



## Featured Partner of the Quarter – Iraqi Al-Amal Association

Founded in 1992, and considered one of the most influential NGOs working in Iraq, the Iraqi Al-Amal Association (IAA) is a non-political, non-sectarian and non profit association of volunteers who are actively engaged in projects for the benefit of the entire Iraqi population regardless of race, gender and political or religious affiliation. IAA organizes activities and provides services throughout Iraq with the aim of creating a modern civil society.

Due to the strong partnership between WIT and IAA, WIT participants in Iraq have the opportunity to both learn essential computer skills and participate in IAA's large scale volunteer and civil society building projects. For example, last year, WIT graduates volunteered to work on an IAA Humanitarian Aid project. These volunteers helped distribute over 110,000 Ramadan Iftar meals and 30,000 school bags filled with stationary to orphaned students and needy families in 11 governorates throughout the country.

WIT graduates also volunteered along side IAA members to promote female candidates on provincial election lists using a combination of voter education, TV, radio and Internet advertising. As the campaign was a great success, IAA plans to conduct similar efforts for future elections in Iraq. Currently, IAA is raising \$2,000 to donate to victims of the devastating earthquake in Haiti through the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY), a worldwide organization that provides books to underprivileged youth.

Working on IAA sponsored projects allows WIT graduates to directly influence the future of their country while joining a large network of volunteers working towards a common goal.

- [Visit IAA's website to learn more](#)