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- USAID-Tijara
- Najaf Provincial Reconstruction Team
- Najaf Chamber of Commerce
- Najaf Farmers and SME Manufacturing sectors
- Najaf Hotel & Tourism Industry



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COCN - SBDC / Najaf

Who we are?

Najaf Small Business Development Center (COCN) established in Jan 2009 under the umbrella of chamber of commerce in Najaf and Civil Society Law with Iraqi Chambers of Commerce Union.

The SBDC will focus on serving the needs of the business community in general, the fishing industry and the tourism industry in particular with Business Development, Languages, Computer Skills and Hospitality Management Courses.

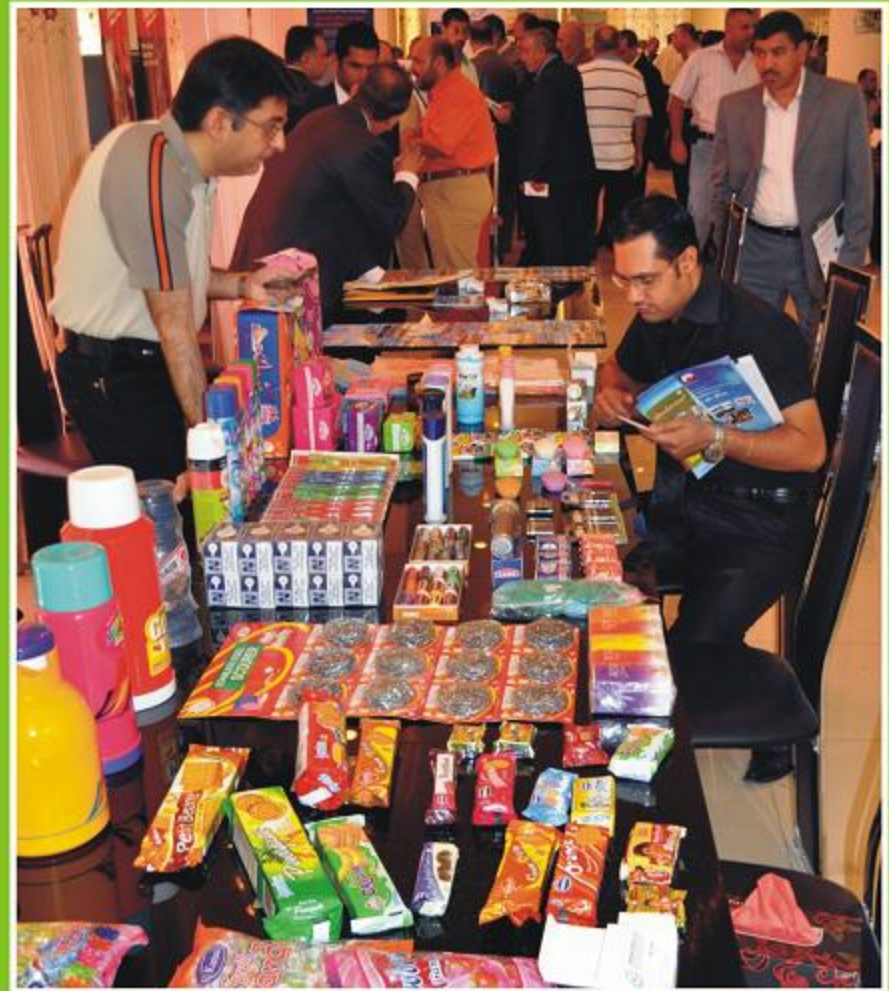


What do we offer?

- "How To Start or Improve a Business" training courses
- Tourism conferences
- Agricultural conferences
- Economic conferences and seminars
- Basics and advanced computer courses
- DHL Agency
- Trade Fairs, international conferences and exhibitions
- Computer courses

Planned Activities:

- Hotel Service Quality Improvement
- Basic English Language
- Basic Farsi Language
- Basic French Language
- Co-operative Institutional Development
- Sheep & Grains/Dates Farming
- Improvement Programs
- Vegetable Farming Improvement
- Specific Training tailored to meet local business requirements - Skill Upgrading, Product Improvement, Market Development and Value Added Improvement Programs
- Human resource courses



General Information:

Najaf is a city about 160 km south of Baghdad. Its estimated population in 2008 was 900,000 people with an annual influx of 2 million visitors to the holiest shrine in Shia Islam. It has over 158 hotels, with in excess of 1,400 artisans, small business units, and an agricultural hinterland.