



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, technical support to the programs in the areas of geoinformatics, data visualization, data collection, and data systems.

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 **Business Competitiveness and Job Creation Initiative (BCJCI)** Task Order 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. 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 task orders throughout the five-year project.

Project 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



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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 the DCEO project’s 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 R&A Unit. These efforts supported the baseline of the whole of Iraq Political Economy, Conflict, and Gender Assessments. The Field Operations Unit continues to support data collection efforts in coordination with the R&A Unit.

DCEO Iraq Product Examples

Fig 1: DCEO Portal Homepage.



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.

