



Iraq International Health Regulations Compliance

Project Information

- ◆ Department: Public Health Programs
- ◆ Unit: Public Disease Control and Prevention

OBJECTIVES

This project seeks to achieve the goal of supporting Iraq in disease detection, assessment, and reporting of disease and outbreak events, regardless of origin, consistent with the obligations of IHR.

REGIONS OF WORK

Government of Iraq (GOI) and Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) will partner with Georgetown University to implement regulations and enhance coordination between different sectors.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

GHD will lead the project logistic support and coordination through aiming the safeguarding cooperation among partners and harmonized implementation of activities, maintaining optimal financial flows, and securing efficient budget execution by all partners. Additionally, GHD will employ capacity building activities to effectively strengthen country ownership and representation.

In specific, GHD will coordinate all project communication activities to reach the identified target and give visibility to the project activities. Moreover, GHD will utilize strategies and lessons learned from GHD and EMPHNET's previous projects, to encourage active participation and engagement of partners to support the implementation of IHR core capacities throughout Iraq by linking KRG and Federal Government IHR focal points within relevant ministries to the existing inter-ministerial IHR Technical Committee. In addition to Train Iraqi and Kurdish stakeholders on roles and responsibilities for IHR implementation and produce a coordinated plan for improved IHR implementation between sectors within the KRG and Federal Government.

BENEFICIARIES

The beneficiaries are the Iraqi and Kurdish stakeholders, and the International Health Regulation (IHR) specialists cross the ministries in Federal Government and KRG

PROJECT PHASES

This project involves four phases:

Phase I – Preparation: Identify International Health Regulation (IHR) focal points across the ministries in KRG and the Federal Government.

Phase II – Implementation: Provide 2 GHD facilitators to support conducting the 4-day workshop and provide remote engagement support for an estimate of 4 remote training sessions for IHR specialists, in addition to provide a support for 4 participants from Iraq to present overall project results in the IHR panel.

Phase III – Documentation: Training, quarterly progress and a cumulative final report.

Project Start and End Date	March 1 – August 31, 2021
Partner Organizations	Government of Iraq (GOI), Kurdistan Government (KRG), Iraq Ministry of Health (MOH)
Funded by	Georgetown University under the Biological Threat Reduction Program (BTRP)

Currently . . .

The project aims to provide support for the Biological Threat Reduction Program (BTRP) to minimize the threat of deliberate, accidental, and natural infectious disease outbreaks through enhanced biosafety, biosecurity, and bio surveillance measures in Iraq through the implementation of several activities as it will also help Iraq meet its IHR commitments by supporting sustainable IHR compliances with the obligations of IHR.

What's next . . .

Under this project, through its different Phases, the ongoing engagement will contribute to more effective public health systems in Iraq. The project activities will ultimately help Iraq meet its IHR commitments by supporting sustainable IHR engagement and public health information sharing across the KRG and Federal Government in Iraq to improve detection and response to national notifiable diseases and reporting under the IHR.

GHD|EMPHNET Information: Global Health Development (GHD) Eastern Mediterranean Public Health Network (EMPHNET) works at achieving its mission by responding to public health needs with deliberate efforts that allow for health promotion and disease prevention.

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