

كۆمارى عىراق

نه نچومه نى نوپته ران

ليژنه نى ده زگانى كۆمه لگه نى مه ده نى



جمهورية العراق

مجلس النواب

لجنة مؤسسات المجتمع المدني

Dr. Issam Adawi
Project Director
Iraq Civil Society and Independent Media Project

Dear Dr. Adawi:

On behalf of the government of Iraq and its people, I want to thank America's Development Foundation for its work since September, 2004 in successfully implementing the Iraq Civil Society and Independent Media Program (ICSP).

ICSP has provided capacity building services to over 1900 civil society organizations (CSOs) throughout Iraq. Its support has been invaluable to Iraqi citizens, civil society organizations and government institutions in developing anti-corruption, women's advocacy, civic education and human rights programs and activities.

With ICSP assistance, Iraqi CSOs have become more effective organizations in mobilizing civil society participation in decision-making processes. Its many accomplishments include promoting collaboration between CSOs and government institutions to fight corruption; bringing Iraqi CSOs and Government Ministries together to address key issues; and assisting in the development of a new NGO Law to promote the growth and development of civil society.

We are very concerned to learn that USAID is discontinuing support for ICSP in June 2007. This will have a very negative impact on civil society development and on the numerous Iraqi civil society organizations looking to ICSP for continued assistance and support.

The sudden closure of ICSP will be a major setback to achieving progress in Iraq at this challenging time. On behalf of The Civil Society Committee at the Iraqi Parliament, we urge America's Development Foundation to request the U.S. government to continue the ICSP program.

Sincerely,

Ala Talabani
Chair of the Civil Society Committee
Iraqi Council of representatives

24.5.2007