

Experiences of Iraqi Universities- Panel

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Challenges

- Destruction of physical buildings, equipment, resources- sheer dollar amount to rebuild- drop in oil prices; major military campaign
- Severe, multi-generational trauma – few resources to adequately deal with
- Fractured communities
- Destroyed livelihoods
- Need for transitional justice
- Uncertainty surrounding Da'esh families
- General mistrust- targeting of leaders/academics

Broad level reforms

MOHESR reforms

U.S. Embassy investments- Strategic Framework Agreement

IREX programs;

Overall change in academic teaching and learning- direct and indirect

- Outcome based curriculum
 - Building student competencies and skills
- Interactive, hands on instructional strategies
- Coordination and collaboration with industry to improve work readiness
- Revamping religious (Sharia) curriculum in IKR

University of Anbar- Snapshot

◊ <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8uml9y0udhnTE5rdHFybXZLTFE/view>

◊ Build back better



University of Anbar/ Construction and Projects Building





University of Anbar/ Central Library Building





Deans and Faculty Collecting the Students Records from the Destroyed Departments





- It is hard to tell the story of UOA within five minutes it needs five hours at least
- Self-assessment has been carried out in collaboration IREX (International Research & Exchange Board)
- A Five-year strategic plan was established and approved in order to rehabilitate the damaged buildings and re-build the destroyed ones.
- The process of removing the effect of ISIS is going well





- Conferences, workshops, symposiums have been holding in order to mitigate/ remove the effect od ISIS on the community
- Children are in need to be helped to recover from seeing ISIS actions and also the displacement effect, etc.
- Women needs special care after ISIS especially those were directly dealt with ISIS for reason or another
- UOA organizing an international conference in October about moderation in religious and political discourse





- NOT only the rebuilding of the infrastructures, building and Labs are a priority but also the academic and research performance is of importance...
- In the last QS ranking UOA was 61-70 among about 1000 University in The Arab region in spite of the aforementioned circumstances
- This is a brief of story of UOA which has not finished yet



U.S. University opportunities

- ◊ Key role for international universities in supporting rebuilding and peacebuilding efforts
- ◊ Future Prospects
- ◊ Collective efforts needed-
 - Risk Management
 - Coordination
 - Sharing out of ideas and information
- ◊ Current Statements of Interest out for partnerships
 - University of Tikrit- Education
 - University of Mosul- youth focus
 - University of Anbar- youth focus
 - Southern Technical- vocational- welding- returning fighters

Thank you

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