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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

- Component 3 hosted a Roundtable discussion on access to formal identity that included several representatives from civil society, the Ministry of Justice, the Higher Judicial Council and international partners.
- Component I began drafting the second training module on “Identifying the Target Audience” in line with the priorities identified in the training needs assessment workshops in Erbil and Baghdad.
- A new Communications Specialist will be joining the team on June 1st.
- The Component I Component Lead is scheduled to arrive around June 3, 2011.

COMPONENT 2

IMPROVE LEGAL EDUCATION AND SERVICES

- **SUB-RESULT 2.1:** Several field visits were completed to review opportunities for collaboration with partners recommended by USAID and identified through initial interviews.
- **SUB-RESULT 2.2:** The Deans Council confirmed that the recommendations from the May 1-3 Deans Council Conference on Curriculum Reform and Law School Clinics were formally submitted to the Ministry of Higher Education for national dissemination. The proceedings of the Conference have been circulated in draft form for comment, and the report of Dr Mohamed Matter was submitted to Access to Justice as scheduled. The report is being reviewed and translated.

Sub IR 2.5: Access to Justice re-established linkages with the Iraqi Bar Association and partnerships were discussed in training, institutional capacity building, and advocacy areas. The IBA recommended the development of an MOU

COMPONENT 3

ADVOCACY AND IMPROVED GOVERNMENT SERVICES

- **SUB-RESULT 3.2:** Component 3 hosted a Roundtable discussion on access to formal identity that included several representatives from civil society, such as ICAN, the Iraqi Bar Association, the Iraq Jurists Union, and Hannah Youth, government representatives from the Ministry of Justice (Notary), the Ministry of Justice (Shura Council), the Higher Judicial Council and international partners. The Roundtable resulted from several months of consultation and efforts dedicated to establishing formal linkages with the array of actors engaged in establishing formal identify for vulnerable populations, including civil society actors that advocate for those struggling without identity papers. Attendees were selected by their respective institutions to engage in discussing the nature of challenges and opportunities for joint effort. Participants accepted a MOJ offer to host a follow on meeting to refine next steps, which are anticipated to include clinical efforts linked to Access to Justice grant programming, advocacy work and additional collaboration between different actors. A formal report will be circulated next week.

GRANTS

- Revised RFA was sent to USAID on May 9 for review.
- Working on the presentation of the Basra Grants Process Workshop, and coordinating with Basra Regional Office Staff (Mr. Hadi Al-Kindi) on venue and required materials.
- Finalizing draft report of 15 May Grants Process Workshop
- Working on the TOR for training ERO NGO Advisor
- Revising grants application to serve as a tool for our rapid grants activity.
- Revised Accounting System and Management Questionnaire to serve as Checklist for Rapid Grant activity.
- Participated in COP meeting to launch Rapid Grants for selected NGOs with M&E, Media Specialist, and Components 1, and 2.

Training

In partnership with Component 2, met with the Iraqi Bar Association to support the development of a modern training plan, map critical training priorities and consider options for training programs under the pending RFP for Training.

M&E

Continued the development of Indicator Reference Sheets in partnership with the home office, and developed an annual products list related to the PMP. The PMP surveys will be tendered through an IQC for Surveys, which was posted this week.

ADMINISTRATION/OPERATIONS

- *Administration:* Arrangements for Grants Application Form Workshop to include NGO's , IBA representatives, and IJU representatives in Basrah , Manawi Bash Hotel, June 8-9,2011; Options for Access to Justice Regional Office in Basrah still being considered.
- *Procurement:* Several RFQ/RFP posted on Baghdad Business Center at <http://www.baghdadbusinesscenter.org/tenders.asp#DPK> :
 1. DPK-IA2J-2011-005 RFQ/Provision of Office Supplies
 2. DPK-IA2J-2011-006 RFQ/ Provision of Translation and Interpretation Services
 3. DPK-IA2J-2011-013 RFP / Justice Survey Program-I / Justice Baseline Perception Survey / Justice Survey on People with Disabilities
- *Procurement:* pending procurement items include revising Web Site Purchase Order, RFQ with HO for the purchase of toners and cartridges for office printers; RFQ for purchase of Hardware Firewall for the office; Preparing cost estimate for Conference Room 2 Audio System.
- *IT:* Reconfiguration of AP wireless security policies; Drafting Office IT Policy
- *Finance:* May expenses report completed and sent to home office; updating Operating Budget.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES NEXT WEEK (May 28 to June 2, 2011)

- Final version of report from Dr Mohamed Mattar expected by June 2, 2011 in Arabic and English.
- Communication team in Erbil to train the Erbil Regional Office staff and review communication initiatives in the Kurdistan Region.

PENDING ITEMS/ISSUES

- Review of first RFA / Grants.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

May 21 to May 27, 2011

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HJabbari returns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comp 3 to HJC representative on Jensiyah Symp (if security allows) HAIKindi to Baghdad 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential CAP Conference in Baghdad (postponed until June due to security concerns) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Symposium on Access to Formal Identity (if security allows) 		
28	29	30	31	June 01	02	03
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WMorrison on RRB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JFinchley and HJabbari to ERO Interview candidate for Director/Basrah Field Office 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JDeaunay on R&R/LWOP Comp 2 to Iraqi Jurist Union 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basra Grants Training Comp 3 – Planning meeting for Law Journal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basra Grants Training Comp 3 – Advocacy Training JFinchley/HJabbari return to Baghdad 	
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basra Grants Training Comp 3 – First Working Group Meeting on Minorities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training and follow-up training of partners in Grant Summary and Application Forms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training and follow-up training of partners in Grant Summary and Application Forms 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JDeaunay returns from R&R/LWOP 	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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