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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.

GENERAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

- Presentation of Program overview, anticipated key activities and expected results, and approach was presented at the ROL Coordinator's Access to Justice Working Group Meeting at the US Embassy on December 9, 2010 by Chief of Party (COP) Dan Deja. and other ROL partners. Attendees besides USAID included representatives from, Rule of Law Coordinator's Office and PRT ROL sections.
- Access to Justice Program high-level meeting with UN agencies was held on December 6, 2010. Meeting topics included overview of the Access to Justice Program and highlighted possible areas of cooperation. UNHCR Representative Daniel Endres and colleagues discussed programmatic focus on displaced people and refugees, programs implemented by UN, and possible cooperation and exchanging critical data Access to Justice Program assessments. Mohamed El Ghannam, Senior Program Advisor of the ROL and Judiciary program at the UNDP, was also present to discuss judiciary development related topics and activities. UNICEF Representative Sikander Khan and his deputy Osama Makkawi Khogali spoke about their agency's assistance to the Iraqi government at all levels and to civil society organizations. In planned upcoming meetings, UNICEF will share annual and multiannual work-plans. The Access to Justice Program discussed possible cooperation on juvenile detainee related projects.

COMPONENT I:

- Julia Pataki began work on needs assessment for vulnerable populations.
- On December 9th, Access to Justice Program staff attended International Persons with Disabilities Day activity held with the Alliance for Disability Organizations in Baghdad.
- Access to Justice Program started the process to assess the needs of civil society organizations and vulnerable groups in Iraq by setting up meetings with relevant NGOs. This week, Iraq Access to Justice Program staff members, together with its partner 4Points, met with the Alliance of Disability Related Organizations, Women in Progress, Sadr City Dar Fatima, ENKI (children related), Af Rafiden Center for Human Rights, and South Youth

Organization from Nassyria. Discussions focused on evaluating the institutional capacity of the organizations working with vulnerable groups as well as the inequities, needs, constrains women, children, young people, juvenile detainees, persons with disabilities are exposed in Iraqi society, level of awareness of rights



A2J Meeting with Af Rafiden Center for Human Rights, South Youth Organization from Nassyria, and ENKI (children related) and to what legal

services they have access. Access to Justice Program will continue interviewing civil society actors in the coming weeks

COMPONENT 2

IMPROVE LEGAL EDUCATION AND SERVICES

- Preparation began for Legal Education/Services Assessment tentatively planned to begin in February 2011.

COMPONENT 3

ADVOCACY AND IMPROVED GOVERNMENT SERVICES

- Joseph Deaunay, Component 3, leader is scheduled to arrive next week and start work on assessments and possible work plan activities.

GRANTS

- McKinley Posley, Grants Manager (LBG) arrived in-country December 8.
- Work began on Grants Manual.

Program Administration/Operations:

- Staffing plan for expatriate and local staff members was submitted to USAID on December 5, 2010. It is currently with USAID and waiting for review and feedback.
- Rate approval has been submitted to the Contracting Officer for DCOP/Technical and Senior Education and Services Education Advisor (Component 2 Team Leader) on December 5 and December 2, 2010, respectively. Confirmation of deployment dates and submission of country clearance and SPOT requests will be submitted to USAID upon receipt of CO approval.
- USAID COTR technical/rate approval was received on December 4, 2010 for five local positions: Senior Program Assistant, Civil Society Advisor, Procurement Officer, IT Specialist, and Administrative Officer.
- Iraq Access to Justice Program office opened on December 11 and currently is equipped with 30 work stations. DPK's security and life support subcontractor, under its FFP terms, Sallyport, delivered office furnishings and renovations four days ahead of original scheduled office opening date of December 15, 2010.



New office at Lady House, Al-Mansour compound

Program Support Unit

- Razili Datta (Communications Specialist, DPK Home Office), Dan Deja, and Julia Pataki (Gender Specialist) continued working on revisions to initial work plan, which will be submitted to USAID by December 15, 2010.
- USAID approval received on December 8, 2010 for one-page Iraq Access to Justice Program fact sheet, which was distributed at the ROL Coordinator's Meeting on December 9.
- USAID COTR approval received on December 8, 2010 for Iraq Access to Justice Program PowerPoint presentation given during ROL Coordination Meeting on December 9.

- Ann Schwartz, Consultant and PMP Expert, arrived on December 6. Ms. Schwartz and Razili Datta reviewed and discussed initial draft of PMP and USAID contractual requirements to modify existing indicators and PMP narrative;

ERBIL

- Contractual arrangements with DPK subcontractor 4points were discussed for opening office in Erbil.
- Tentative logistics planning trip to Erbil area scheduled for December 20–22

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES NEXT WEEK (DECEMBER 18 TO 23)

- USAID meeting with Access to Justice Program representatives to review initial draft of PMP and arrange for meeting with Perform program representatives and to discuss Branding and Marking requirements will take place at 10:00 AM on December 14, 2010.
- Access to Justice Program staff to attend Code of Conduct and Ethics training to be held by LBG on December 14, at 2:30 PM at the Mansour compound.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
December 11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCN Admin Officer, Procurement Officer and Training Specialist starts Meeting with Bill Pryor 	High level Meetings held with UN agencies	10 AM to 3 PM - USAID Meeting PMP, Marking and Branding, etc. 2:30 PM Code of Conduct/Ethics Webcast for all A2J staff	WorkPlan 1st Draft submitted to USAID DPK Home Office STTA consultants Washington and Datta depart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joseph Deunay Compont 3 leader tentative arrival date 	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> USAID Meeting?? Tentative trip to Erbil (Dan Deja) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Erbil (tentative, Dan Deja) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Erbil (tentative, Dan Deja) 		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
CHRISTMAS		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> USAID Meeting 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grants Manual 1st draft submitted to USAID Rima Das Pladhan-Blach tentative arrival date 	
January 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
NEW YEARS		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> USAID Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dianne Post tentative arrival date Aleksandra (Sasha) Kovacevic tentative arrival date 			