

People in Need in Iraq – September/October 2006



People in Need

People in Need (PIN) is a Czech non-profit, non-governmental organization whose mission statement is to 'inspire a largeness of spirit in Czech society and around the world by helping others in need and by promoting democratic freedoms for all.' PIN is a major advocate of democratic inclusion both in the Czech Republic and abroad, and in its 14 years of existence, has worked in 37 countries worldwide.

Following the fall of Saddam's regime, PIN came to Iraq in April 2003 and set up its main office in Al Amarah, Missan. PIN has carried out reconstruction works in educational and health sector facilities. PIN has also implemented series of projects in water and sanitation and health sectors. From the beginning of its presence in Iraq, PIN has been carrying out activities on capacity building of the Iraqi civil society. One of the goals of these activities is to share the Czech and East European experience of the transition to democracy with Iraqi citizens.

Capacity Building of Civil Society/Media/Local Governance Sector

Micro-grants project [funded by MFA]

PIN has collected project proposals for micro-grants from among PIN former CSO trainees and grantees in the South of Iraq. Out of the submitted proposals 15 best will be selected and given small grants to implement community projects. The projects will target activities requiring cooperation between the CSO and the local authorities. One of the main goals of the micro-grants project is to provide Iraqi CSO with practical experience under the mentorship of PIN experienced staff.

Training of Trainers for Iraqi CSO managers – follow up micro-grants [funded by MFA]

At the end of Training of Trainers organised by PIN in December 2005 and August 2006 participants were requested to prepare project proposals for a training program they would carry out in Iraq. PIN awarded 3 best proposals, which proposed organising trainings in the North, Centre and South of Iraq. In the months of September and October, 9 workshops were organised in Iraq by PIN ToT trainees in the framework of implementation of the micro-grants.



PIN ToT grant - Workshop in Halabja on women leadership

Empowering CSOs to Bridge Government and Citizens in Southern Iraq [funded by NED]

PIN began implementation of the project 'Empowering CSOs to Bridge Government and Citizens in Southern Iraq'. The overall objective of the project is to support the democratic process in Iraq through improving dialogue between citizens and local government. The specific objectives include empowering local CSOs to become a link between citizens and government, and encouraging citizens to play a larger role in the discussion of local issues. Nine CSOs will be selected in the governorates in the South of Iraq trained and awarded with small grants in order to work as facilitators in communication and cooperation between Iraqi citizens and the local government.

Upcoming activities:

Second Training for local government representatives from the South of Iraq [funded by MFA]

The second training is scheduled to take place in Amman in November. The training will be addressed to civil servants working for the local government in Missan and Thi Quar provinces.

Website for Iraqi CSOs [funded by MFA]

PIN will launch and develop a website dedicated to the Iraqi CSO sector. The goal of this website is to increase cooperation and coordination among Iraqi CSOs, as well as introduce their activities to beneficiaries and the wider donor community. The website will also serve as a forum to exchange information and resources concerning CSO sector.

Health/Income Generation Sectors

Training of Birth Attendants in Marshlands – end of the second session/beginning of the third session [funded by IOM]



First aid lecture in Al Kabla

PIN continues implementation of the third session of the project Training of Birth Attendants in Marshlands in the Missan governorate. It is carried out in the following districts/sub districts: Al Kahla, Al Adel, Ali Al Sharki, Al Salam. The training is designed for 80 participants from the targeted areas, and lasts 8 weeks. The TBA training takes place at district hospitals, where the birth attendants study and practice child delivery but also receive theoretical lessons on the delivery of domestic animals and the first aid. About 60% of the participants are IDPs or returnees. The project aims to give them the opportunity to generate income and practice their profession with new techniques learned during the training. Thus, each of the training participants receives a set of basic equipment to improve the quality of care provided to their clients. The project is carried out in close cooperation with the Department of Health in Amarah. At the moment, PIN is engaged in a two-week internal impact assessment of the first and second TBA training, implemented earlier this year.

Completed Projects

Civil Society Capacity Building/Media/Local Government [projects were funded by MFA and NED]

- ✓ *Management Workbook for Iraqi Civic Sector Organizations* published in English and Arabic to be used as a study material during PIN trainings and workshops
- ✓ 90 representatives of Iraqi NGOs trained in 7 basic NGO management trainings. Trainings were held in Amman and lasted two or three weeks each. Two trainings were organized in 2004 and four in 2005.
- ✓ 11 representatives of the Iraqi local government trained in LG and Management Skills in 2006.
- ✓ 13 representatives of Iraqi NGOs trained in 2005 and 2006 in a two-part Training of Trainers.
- ✓ 14 representatives of Iraqi NGOs trained in advanced management two-week training in 2006.
- ✓ 31 micro-grants awarded and implemented by 29 Iraqi NGOs in 2005 and 2006 under the guidance of PIN staff in Amarah.
- ✓ 10 youth centres in Missan awarded with micro-grants to organize activities and provided with library equipment in 2005.
- ✓ 2 computer/internet centers established in Amara in 2005, maintained and handed over to the MoE.
- ✓ 28 journalists trained in 2 basic trainings followed by 4 month mentorship/scholarship period in 2005; 469 articles published in the Iraqi press by the journalist trainees during the mentorship period; 12 journalists trained in advanced two-week training in 2006.
- ✓ 4 experienced NGO workers from Eastern Europe sent to Missan in March 2004 to mentor emerging Iraqi NGOs.

Health sector [projects were funded by CZ, IOM, CPA and UNHCR]

- ✓ Training of Birth Attendants in the Marshlands (3 sessions)
- ✓ Avian Influenza Prevention Project for Missan
- ✓ Mobile Medical Teams project in rural Marshlands.
- ✓ Health awareness programs in rural Marshlands.
- ✓ Health Preventive Examinations in 150 Schools in Marshlands.
- ✓ Rehabilitation of 54 PHCs and hospitals in Missan.
- ✓ Distribution of medical supplies.

Education sector [projects were funded by CZ, IOM, CPA and CIMIC]

- ✓ Rehabilitated 47 primary schools, a female dorm in University of Basra, a kindergarten and 9 youth centres in Missan.
- ✓ 10 elementary schools in Amarah provided with library furniture in 2006

Wat/San sector

- ✓ In cooperation with Arche noVa, German NGO, PIN introduced Household Potable Water System for Marshlands and provided 100 Mercana Filters. The project was funded by IOM. Arche noVa is owner of the Mercana Filters copyright.
- ✓ Rehabilitation of 2 Main Water Treatment Units in marshlands in Missan.
- ✓ Rehabilitation of sewage disposal system in two IDP inhabited quarters of Amarah, Missan. Funded by IOM.

Distribution of NFI *[projects were funded by IOM]*

- ✓ Winterisation programme - distribution of NFI to 4000 IDPs families in the marshland.
- ✓ Distribution of NFI to Flood Victims in the marshland.

Other projects

- ✓ IDP Household Intentions Survey for Missan. Funded by IOM.
- ✓ Rehabilitation of 4 fire stations and Central Medical Laboratory in Missan.
- ✓ Mosquito project - spraying campaign, 15,000 mosquito nets locally produced and distributed. Funded by UNHCR.

Acronyms

BA CIMIC - Civil - Military Cooperation
CZ - Czech Government, Public collection
CPA - Coalition Provisional Authority
DFID - Department for International Development
IOM - International Organization for Migration
NED - National Endowment for Democracy
MFA – Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic
UNHCR -United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

PIN Iraq facts

Location : Al Amarah, Missan, Lower South
HQ : Prague, Czech Republic
Mission established : April 2003
Actual state : Remote Management – Amman, Jordan
Main sectors : Capacity Building of CSOs, Local Governance, Media, Health

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PIN 'Management Workbook for Iraqi Civic Sector Organisations' (in Arabic): <http://www.peopleinneed.cz/download/pdf/49.pdf>
PIN Annual Report 2005: http://www.peopleinneed.cz/download/PIN_2005-EN_web.pdf