

**United Nations Development Group UNDAF Trust Fund**  
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Participating UN Organisation: UNDP	Priority Area One: Governance and Human Rights
Government of Iraq – Responsible Line Ministry:	The Iraqi Commission of Integrity

<b>Title</b>	Enhancing Transparent Participatory Governance and Human Rights				
<b>Geo. Location</b>	Nationwide				
<b>Project Cost</b>	USD 3,091,526 <sup>1</sup> in two tranche. Project presently received tranche one for USD 1,574,585				
<b>Duration</b>	24 months				
<b>SC Approval Date</b>	05/04/2012	<b>Starting Date</b>	16/05/2012	<b>Completion Date</b>	16/05/2014
<b>Project Description</b>	UNDP in close consultation with national counterparts will undertake a series of interlinked and complementary interventions within a programmatic framework that aims to promote transparent participatory governance and strengthen human rights in Iraq. The framework has four outputs focusing on strengthening human rights and transparency through participatory governance mechanisms. First, to support the mandate and organizational structure of the Human Rights Commission, including the establishment of sub-national commissions. Second, to provide long term institutional development of the Human Rights Commission and its outreach capabilities through participatory governance mechanisms. Third, combat corruption through the promotion of accountability, integrity and transparency at all levels of government and civil society. This involves support to the roll-out of the Government of Iraq’s National Anti-Corruption Strategy, to strengthen the capacities of key parliamentary committees, to address corruption issues, to enhance engagement of civil society organisations and media in addressing corruption and to provide technical support for the establishment of a new KRG Commission of Integrity and KRG Board of Supreme Audit. Fourth, to utilise civil society organisations to promote participatory and transparent governance which includes financial and technical support to civil society organisations to enhance their engagement with parliament.				

**Development Goal and Immediate Objectives**

<b>UNDAF: Priority 1</b>	: Improved Governance, including the protection of human rights.
<b>Priority Outcome 1.4</b>	: The Iraqi State has more efficient, accountable and participatory governance at national and sub-national levels.
<b>UNDP CPAP: Outcome 3:</b>	Strengthened regulatory frameworks, institutions and processes in place for accountable, transparent and participatory governance at national and local levels.
Output 1:	The Iraq Human Rights Commission has enhanced capacity to execute its mandate.
Output 2:	Iraq has a national platform for an expanded human rights dialogue.
Output 3:	The Iraqi state is able to promote and undertake governance process in an accountable and transparent manner.
Output 4:	Civil society organisations have enhanced capacity to engage with parliament and relevant parliamentary committees on policy issues.

<sup>1</sup> Funding for the project will be through two tranche. The total amount committed to this project by the UNDAF Trust Fund is USD 3,091,526.

The first tranche has been released in the amount of USD 1,574,585 which is reflecting in the table below until the remaining second tranche is received by UNDP.

At the time of receipt of the second tranche for the amount of USD 1,516,941 this section will be adapted to reflect full project funds.

## Outputs, Key Activities and Procurement

*Note: Activities are in relation to section 4 page 10 of the project document*

<b>Output 1</b>	<b>1. The Iraq Human Rights Commission has enhanced capacity to execute its mandate.</b>
Activities	1.1 The Iraq High Commission for Human Rights has the organisational structure to function effectively. 1.2 The Iraq High Commission for Human Rights has technically competent staff 1.3 Subnational Iraq High Commission for Human Rights entities established.
<b>Output 2</b>	<b>2. Iraq has a national platform for an expanded human rights dialogue.</b>
Activities	2.6 A national dialogue on human rights supported. 2.7 Awareness raised on human rights issues and ways to protect these rights 2.8 The Iraq High Commission for Human Rights capacity to reach out and clarify work and mandate enhanced.
<b>Output 3</b>	<b>3. The Iraqi state is able to promote and undertake governance process in an accountable and transparent manner.</b>
Activities	3.4 The CoR capacity in undertaking accountability oversight functions increased 3.5 The KRG plans for a Commission of Integrity in place. 3.6 The KRG's Board of Supreme Audit capacity enhanced. 3.7 An investigative journalism curriculum developed and in place.
<b>Output 4</b>	<b>4. Civil society organisations have enhanced capacity to engage with parliament and relevant parliamentary committees on policy issues.</b>
Activities	4.6 Iraqi CSOs and independent media capacity to hold the government to account in the areas of human rights, corruption and service delivery strengthened. 4.7 Interface between relevant parliamentary committees and CSOs on issues of human rights, corruption and service delivery enhanced. 4.8a Advocacy and awareness-raising on corruption issues enhanced. 4.8b Implementation of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy through partnership with CSOs and independent media implemented. 4.9 Donor coordination on civil society issues in Iraq enhanced.
<b>Procurement</b>	

<b>Funds Committed in the 1<sup>st</sup> Tranche</b>	USD 0	<b>% of approved</b>	0%
<b>Funds Disbursed in the 1<sup>st</sup> Tranche</b>	USD 0	<b>% of approved</b>	0%
<b>Forecast final date</b>	June 2014	<b>Delay (months)</b>	0

<b>Quantitative achievements against objectives and results</b>		<b>% of planned</b>
Output 1: The Iraq Human Rights Commission has enhanced capacity to execute its mandate.	First project quarter preparatory activities initiated.	10%
Output 2: Iraq has a national platform for an expanded human rights dialogue.	First project quarter preparatory activities initiated.	2%
Output 3: The Iraqi state is able to promote and undertake governance process in an accountable and transparent manner.	First project quarter preparatory activities initiated.	5%
Output 4: Civil society organisations have enhanced capacity to engage with parliament and relevant parliamentary committees on policy issues.	First project quarter preparatory activities initiated.	5%

### Qualitative achievements against objectives and results

#### **Output 1: The Iraq Human Rights Commission has enhanced capacity to execute its mandate.**

- UNDP organized a workshop with experts from South Africa, Morocco, Iraq Council of Representatives and UNOHCHR to facilitate and assist the establishment of the organisational structure of the Commission.

- This workshop resulted in the structure of the Iraq High Commission for Human Rights at the Federal and Governorate levels being adopted during the quarter.
- Vision and Mission Statements adopted by Commissioners.
- The Government of Iraq allocated 4 billion ID for the 2012 budget of the Iraq High Commission for Human Rights
- Financial support to the mobilization of two experts; a financial expert and an administrative expert who will both support and facilitate the 2012 allocation and prepare a budget for 2013.
- Draft regulatory framework under discussion by Commissioners.
- Draft strategic action-plan under discussion by Commissioners.
- Two UNDP staff and two UNAMI HRO staff providing continuous support to the Commissioners and facilitate regular meetings.

***Output 2: Iraq has a national platform for an expanded human rights dialogue.***

- Nothing to report.

***Output 3: The Iraqi state is able to promote and undertake governance process in an accountable and transparent manner.***

- TORs are developed for the needs assessment task for the KRG-Board of Supreme Audit.
- TORs are developed and technical evaluation conducted for the establishment of the KRG-Commission of Integrity.
- TORs for the support to the Parliament Committees are developed.
- Undergoing discussions with Baghdad University/ Media College to develop curriculum and training on investigative journalism.
- Recruitment is underway to identify a specialized firm is to develop curriculum and provide training on investigative journalism anticipated to initiate early 2013.

***Output 4: Civil society organisations have enhanced capacity to engage with parliament and relevant parliamentary committees on policy issues.***

- Awareness Raising Campaign on the National Anti-Corruption Strategy has a specialist on board. Training materials and the training programme are under development for the anti-corruption campaign. Implementation is anticipated to be conducted early 2013.
- CSO granting mechanism designed in consultation with parliamentary Civil Society Committee and civil society. A final consultation round on the CSO Grant Guidelines has been prepared and will take place next quarter.
- A pre-qualification exercise for interested NGOs in the areas of promotion of adequate service delivery, anti-corruption and human and civil rights has been launched with 55 NGO applications received.
- A CSO Grant Selection Committee has been formed and has initiated the first evaluation phase.
- Technical support to CSO project proposal development and project implementation as well as for project monitoring & evaluation and knowledge management is under contracting process for an initiation of activities during the 4th quarter of 2012.
- An informal Advisory Committee regrouping main donors (Denmark, Norway and Sweden) engaged in supporting Civil Society in Iraq has been formed and met for the first time in June. The EU has also expressed interest in joining this donor coordination mechanism in the future.