Baghdad International Airport COVID-19 Mitigation Measures
Partnership between EXBS and LSU
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Description: In order to strengthen the ability of the Iraq Civilian Aviation Authority to minimize the risk of COVID-19 during operations at the Baghdad International Airport (BIAP), the Louisiana State University National Center of Biomedical Research and Training (LSU/NCBRT), on behalf of the United States Department of State’s Export Control and Border Security Program (EXBS), proposes a remote training workshop comprising 6 pre-recorded modules and 4 live interactive sessions for at least 20 participants as selected by EXBS and the ICAA based off LSU/NCBRT audience recommendations. By the end of the training, participants will have gained the knowledge in topical areas necessary to increase the safety of BIAP customs, immigration and security officers, other BIAP employees and passengers during BIAP operations, as well as support to sustain training utilizing internal resources.

Audience: The remote workshop is designed for at least 20 BIAP personnel experienced in their specific agency roles, as well as have the responsibility of developing and directing BIAP policy and procedures. Participants should also include persons who can serve as trainers for personnel throughout their respective agencies.

Training Structure: LSU/NCBRT proposes a series of 6 downloadable training modules combined with at least 4 live facilitated interactions that will take place on a secure and moderated Zoom call with English-Arabic synchronous interpretation. An initial live webinar will kick-off the training prior to providing the recorded modules. Recorded modules with have Arabic voice-over and captions. Participants will have one week to complete all 6 modules and then participate in the series of live interactions. After the recorded and live engagement LSU/NCBRT will continue technical advisement to assist with internal training sustainment, as well as content implementation clarification.

Timeline and Proposed Dates:
Topical Areas: Remote training modules may include the following content:

- **Biothreat Awareness** – this topical area includes a short summary of past naturally occurring biological incidents, a review of disease transmission basics and current information specific to COVID-19
- **Workforce Personal Protective Measures** – this includes information in regards to the concept of time, distance and shielding, personal decontamination, surface decontamination of workspaces and duty equipment.
- **Passenger and Crowd Management** – this includes application of engineering and administrative controls such as marking distance, using plastic shielding, physical structures to help the flow with minimal interaction, medical screening, cargo and baggage inspection, contact tracing protocols and understanding crowd behavior in high-stress environments.
- **Screening and Enforcement Operations** – this topical area addresses operational implementation of public health emergency practices to mitigate potential cross contamination and infection while conducted security screening and enforcement duties. Examples are staffing procedures, internal medical screening, establishing checkpoint procedures, interview and interrogation concerns, detainment, transportation, isolation, balancing biosafety and traditional threats and incorporation of officer safety into daily mission planning.
- **Coordination and Communications** – this area addresses emergency operations center practices, procedures for communicating positive medical screening indicators to internal and external stakeholders, coordination with medical and public health entities, public – private partnership network management.