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## Workshop Report

**Activity:** Public Private Partnership in Health Workshop  
**Location:** Oil Culture Center  
**Time:** 9:00 AM – 15:00 PM  
**Date:** Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July, 2010  
**Executive Body:** Iraqi Society of Health Administration and Promotion  
**Participants:** stakeholders from the public and private sectors working in the Iraqi Health System as well as the legislative system.

### Agenda:

09:00 Registration of Participants  
09:30 Opening Ceremony  
09:45 Presentation: (PPP) Public Private Partnership in Health (attached)  
10:30 Discussion  
12:00 Coffee break  
12:30 Presentation: Moonlighting in the Medical Practice and the Separation between the private and public practice (attached)  
13:00 Discussion  
14:00 Brain storming and final recommendations  
14:30 Lunch  
15:00 End of the workshop



The discussions have evolved into the following:

**Main Obstacle:**

1. Lack of governmental strategy for partnership between the public and the private sectors in health ...
2. The lack of standards, processes, procedures and norms.
3. The inadequacy of the governmental financial resources to provide the required quality and quantity healthcare services.
4. The continuous brain drain in the Iraqi medical field
5. Poor management capacities within the MOH ... “the right person in the right place”.
6. Absence of the legal framework to organize the private sector and private public partnership.
7. Lack of coordination and cooperation between the existing public and private sectors in Iraq.
8. The referral system between the private and public health facilities.
9. The lack of detailed information on the private health sector in Iraq.

**Challenges:**

A. Are we heading to public private separation or partnership..!



- B. The commitment of the Iraqi government to facilitate the development of the private sector in Iraq.
- C. Competition versus Conflict of Interest between the public and private health sectors in Iraq.
- D. The definition of the role of the private sector in the provision of healthcare services in Iraq
- E. The shortage of medical and health staff.
- F. Medical Mal practice
- G. Accreditation.
- H. The introduction of health insurance schemes
- I. External investment in the health sector.
- J. Registration and recording system in the private sector.
- K. Seeking modern and advanced services abroad by the Iraqi patients.
- L. Corruption

### **Opportunities:**

- 1) The establishment of the Investment Corporation and the development of Investment Law.
- 2) The continuous process of revision and development of the existing health system in Iraq.



### **Recommendations:**

- Seconding the medical staff from the public sector to the private sector and sharing the wages.
- Privatization of the tertiary services
- Inviting the public and private health sectors to establishment a joint and independent body for accreditation and quality control “The Iraqi Society for Quality in health”
- The development of new taxations and incentives initiatives to support the private sector provision of services all over the country.
- Organizing multiple seminars to introduce the concept of PPP in health to different stakeholders within the MOH, the national and local legislative bodies and civil society.
- Conducting a survey “pilot study” on the size, capacity and provided services within the private sector.

### **Suggestions made for the next workshop:**

- 1) Capacity development with the private health sector.
- 2) The legal framework organizing the private sector
- 3) The need and distribution of tertiary services in Iraq