



Technology takes a front seat in Iraqi teachers' classrooms



Teachers from Iraq attribute tremendous improvement in their class curricula to training through Women in Technology. Bashaer, a certified teacher at Belad Elementary School in Iraq, has introduced innovative computer techniques to her students after participating in WIT. She now regularly employs skills in Microsoft Powerpoint and finds the tool very beneficial. Bashaer encourages other teachers at the school to enroll in the program as well.

Fawzia Hassoun recovered the motivation to pursue her goals through the WIT program. After tireless efforts to convince her husband to enroll in a computer course, Fawzia was at last given the opportunity. When asked about how she persuaded her husband, Fawzia replied. "I believe that any human being with the will and desire to achieve something is able to convince others of his or her idea. So I kept waiting for a chance to participate in the WIT program, in order to prove to my husband that I am able to learn and overcome any obstacles facing me." WIT helped Fawzia emerge from a state of depression while also improving her course lessons. As the Head of Social Sciences Department in Karbala, Iraq, Fawzia frequently integrates her IT knowledge into class lectures. Currently, Fawzia is collecting computers for the benefit of her students. "I prepared Microsoft PowerPoint presentations for the students, because presentations are far more interesting" she explains.

Another participant in Iraq, Heshemya, utilized the WIT training program to modify her curriculum at the Teachers Prep Institute. She finds the program to be effective and hopes to offer WIT training to students at her own institute.

Heshemya, Fawzia and Basheer believe in the power of technology to replace old methods with efficient systems and ultimately make education more effective in a rapidly changing country.