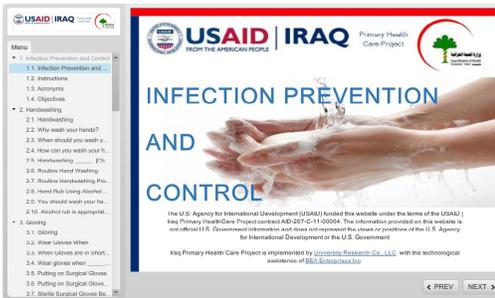




SUCCESS STORY

USAID/PHCPI E-Courses Now Freely Available Online

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PHCPI IPC e-course on PHCPI's LMS website



PHCPI IMCI for Physicians e-course on PHCPI's LMS website



PHCPI's LMS website where MOH staff can access e-courses and track progress for continuing education

The USAID Primary Health Care Project in Iraq (PHCPI) worked to build the capacity of the Iraqi Ministry of Health (MOH) and primary health care clinics to respond to the needs of the Iraqi population and assist the MOH in achieving its country-level health priorities, such as meeting its Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015. The project places particular emphasis on low-cost, high-impact interventions to reduce maternal and child mortality.

The project assisted the MOH to update over 30 managerial and clinical guidelines, printed and distributed to primary health care clinics in three languages, and trained over 20,000 MOH staff on the clinical guidelines. These courses are used across Iraq and have been shared with the MOH and all Directorates of Health (DOHs). PHCPI promotes effective application and monitoring implementation to ensure the most efficient and impactful rollout.

Of these 30 guidelines, PHCPI developed 24 e-courses to allow primary health care staff access to continuing education. Two more are currently in development. These courses are now freely available online and it is possible for anyone to enroll in one of the PHCPI-designed courses by logging into PHCPI's website: <http://olms.phciraq.org/>. The MOH has also included the link on its website to allow access for all health providers. These courses will help to ensure the sustainability and continued impact of USAID/PHCPI interventions.

Users will be able to register through the link above and take a free course, test and receive a certificate upon completion. These training courses are designed to help primary health care staff improve their management and clinical skills. Courses are self-guided and have quizzes embedded to help participants assess their learning. Resources and reference materials to accompany the training courses can also be downloaded from the course page. All of these courses are available in Arabic, Kurdish, and English.

This will allow MOH, DOH, and primary health care clinic staff to take the course in the convenience of their own homes and will build MOH capacity at an exponential rate compared to the conventional 25 participant courses held in a training hall.