



FACT SHEET

USAID/Primary Health Care Project in Iraq (PHCPI) Expands Scope of Work in Iraq to Upgrade 36 PHC Clinics to Model Clinic

In September 2011, the USAID/PHCPI implemented a nationwide baseline assessment to determine how best to support future improvements in the PHC system. This assessment revealed a series of deficiencies at the PHC clinic level. On November 18, 2012 USAID/Iraq approved a proposal submitted by University Research Co., LLC (URC), PHCPI's lead implementing partner, to expand project activities to include the refurbishment and rehabilitation of 36 PHC clinics among the 360 target clinics currently supported by the project.

The aim of this initiative is to provide these clinics with the essential standard equipment to raise the level of care to meet international standards and ultimately improve the quality of PHC services in Iraq. These 36 clinics (two in each of Iraq's 18 provinces) will serve as model clinics for Iraq, and will set the standard for future Government of Iraq (GoI) Ministry of Health (MOH) investment and upgrade of its remaining PHC clinics.

These model clinics will be fully furnished with all of the required medical equipment to both deliver the essential services outlined in the WHO's Basic Health Services Package for Iraq, as well as to apply the newly-acquired knowledge and skills that staff at these PHC clinics have obtained through PHCPI training and capacity-building activities.

A model clinic is defined as a clinic providing “the minimum collection of essential health services that all the population need to have a guaranteed access to health care. Essential services are those health services that provide a maximum gain in health status (on the national level) for the money spent. Conversely, essential services are those services, which if not provided, will result in the most negative impact on the health status of the overall population.”

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Model Clinics Selection

The final list of model clinics to be upgraded by USAID/PHCPI was selected by the MOH in consultation with the 19 Directorates of Health (DoH) participating in the project. Thirty-eight (38) clinics were chosen, including two alternates (one from Baghdad-Karkh and one from Baghdad-Rusafa), in the event that one of the 36 clinics becomes unavailable or if there is remaining funding).

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Criteria for selection of clinics included:

- PHC centers using the family medicine approach;
- PHC centers using the integrated management of childhood illness (IMCI) approach;
- PHC centers with a training hall that can be used for further staff and community development;
- PHC centers using an electronic health system or operating a health visitor program.
- PHC centers which were previously targeted under other USAID projects.

Activities Supported by USAID/PHCPI in the Model Clinics to Date

Figure 1 provides a breakdown of activities facilitated by USAID/PHCPI during FY2013. These activities include training of model clinic staff on management and leadership, community health partnerships, and clinical care guidelines. A total of 816 participants from the model clinics were reached by the project to date.

Figure 1. Number of Staff Trained by PHCPI as of January 2013

