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Priority Area One: Governance and Human Rights

Government of Iraq – Responsible Line Ministry: Ministry of Interior, Committee Number 80 leads., Ministry of Human Rights, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Ministry of Women’s Affairs, High Committee of Women in KRG. Child Welfare Commission, Family Protection Directorates, Judiciary and Civil Society.

Title	Family Protection, Support, Justice and Security for Survivors of Domestic and Gender Based Violence				
Geo. Location	Iraq in Baghdad, Erbil and Basrah				
Project Cost	USD 3,967,880				
Duration	36 Months				
SC Approval Date	18/01/2012	Starting Date	12/03/ 2012	Completion Date	12/03/ 2015
Project Description	UNDP in conjunction with Iraqi stakeholders finalised the development of the Family Protection, Support, Justice and Security Programme to support the Government of Iraq’s efforts in creating a strategy to ensure that victims of domestic and gender based violence are offered refuge, reintegration and access to justice. Over the past two years UNDP has utilised core funds to increase understanding of the issues and implement limited activities to vulnerable women and children. This project will build on these initial activities and provide comprehensive technical and advisory support combined with extensive capacity development interventions for known key stakeholders, enhance capacity of formal and informal institutions to establish family protection systems and facilitate law enforcement and access to justice for the victims of violence. The project additionally looks towards mechanisms to empower victims, target groups and communities and establish mechanisms that assist reintegration back into their communities. This project will cooperate and build synergy with other UN Country Team agencies based on their respective mandates.				

Development Goal and Immediate Objectives

Relevant NDP Goal(s):

9.1.4 Reform the economic and legal institutions to ensure equality in rights and opportunities for men and women (family laws, protection from violence, property ownership, employment, political rights and inheritance).

Relevant UNDAF Priority Area Outcome:

Priority Area 1: Improved governance, including protection of human rights.

Outcome 1.3: Iraq has an improved legal and operational Rule of Law framework for administration and access to justice.

Priority Area 5: Investment in human capital and empowerment of women, youth and children.

Outcome 5.1: The Iraqi state has improved knowledge, attitude and practices regarding the roles and rights of women, youth and children in line with international conventions, the Iraqi Constitution and legislation.

Outcome 5.5: The Iraqi state has institutionalized preventive and protective mechanisms to combat gender-based violence.

UNDP Country Programme Outcome 2:

Enhanced rule of law, protection and respect for human rights in line with international standards.

Outputs, Key activities and Procurement

<p>Outputs</p>	<p>Output 1: Policy and legislative reform supported for improved access to justice for gender based violence (GBV) survivors. Output 2: Enhanced law enforcement response to combating GBV and supporting GBV survivors and victims of trafficking. Output 3: National institutions strengthened to undertake social and economic empowerment and protection of GBV survivors.</p>
<p>Activities</p>	<p>Output 1: Policy and legislative reform supported for improved access to justice for GBV survivors.</p> <p>1.1 Central Government and Kurdistan Regional Government are provided with legislative and policy support for improved family protection and law enforcement.</p> <p>1.1.1 Specific advice and training for the core working group on how to address violence against women and children and victims of trafficking provided.</p> <p>1.1.2 Support the promotion and activities of committee 80 to ensure their impact on the legislative reform in moving forward the agenda of family support, justice and security.</p> <p>1.1.3 Support the core working group in the development of action plans and annual work and budget plans to further strategy on family support, justice and security.</p> <p>1.1.4 Support awareness raising activities to promote the KRG strategy and to ensure their impact and moving forward the agenda of family support, justice and security.</p> <p>1.2 Child Welfare Commission is supported with the development of Child Protection Policy.</p> <p>Output 2 Enhanced law enforcement response to combating GBV and supporting GBV survivors and victims of trafficking.</p> <p>2.1 Central Government and Kurdistan Regional government are supported with the referral mechanism for the new Family Protection Directorates, police support units and CSOs .</p> <p>2.1.1 Targeted training for Police from the Central Government and the Kurdistan Region. Training focuses on SOPs on how to run Family Protection Units (including study tours).</p> <p>2.1.2 Empowerment of female police officers working in the newly established Directorates through targeted training courses and increased awareness.</p> <p>2.1.3 Support the establishment of victim support units in police stations (Baghdad) to act as referral centres for the established Family Protection Directorates.</p> <p>2.1.4 Develop/adapt training material on combating violence against women and children for police officers and social workers working in Directorates to ensure continuous training and sustainability.</p> <p>2.1.5 Linkages developed between the Directorates and the criminal courts in their areas to ensure chain of evidence, i.e. testimony, preservation of physical evidence, necessary for successful prosecution - work with Criminal Court and the Social Research Department staff for capacity building in following up and handling cases.</p> <p>2.1.6 Develop advocacy strategy highlighting the role of family support, justice and security.</p> <p>2.1.7 Assess performance and impact of Directorates.</p> <p>2.1.8 Organize multi-stakeholder workshops to disseminate lessons.</p> <p>2.1.9 Support the development of an effective data base for newly established Directorates (design and training).</p>

2.2 Relevant service providers have an enhanced capacity to deal with GBV cases.

2.2.1 Training for police, in particular female police officers, in interview techniques, investigations, forensics, chain of evidence, and how specifically to process cases of violence against women and children.

2.2.2 Trainings and advocacy for Ministry staff, Parliamentary staff, judges, lawyers and judicial staff on gender sensitive/human rights based approach methodology to addressing violence against women and children in relation to the workings of the Family Protection Directorates.

2.2.3 Organize awareness raising workshops on combating violence against women and children and the link with human rights and the rule of law. Encourage target groups to participate in policy reviews and improved legislative frameworks.

2.2.4 Trainings for health care workers, i.e. medical staff, counsellors, psychologists, on dealing with victims of violence. This includes developing of referrals protocols that will support the implementation of the CVAW programme and link up with the Directorates.

2.2.7 Organize trainings on the revised JTI and Police Academy curricula and train ToTs in the respective rule of law institutions on GBV and role of FPDs.

2.3 NGOs working on providing legal aid have an enhanced capacity on family protection and violence prevention.

2.3.1 Initial mapping and capacity assessment of NGOs providing legal aid nationwide to victims of violence. This includes the Iraqi Bar Association.

2.3.2. Support establishment of an effective referral system linking NGOs with Directorates and prosecution services which includes provision of financial and logistical support to NGOs offering legal aid to victims of all forms of GBV.

2.4. Relevant NGOs have an enhanced capacity on child protection issues

Output 3: National institutions strengthened to undertake social and economic empowerment and protection of GBV survivors.

3.1 Development of shelter policy to the development of shelter policy at central and KRG level supported, participation of civil society ensured.

3.1.1 Policy advice and technical support given on shelter policy in both Central Level and the Kurdistan Region and the development of plan of action.

3.1.2 Develop a policy framework based on a situational analysis to facilitate the reintegration of shelter clients back into the community.

3.2 Female shelters and safe houses supported through institutional strengthening and capacity development.

3.2.1 Mapping of NGOs providing shelter or refuges to victims of violence, including advocacy and workshops.

3.2.2 Support to existing NGO managed shelters for victims of violence including a national conference for lessons learned.

3.2.3 Capacity building provided to shelter staff on management, budgets, resource mobilization, etc.

3.2.4 Develop/adapt training material on working with victims of violence for shelter staff (also to GoI).

3.2.5 Specialized training provided to shelter staff on dealing with victims of violence.

3.3 NGOs offering shelter support to women strengthened to provide referral support.

3.3.1 Provision of capacity building, financial and logistical support to NGOs providing

	support to women and women victim of violence that can act as referral centres. 3.3.2 Develop linkages with on-going UNCT economic empowerment/private sector development programs.
Procurement	Too early in the life cycle of the project.

Tranche funding for the project through the UNDAF Trust Fund

Funds Committed	USD 64,385.00	% of approved	5.5%
Funds Disbursed	USD 439,233.00	% of approved	37.9%
Forecast final date	30 March 2015	Delay (months)	0

Quantitative achievements against objectives and results

Output 1 Policy and legislative reform supported for improved access to justice for GBV survivors	- Consolidated comments are provided to Expert Committee on the draft Domestic Violence Bill. - 2 meetings held with the MOLSA, mandated Ministry, Inspector General and ToRs shared to establish Shelter Working Group. - Strategic meeting held in KRG and inter-ministerial committee established to follow up on shelter policy in KRG.	25%
Output 2 Enhanced law enforcement response to combating GBV and supporting GBV survivors and victims of trafficking.	- Training of Trainer on GBV and DV was organised in Erbil as result, 17 national trainers out of which were 6 female trainers. - Draft training materials on GBV and DV are developed and shared with trainers for inputs and comments. - Three meetings are held with INL, EUJUSTLEX, UNAMI Police Advisors, and as a result training strategy for FPU's and Police have been developed.	25%
Output 3 National institutions strengthened to undertake social and economic empowerment and protection of GBV survivors.	- On going consultation, and technical advisory support to facilitate the adoption of shelter policy in KRG. - Ongoing consultations with MOLSA and MOWA on establishing a shelter working group.	20%

Qualitative achievements against objectives and results

<p>This project has evolved out of UNDP core resources which initiated as a response to gender based violence. The earlier work as a start-up project will be built upon within this 36 month project.</p> <p>The summary below outlines the key achievements during the reporting period of time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNDP continued to provide technical advisory support to the draft Domestic Violence Bill. Expert opinions and comments were provided and incorporated to the draft bill and regular follow up with the Experts Committee is ongoing to ensure that the law is submitted to the Council of Representatives early 2013. As a result final draft will be submitted by the Ministry of Woman Affairs to Shura Council during the fourth quarter of 2012. • On shelter policy, UNDP supported the development of the Shelter policy in the Kurdistan Region, comments have been shared with the shelter inter-ministerial committee in the Kurdistan Regional Government. • At Federal level, UNDP continued to facilitate discussions on shelter policy with Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (MOLSA), Ministry of Woman Affairs and Family Protection Units (FPU). As a result the Minister of Woman Affairs agreed to discuss the formation of an expert's working group with Minister of MOLSA. The working group will explore the possibilities of using the newly adopted Anti-trafficking law, as entry point to develop a shelter policy. Please note that the Anti-trafficking law stipulates the establishments of shelter for victims of trafficking. UNDP
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continues to follow up and support the work of the two legal aid help desks in Dahouk and Erbil. The total number of cases received by the legal aid help desks, during the third quarter of 2012 , are 538 cases -- out of which are 442 legal consultations and 96 legal representations.

- UNDP through national project officers continues to follow up on the work of the FPU's at federal and regional level. A total of 1,099 cases have been received by all FPU's nationwide, out of which 446 cases have been resolved at FPU's, 116 cases have been referred to court, 105 cases have been finalized by the courts, and 537 are processing in courts.

- During the second quarter of 2012 UNDP organised a training of trainers targeting 17, out of which six were female, cadres from Judiciary, lawyers, social workers, Central Statistics Office or Civil Society Organisations (CSO) and FPU staff. Continuing in this work and to ensure the sustainability of the training, training materials have been developed in close consultations with the trainers, comments have been provided and incorporated, upon the finalization of the training materials UNDP will assist the development of training work-plan. Work commenced on achieving this and it will be finalized during the Q4 of the project. Ongoing consultation on developing the training curriculum for Police College in Baghdad and KR has taken place during the third quarter of 2012. UNDP held series of meetings with INL, EUJUSTLEX, UNICEF, and UNAMI Police Advisors. These meetings resulted in a consensus upon the approach to trainings.