

FACT SHEET

WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY IRAQ

Since 2006 **Iraqi Al Amal** (IAA) is the local implementing partner for the **Women in Technology** (WIT) Program in Iraq. Our goal is to provide opportunities for women and the people of Iraq to expand their technical skills and gain greater economic independence and security. In Iraq WIT has given women hope for a brighter future. We are training a cadre of trainers—Iraqi women, men and youth on Microsoft’s UP Curriculum, which includes additional modules on Business Planning for Sustainability (BPS), and Professional Development Training (PDT). Through WIT, IAA is providing jobs, hope, and opportunities for the neighborhoods that our community centers serve. Currently IAA operates 7 WIT centers, including providing mentoring and training to one independent, non-IAA-affiliated center in Najaf. We have a plan to open a center in Najaf in January 2008.



WIT Training in Erbil

PARTICIPATING WIT CENTERS

1. Iraq Al Amal Association, Baghdad
2. Iraqi Women Network Center, Baghdad
3. Iraq Al Amal Center, Erbil
4. Iraq Al Amal Center, Kerbala
5. Iraqi Al Amal Training and Rehabilitating Center for Women, Najaf (*opens January 2008*)
6. Women Technology Education Center (WTEC), Najaf *
7. Iraqi Al Amal Center at the Ministry of Youth, Tikrit
8. Iraqi Al Amal at the Ministry of Education, Sadr City

**IIA provides mentoring, training and support to WTEC, an independent center in Najaf*

Despite hardship conditions and deteriorating security, IAA has made great strides in accomplishing many WIT trainings and activities. We trained **36 trainers** from Baghdad, Sadr City, Erbil, Najaf, Kerbala, and Tikreet, and graduated **250 trainees**. Our outreach effort is primarily through our network of women, NGOs, universities, and government ministries, via email newsletters and leaflets, while working with the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Youth to leverage facilities, security and equipment necessary for the training. Given the popular demand for the current training, Iraqi Al Amal would like to increase the number of centers and programs throughout Iraq to include classes on English language instructions, as well as training on additional software programs, such as Photoshop, computer maintenance and multimedia.

WIT-Sponsored Training- of-Trainers Sessions			
Date	Location	No. of Trainees	Course Session
March 2007	Baghdad, Iraq	12	10-day training on UP Microsoft training
April 2007	Beirut, Lebanon	9	6-day training on PDT and BPS
June 2007	Erbil, Iraq	6	8-day training on UP Microsoft training
November 2007	Kerbala, Iraq	9	8-day training on Microsoft UP, PDT, and BPS training

Site #	WIT Participating Center	Location	Staff/Trainers	Number of Computers	Training	Target Students
Site # 1	Iraqi Al Amal Center	Baghdad	<u>WIT Manager:</u> Basma AlKhateeb; <u>2 Trainers:</u> Ali Modhar (IT Coordinator/Trainer), Ranny Fouad (Trainer)	12	1 Training on Microsoft's UP Training, including PDT and BPS Trained 15 Students	Women <u>Notes:</u> Trainees also requested training on English.
Site #2	Iraqi Women Network Center	Baghdad	<u>2 Trainers:</u> Firas AlDabbagh, Zina Sami	12	2 Trainings on Microsoft's UP Training, including PDT and BPS Trained 18 Students 1 st Training (9/20/2007) – 11 trainees; 2 nd Training (9/25/07 – 7 trainees)	Women <u>Notes:</u> Trainees also requested training on English.
Site #3	Iraqi Al Amal Center	Erbil	<u>Administrative Coordinator:</u> Ferrihan Amso; <u>2 Trainers:</u> Aram Ahmed, Emal AlHamiri	12	2 Trainings on Microsoft's UP Training, including PDT and BPS Trained 47 Students 1 st Training – 24 students; 2 nd Training - 23 students	Female Teachers and Students 15-50 years of age <u>Notes:</u> The trainees' capacity to learn was very high, especially in the younger age groups. Each student presented a project showing their understanding of the curriculum. Their projects showed higher levels of interaction with the training, and great potential.
Site #4	Iraqi Al Amal Center	Kerbala	Zainab ElHayali (Coordinator/Trainer), Asmaa Falah (Trainer)	12	2 Trainings on Microsoft's UP Training, including PDT and BPS Trained 45 Students	Student 15-45 years of age <u>Notes:</u> Although students had varied levels of experience, comprehension and attendance were excellent.
Site #5	Iraqi Al Amal Training and Rehabilitating Center for Women	Najaf	<u>Staff/Trainers:</u> Sarah Ali, Hasnein Ahmed	14 (to be purchased)		Will be operational January 2008.
Site #6	Women Technology Education Center	Najaf	<u>Staff:</u> Taal Bilal; <u>2 Trainers:</u> TBD	Planning to purchase 8	Training on Microsoft's programs, including Professional Development and Democratic values	Anticipated Students 18- 40 years of age
Site #7	Iraqi Al Amal at the Ministry of Youth (No independent IAA office)	Tikrit	<u>Coordinator:</u> Najla Ghazza'ly; <u>2 Trainers:</u> Dr. Ahmed Quais, Dr. Mustafa Ali	8	1 Training on Microsoft's UP Training, including PDT and BPS Trained: 18 Students	Students 15 – 45 years of age <u>Notes:</u> Some of the prominent figures of civil society and Ministries of Human Rights, Youth, and Education, visited during workshop hours and expressed their positive impression of the training program.
Site #8	Iraqi Al Amal at the Ministry of Education (No independent IAA office)	Sadr City	<u>Trainer/Coordinator:</u> Amal Abid; <u>2 Trainers:</u> Ahmed Ali, Ziad Mostafa	28	1 Training on Microsoft's UP Training, including PDT and BPS Trained 28 Students	Students 15 – 45 years of age <u>Notes:</u> Students learned well, and showed a high level of enthusiasm for learning the material.