

## Access To Justice Program



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 Total Project Value: \$43.7 million  
 (base); \$19.1 million (option)  
 Implementing Agency: USAID  
 Dates: 2010–2013, with option year  
 2014–2015

### PROGRAM

Tetra Tech DPK’s Iraq Access to Justice Program, funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), is a \$43.7 million, 3-year program—with a \$19.1 million 2-year option period—to improve access to justice for Iraq’s most vulnerable and disadvantaged citizens: women, widows, orphans, refugees and the displaced, detainees and the incarcerated, the disabled, the impoverished, and ethnic or religious minorities. By expanding the knowledge and understanding of Iraqis about the rights of the vulnerable and resources available to them, by strengthening the capacity of service providers and the professional legal industry to serve the disadvantaged, and by supporting civil society to advocate to the Government of Iraq for increased access to the justice system, the Access to Justice Program is working to improve vulnerable Iraqis’ ability to achieve meaningful justice.

### PURPOSE

The three overall objectives of the Access to Justice Program are to:

1. Improve vulnerable and disadvantaged Iraqis’ knowledge of their responsibilities, rights, and remedies under the law;
2. Increase the availability and capacity of legal professionals and civil society partners to assist vulnerable and disadvantaged Iraqis; and
3. Improve governmental processes and procedures to help vulnerable Iraqis access government services and legal remedies.

### PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

October 2010–September 2013, with option year October 2013–September 2015.

### OBJECTIVES

#### *Improve Knowledge of Rights and Remedies*

The Program engages in public awareness campaigns to

ensure that vulnerable and disadvantaged Iraqis are aware of their legal rights, better understand the remedies available to them, and know how to access the institutions responsible for guaranteeing their rights.

#### *Increase Legal Education and Services*

The Program builds the substantive and administrative capacity of non-governmental and civil society organizations to provide services to vulnerable groups; increases the availability and quality of legal professional services for vulnerable populations; and aims to establish or expand educational and professional training programs oriented towards service and advocacy for the disadvantaged and vulnerable.

#### *Improve Government Processes*





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### KEY COUNTERPARTS

- *Non-governmental and civil society organizations*
- *Legal professional associations*
- *Law schools*
- *Ministries (e.g., Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, Ministry of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Rights)*

The Program promotes civil society engagement with and advocacy to the Government of Iraq to foster a legal framework and procedural processes that recognize, promote, and ensure the rights of the vulnerable and disadvantaged.

### Grants

A robust small grants program supports each of the objective areas of the Access to Justice Program. Through direct grant assistance to Iraqi non-governmental organizations, which is complemented by training, advisory, and capacity building services, the Program is expanding organizational capacity and ensuring long-term sustainability of assistance efforts.

### PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Access to Justice Program is implemented by Tt DPK, a Tetra Tech company. Tt DPK, as the prime contractor, provides direct management, oversight, and administration for the Program and leads the program implementation. Subcontractors on the Access to Justice Program are The Louis Berger Group, Inc. (grants management and improving government processes), Development and Training Services, Inc. (gender integration and monitoring and evaluation), 4points Iraq (training and public outreach), and Sallyport Global Services (security). The Program head office is located in Baghdad, Iraq with regional offices in Erbil and Basra. For more information, please contact Chief of Party Eric Nigh ([enigh@ia2j.com](mailto:enigh@ia2j.com)) in Baghdad or Tt DPK Project Officer Geralyn Busnardo ([geralyn.busnardo@tetratech.com](mailto:geralyn.busnardo@tetratech.com)) in San Francisco.

### ABOUT TETRA TECH DPK

Tt DPK provides technical, management, and advisory services to help developing and transitioning societies navigate the challenges they face. The mission of Tt DPK is to foster good governance and the rule of law as basic qualities of successful democratic societies and market economies. In the rule of law field, Tt DPK has broad expertise in the development and execution of programs to assist in the establishment of sound legal and regulatory frameworks; the reform and restructuring of judicial institutions; strategic planning; court management; and enforcement of court decisions. Tt DPK has introduced to many countries modern management concepts, such as professional court administrators, with measurable and sustainable impacts on efficiency.

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