

# IRAQ



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## History of Partnership

The House Democracy Partnership (HDP) approved a legislative strengthening partnership with Iraq in July 2011. The program focuses on committee operations (with a specific emphasis on public hearings and legislative oversight of the executive branch), constituent outreach, assistance to the research department, and legislative budget analysis capacity. MPs from the Council of Representatives have participated in two inbound programs to date, and an HDP CODEL visited Baghdad and Erbil in 2011.



## HDP Engagement with the Council of Representatives of Iraq

- **MP and Regional Seminars:** In March 2011, two members of the Iraqi Council of Representatives participated as observers in a Washington, DC based seminar on strengthening committee operations in a legislature, with a focus on public hearings and legislative oversight of the executive. In 2019, one MP from the Council of Representatives of Iraq participated in the HDP Leadership Forum held in Washington, D.C., which focused on combatting modern threats to democracy.

## HDP Congressional Delegations (CODELs)

- In October 2011, HDP organized a U.S. Congressional delegation visit to Baghdad and Erbil.