



Global Health  
Development

# Consolidate integration of immunization in Practice and Interpersonal Communication (IPC) in Iraq

## Project Information

- ◆ Department: Public Health Programs
- ◆ Unit: Polio and Immunization

## OBJECTIVE

The main objective of this project is to improve quality of immunization practices and interpersonal communication (IPCI), which will improve health staff ability to effectively respond to caregiver needs and concerns regarding vaccine safety and effectiveness.

## BENEFICIARIES

The project's main beneficiaries are EPI provincial managers and vaccinators.

## REGION OF WORK

This project was implemented in Iraq in three priority provinces; Baghdad Rasafa, Basra & Najaf.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

GHD will scale up this activity in three high-priority provinces and will provide technical and logistic support for a technical committee to conduct three meetings one day each for reviewing and updating the training materials. GHD will recruit a national consultant to lead and supervise the training at a subnational level. Furthermore, GHD will conduct one four- days refresher training for 25 EPI provincial managers. Additionally, GHD will support conducting 30 3-day training workshops for a total of 750 vaccinators from three high priority provinces.

<b>Project Start and End Date</b>	<b>August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 – July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023</b>
<b>Partner Organizations</b>	-
<b>Funded by</b>	<b>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).</b>
<b>Collaborators</b>	<b>Iraqi MoH</b>



## PROJECT PHASES

The project involves two main phases:

**Phase I: Preparation:** GHD to recruit a national consultant to lead and supervise the training a subnational level.

**Phase II: Implementation:** GHD to support conducting 30 3-day training workshops for vaccinators from three high priority provinces.

### Currently . . .

The COVID-19 pandemic has negatively impacted the immunization coverage in Iraq. The administrative coverage highlights high Penta1-Penta3 dropout rate in 2020 and 2021, underlining utilization problems. In 2020-2021, GHD successfully implemented 93 training workshops on immunization practices (IIP) integrated with interpersonal communication (IPCI) for 10 provinces in Iraq.

### What is next . . .

To respond to the unmet needs of the Iraqi MoH to expand the training for the high-risk provinces, high quality training on best immunization practices for the frontline workers including the vaccinators is essential to improve immunization acceptance and demand by the community. The training on immunization in practice and IPCI will improve health staff ability to effectively respond to caregiver needs and concerns regarding vaccine safety and effectiveness. During the immunization session, the health staff can provide updated information of the immunizations schedule and effectively communicate immunization information with caregivers.

## OUTCOMES BY NUMBERS

25 EPI provincial managers received a refresher training.

750 Vaccinators from 3 provinces received training.

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