



Iraq

# Durable Communities and Economic Opportunities (DCEO) Iraq



## Services

Research and Analysis, GIS, Field Operations and Data Systems

## Objective



The wider DCEO project objectives are to build community resilience against destabilizing factors and advance economic well-being in target communities in Iraq by addressing underlying drivers of conflict, increasing community leadership of inclusive local development, improving private sector networks, and increasing micro, small, and medium enterprise development. iMMAP supports these efforts through research that guides strategic and localized decision making, and technical support to the programs in the areas of GIS, production, data collection, and data systems.

### Duration:

February 7, 2020 -  
September 30, 2024

### Budget (Yearly):

USD 630,375

### Donor:

USAID

### Prime Implementor:

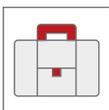
Chemonics International

### Partners:

Chemonics International,  
Search for Common Ground,  
Preemptive Love, Five One  
Labs, CrossBoundary

## Background

The Durable Communities and Economic Opportunities (DCEO) is a United States Agency for International Development (USAID) program implemented by Chemonics International in Iraq. DCEO mobilized in Iraq in late January 2020 and started engaging with Iraqi communities in the early summer of 2020 through two task orders: 100 Solutions for Stability and the Business Competitiveness and Job Creation Initiative.



The first task order, **Business Competitiveness and Job Creation Initiative (BCJCI)**, will work with local businesses, business associations, and other stakeholders to expand existing businesses, and identify and address obstacles to creating and growing business opportunities. BCJCI will help Iraqi companies create new jobs and contribute to the economy by carrying out these objectives:

1. Business growth and competitiveness of targeted firms to increase job creation.
2. Capacity of trade and business counselors to identify, address and remove constraints to business growth and strengthen competitiveness.



The **100 Solutions for Stability** Task Order will support leaders and their communities in identifying, understanding, and mitigating the drivers of conflict. This Task Order will support communities in overcoming these conflicts and building resilience by following these defined objectives:

1. Community capacity to identify conflict drivers and increase solutions.
2. Cultivate diverse partnerships, community leadership and enhance resource mobilization.
3. Strengthening the social and economic recovery of victims of conflict.

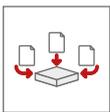
iMMAP's support continues to be critical to the planning, implementation and monitoring of these two task orders throughout the five year project.

## Key Deliverables

iMMAP's contributions to the DCEO Iraq project are divided into four different capacities: Data Systems, GIS, Field Operations and Research and Analysis.



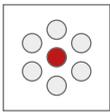
**Research and Analysis (R&A)** provides input and triangulation for DCEO deliverables such as thematic assessments, provincial summaries, and engagement recommendations for implementation plans. The R&A Unit also has a set of deliverables in the form of Area Profiles which will provide vital contextual knowledge of the areas of implementation for partners and donors.



**Data Systems** is immersed in the designing and hosting of the project-specific web portal and dashboards, along with a documents repository that houses in-depth reports and updates. The dashboard will allow partners, donors and others to track past and ongoing activities.



iMMAP's **GIS** team provides maps and visualizations supporting DCEO regular reporting documents as well as vital deliverables such as thematic assessments, implementation plans, and area profiles.



**Field Operations** manage field teams in support of DCEO data collection, including those supporting the efforts of partners and iMMAP's Research and Analysis. These efforts supported the baseline whole of Iraq Political Economy, Conflict, and Gender assessments. The field operations team continues to support data collection efforts in coordination with the R&A unit.

## DCEO Iraq Product Examples

**Fig 1:** The management dashboard from the DCEO portal.



**Fig 2:** Map of the Business Competitiveness and Job Creation Initiative (BCJCI)'s "economic corridors" created by iMMAP's GIS team for the BCJCI Task Order project planning.

