

We are very happy to have a center that provides us with all the needs for our businesses such as training courses and consulting services to improve our skills. Basra SBDC is a vital partner to develop the economic situation of the citizens of Basra.

Capital: Basrah

Size:	19,070 sq km (4.4% of Iraq)
Population:	1,912,533 (6 % of total)
Geographical Distribution:	Rural: 21.8%
Urban:	78.2%
Population by District:	
Basrah	951,655
Al Zubair	320,523
Al-Qurna	194,216
Abu Al-Khaseeb	162,740
Al Midiana	160,420
Shatt Al-Arab	104,089
Fao	18,890

Principal economic sectors: agribusiness, communications, transportation and logistics, hotels, restaurants and tourism, energy, manufacturing, and construction

Growing Businesses, Bringing Prosperity !



Economic Growth Services

USAID-Tijara's network of 14 Small Business Development Centers to Focus on:

- Trade and agriculture fairs.
- Investment conferences and exhibitions.
- Training for Iraqi Youth, providing business skills & access to finance.
- Customized value added input.
- Evaluating the business environment in the Provinces for USAID.
- Partnering with International NGO's in (training programs).
- Enabling businesses to join the formal economy.
- Over 2000 courses with 16,000+ Participants.



Your Partner for Business Success!



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Basrah

Iraq's Gateway to the World



BBIC

Making Change Happen

Contact us today!

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Small Businesses Are:

- Critical to economic growth.
- A major factor in Iraq becoming competitive in global markets.
- Creating jobs for everyone at the grassroots level.
- Building Iraq's Future.

COUNSELOR, RESOURCE, PARTNER

New businesses need reliable support and assistance to achieve success in today's rapidly changing business environment. The SBDC is a source of advice for entrepreneurs enabling them to conquer business challenges. The SBDC is ready to help both existing and start-up businesses with counseling services, training and access to vital business resources.



JOBS, GROWTH, EXPANSION

Who We Are ?

The Basrah Business Information Center (BIC) was established in October 2008 with funding support from the Local Area Development Program 'LADP', supported by the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) and the International Labor Organization (ILO). The BIC became a member of the USAID-Tijara SBDC network at the end of 2010 and was selected to implement the Iraqi Youth Initiative. The BIC serves as a source of information and support to owners of SMEs by providing them with business training, advisory services, and business development support to help them establish new businesses and improve their existing business operations.

Our Mission

The mission of the Basrah BIC is to support private sector development in the province by improving the supply of business services to small and medium enterprises and working with local stakeholders to improve the business and investment environment.

Our Vision

To play a leading role in promoting economic development in Basrah Province by supporting the growth of private enterprises and helping to create new jobs and employment opportunities.

Everyone benefits! The small business owner with a dream - the consumer with more choices - the local economy through job creation

What are the Results?

- Clients receive training to help improve their businesses.
- Clients receive counseling and assistance in obtaining financing
- New jobs are created and retained.
- Businesses are created and expanded.

What assistance can be provided?

ADVICE, DIRECTION, TRAINING

BBIC offers these services, and more!

- Training programs on How to Start a Business, How to Improve a Business, Computer Skills, and English
- Market research and feasibility studies translation services
- Legal advisory services
- Hosting conferences and events and renting facilities and equipment
- Information services including a provincial business directory
- Marketing and advertising services
- Employment preparation training and job placement services

Accomplishments:

Fardoos Raheem, 25 years old, suffered tremendously of having poor living standards. She had spent 3 years at home without any hope to change her life.

After participating in "How to Start a Business Training Course", she received a loan of \$3000 and established her own stationary and photocopying shop. Now she is much happier that she has a stable source of income and changed her life for the better.

How Can We Help You Start or Grow a Business?

Today

Small Businesses in Basrah

Your Success is Our Business

BBIC is "The Center" for small business growth in Basrah