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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 I and the Grants team worked with the Erbil Regional Office to stage coordinated Strategic Communications Planning Needs Assessment Workshops and Grants Workshops in the Kurdistan Region. The workshops were attended by a total of 77 participants coming from the bar associations, law schools, and NGOs from Erbil, Dohuk and Sulimaniya and government officials from the Kurdish Region. Mr. Azad Rostam Abdulla, Director General of the Justice Departments of the Ministry of Justice in KRG also attended as a participant.
- Access to Justice confirmed arrangements for an official Deans Council meeting for over 50 Deans and selected specialists from private and public law schools from around Iraq on May 1-2. The Deans Council will be using the forum to consolidate lessons learned from dozens of programs initiated around the country in order to formulate official reform recommendations to the Ministry of Higher Education, which endorses the national curriculum.
- The Component I: Developed workplan and held two meetings with IADO to support the development of a Strategic Communication Plan and Communication Initiatives.
- Component I submitted a report on the four Erbil workshops capturing the needs of various groups for Strategic Communication Plan training.
- Prepared a schedule of meeting with IADO to develop their Strategic Communication Plan in line with shared workplan priorities. The first meeting will be at 27 April and will be the first meeting between IA2J and an IADO Communications working group consisting of the IADO chairman and three members. The Working Group was nominated by the IADO Board of Directors.
- Component I began drafting training materials for Strategic Communication Planning with the STTA and based on lessons learned at the Needs Assessment workshops.

## COMPONENT 2

# IMPROVE LEGAL EDUCATION AND SERVICES

- **OBJECTIVE 2.1 AND 2.2:** Completed the preparations for a Grants Workshop for Law Schools and Legal Professional bodies and NGOs on Saturday April 23rd. The tentative frameworks for grant applications, as outlined in the RFA, currently being reviewed by USAID were discussed. Participants supported a grant program that integrated directly with their own strategic planning and current priorities.
- **OBJECTIVE 2.1:** Meeting with DG Kamil Ameen of Performance Monitoring & rights protection directorate of MOHR & Saad Sulttan Deputy of D.G & HR Adviser for Iraq Jurists Union on April, 24,2011 the meeting focused on cooperate in exchanging information and provide as documents about VG's and he is provided to reports :-
  - Statistical reports of the Ministry Human Rights, including statistics on widows, orphans, victims of terrorism, People with Disabilities, female crim victims statistics, etc.
  - The draft law of Anti-Trafficking of Human Beings (name not confirmed) & joint UN/MoHR workplan for passage.
- The team drafted a letter for the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research about the Working Meeting of the Council of Deans. This will be handed to the Minister on Sunday April 24th by the Director General charged with curriculum reform. The letter focused on the Curriculum Reform and Clinic legal Educations in Iraq Meeting in Erbil next first of May.
- **ERBIL REGIONAL OFFICE** – Met with Dr. Awni Akrawi in the KR Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research and set the agenda for the May 3 special meeting of the KRG Law School Deans.

## COMPONENT 3

# ADVOCACY AND IMPROVED GOVERNMENT SERVICES

- **SUB-RESULT 3.1:** Component 3 and the DCOP met with the DG for Legal Affairs of the Ministry of Human Rights to discuss jinsiya issues, the Component's activities for the first year, and potential partnership opportunities going forward.
- **SUB-RESULT 3.1:** We held an initial meeting with staff of the Iraqi Jurists Union to discuss IJU managed law journals as advocacy tools supporting the review of legal frameworks. We also submitted the names of 8 NGOs to receive grants training based on individual meetings to date.
- **SUB-RESULT 3.1:** Component 3 organized the Fourth IADO meeting on behalf of the Program with an eye toward shortening the sessions and institutionalizing monthly meetings not to exceed two hours each.
- **SUB-RESULT 3.2:** Component 3 and IADO established a Working Group for Advocacy between 4 IADO members and Component 3.

# GRANTS

- The Grant Team Performed a Workshop for Component 2 partners on April 23, 2011. There were 11 participants present from Baghdad Law Schools. The training was attended by the USAID COTR.
- Used feedback gained from both the Erbil and Baghdad Workshops to revise and make adjustments to the Grants Application Process power point presentation.
- Revised and updated our Work plan for Grants Application Workshops that will occur in May, June, July, and August. Grant Application training will incorporate programmatic elements once an RFA is approved.
- Prepared a Grants Process power point presentation which will be presented for Component 2's Council of Law School Deans Conference in Erbil.
- Revision of the RFA in line with USAID guidance to simplify the document.

# M&E

M&E Specialist worked with Component 2 to move forward with a final compilation of the original NGO assessment tool in preparation for a final report and upgrading of assessment tools in the next phase of programming. Currently working on KRG NGO's data and IADO institutional assessment report as requested by Component 2 Leader.

# ADMINISTRATION/OPERATIONS

- General: a draft Policy and Procedures manual will be rolled out in the next few weeks to support staff in operational and programmatic efforts. Submitted Revised Local Compensation and Staffing Plan on April 8, 2011.
- Administration: Negotiation with Asia Cell and Zain representatives regarding post paid accounts
- IT: Continued working on the IT inventory as well as on the issue of duplicate emails. The HO will work on moving our email server to Tetra Tech server as we have a lot of issue with our mail hosting company.
- Procurement: Continued provision of assistance for conference
- *Erbil Regional Office* – handled local logistical arrangements for the slated Council of Dean's Conference to be held on May 1 to 3.
- *Basrah Field Office* – Legal Advisor started work on April 24. Quotations are being obtained for temporary and permanent offices.

## **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES NEXT WEEK (April 30 to May 5, 2011)**

- Comp 1- STTA (Joanna Finchley) will begin work with dedicated communication team from IADO and Comp 1
- Comp 2 – Deans Council Meeting May 1-3
- Iraq Access to Justice 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Report submitted to USAID on April 30, 2011.

## **PENDING ITEMS/ISSUES**

- On January 16, 2011, the Project Implementation Plan was submitted to USAID for review and comment
- Draft PMP was submitted to USAID for comment.
- A Press Release on the Deans Council meeting in Erbil was submitted on April 28 for review of USAID.
- Still receiving applications for the following national staff positions: Legal Education Advisor and Law Faculty Coordinators (three positions), and regional positions for Basrah (three positions).

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

April 23 to April 29, 2011

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>30</b>	<b>May 01</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DDeja in Erbil</li> <li>• Comp 3 – Meeting with Director of Media Information Office/IJU</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Erbil</i> -Curriculum Reform and Legal Education/Next Steps</li> <li>• MGruner / KWashington Arrive Erbil</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Erbil</i> - Curriculum Reform and Legal Education/Next Steps</li> <li>• Comp 1 and Comp 3 – Meeting with IADO</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Erbil</i>- Curriculum Reform and Legal Education/Next Steps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MPosely on R&amp;R</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DD / RdP-B /MGruner / KWashington to Baghdad</li> <li>• MMattar (Comp 2 STTA) arrives Baghdad</li> </ul>	
<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WP to Erbil Regional Office</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Erbil Regional Office Program Planning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WP to Baghdad</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arab Summit Proposed</li> <li>• Audit Committee</li> </ul>		
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grants Training</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential CAP Conference in Erbil</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AMV on R&amp;R</li> </ul>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basra Grants Training</li> <li>• Potential date for Symposium on Access to Formal Identity.</li> </ul>				