

Completed the draft SW for the VG's baseline survey; updated the NGO capacity questionnaire; and worked on the performance indicator reference sheet for submission to USAID.

# Linguist

Working on circulation drafts for Arabic version of Iraqi Clinical Legal Education Assessment and final Arabic versions of Deans' Council conference materials.

# ADMINISTRATION/OPERATIONS

- Administration: Processing Market
- Procurement:
- HR: Processing employment

## **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES NEXT WEEK (June 11 to 1, 2011)**

- Todd Fawley-King arrived for several weeks of work on M&E frameworks.
- Adam Heltzer arrived for a week of support to LBG elements of Access to Justice.

## **PENDING ITEMS/ISSUES**

- Grant RFA review pending with USAID.

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

June 11 to June 16, 2011

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comp 3 – First Working Group Meeting on Minorities</li> <li>• Comp 1 Team Leader Starts</li> <li>• Comp 2 temporary Team Leader Starts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training and follow-up training of partners in Grant Summary and Application Forms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training and follow-up training of partners in Grant Summary and Application Forms</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JDeunay returns from R&amp;R/LWOP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel restrictions</li> </ul>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AV returns</li> <li>• EN away from office until 6/18/11</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet with IADO to discuss MOU</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AK departs for R&amp;R</li> <li>• RIPC/TIP working group meeting</li> <li>• Comp 3 meets with Ministry of Women</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LBG staff arrive (tentative)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting with IJU</li> </ul>		
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KW departs post</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risk Control Assessment Workshop for Grants Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risk Control Assessment Workshop for Grants Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WP departs post</li> <li>• Comp 2: Workshop on Proposal Writing for NGOs</li> <li>• Risk Control Assessment Workshop for Grants Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting with IJU</li> </ul>		
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>01</b>
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