

## Iraq

### Local ETC meeting

Date: 14/07/15 TIME: 1400hrs (Erbil)

**Minutes:** John Bursa, WFP

#### Attendance

UNICEF: Hem Bohora- Regional ICT Officer  
Paulus That Fu- ICT Officer  
WFP: Yousif Mirza- IT Assistant  
John Bursa- ETC Coordinator  
Fabrice Recalt- Logs Cluster GIS Officer  
STC: Hunar Agha  
IRC: Safa Ali

#### Agenda

1. Update from the ETC
2. AOB

#### Minutes

ETC is operational in Baghdad, Basrah, Erbil, Dahuk, Sulaymaniya, Domiz and Arbat camps.

#### 1. UPDATES

##### BAGHDAD

- A new security simplex RX only Announcement channel has been established and has been added to the Humanitarian agency codeplug. Reprogramming and configuring radios is ongoing together with UNAMI CITS. All agency staff on mission to Baghdad must have this channel configured and can request ETC support for reconfiguring as required.

##### ERBIL

- Nothing significant to report.

##### SULAYMANIYA

- An additional radio operator is still required.

- COMCEN is still operating 24/7.

## DAHUK

- An additional two radio operators are required.
- A mission to Dahuk has moved the COMCEN from the UNHCR office and reinstalled all equipment in the WFP office in the Jihan Hotel, the COMCEN is operational again.
- COMCEN is operating 12/7.

## DOMIZ CAMP

- ETC distributes 2 Mbps bandwidth via multiple access points in the camp.

## ARBAT CAMP

- ETC distributes 2 Mbps bandwidth via an Ericsson WIDER system and multiple access points in the camp.
- **77 confirmed and 111** accumulated users are registered on the WIDER network.

## STAFF

- A FITTEST Engineer has departed for Emergency IT Management training in Pisa.

## TRAINING

- The ETC continues to configure radios for UN agencies and NGOs with a standard CP compatible with both digital (IP Connect/Linked Capacity +) and analogue radio networks. To date, over 412 individual radios have been processed.
- Radio training is being delivered by the ETC and UNAMI to UN and NGO staff on an ongoing basis. This is to ensure correct radio protocol is consistently followed by all to facilitate the safety of staff. To date, the ETC has trained approximately 136 staff from various humanitarian organisations.

## FINANCIALS

- Funding shortfall from the original operational plan: **\$601,561**
- A budget revision as a part of the HRP for \$501K to cover the remainder of 2015 ETC operations has recently been fully funded.

## AOB

- A local contractor will commence installation of a 30ft guyed tower on the Sulaymaniya COMCEN to provide better local area repeater coverage and antenna separation.
- A reminder, the country-wide CP's have been finalised thanks to support from UNAMI, contact ETC for support in reprogramming.
- Additional reminder, every Monday 1000hrs, a radio-training is conducted by UNAMI, open to all agencies, book in advance through CITS or ETC. A reminder will be posted on the ETC emergency website.
- The COMCEN contact list for Iraq can be found here:



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<http://www.etcluster.org/emergencies/12/documents>

- The next Iraq local ETC meeting is on the [11th August 2015 at 14:00hrs](#) local at Erbil UNAMI compound.
- The next Global ETC teleconference is on the [15th July at 12:00hrs UTC](#).

## Acronyms

COMCEN	Communications Centre
CITS	Communications and Information Technology Services
CP	Code-plug
DMR	Digital Mobile Radio
ECM	Electronic Counter Measures
ETC	Emergency Telecommunications Cluster
FSCO	Field Security Coordination Officer
HF	High Frequency
HRP	Humanitarian Response Plan
ISP	Internet Service Provider
JCMC	Joint Coordination and Monitoring Centre
KR-I	Kurdistan Region- Iraq
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
OPSCEN	Operations Centre
POE	Power Over Ethernet
PTP	Point-to-Point microwave link
SRSG	Special Representative of the Secretary General
UNAMI	United Nations Assistance Mission in Iraq
UNCT	United Nations Country Team
UNHCR	United Nations Refugee Agency
VHF	Very High Frequency
WIDER	Wireless LAN in Disaster and Emergency Response

All information related to ETC Iraq operations can be found on the ETC website:

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