

## United Nations Development Group UNDAF Trust Fund

**Project #:81967: P1-01**

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**Participating UN Organisation: UNDP & UNOPS      Priority Area: Governance & Human Rights**  
**Government of Iraq – Responsible Line Ministry:      CSO Committee of the Council of Representatives**

<b>Title</b>	Empowering CSOs in Iraq				
<b>Geo. Location</b>	Nationwide for the capacity building of CSOs under UNDP; The KRG Compact work under UNOPS is only for KRG.				
<b>Project Cost</b>	Total Cost USD 3,237,419 <b>USD 2,221,818 from UNDAF Trust Fund for UNDP component</b> USD 1,015,601 from DANIDA, for UNOPS component (please refer to note below)				
<b>Duration</b>	18 months				
<b>Approval Date (SC)</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> January 2012	<b>Starting Date</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> March 2012	<b>Completion Date</b>	12.09.2013 extended to 30.06.2014
<b>Project Description</b>	UNDP and UNOPS will support CSOs to effectively monitor Government's compliance with due process and transparency. UNDP through UNDAF Trust Fund will build the capacity of chosen CSOs to hold the Government accountable in the areas of Service Delivery, Corruption, Human Rights and Civil Rights. Through encouraging CSOs to form consortia the project will transfer know-how whilst working on concrete issues. The Project will contribute to opening up permanent and sustainable channels between CSOs and Government to interface and advocate that the voices of civil society are heard and taken into account in relation to public policymaking. The partnership with UNOPS will build on existing strong relationships with the KRG, Kurdistan Parliament and Kurdistan Region civil society.				

**Note:** This project is composed of two separate components. The UNDP component, Output 2 is funded under the UNDAF Trust Fund. The UNOPS component, Output 1 is bilaterally funded by DANIDA to UNOPS and respectively UNOPS will report directly to DANIDA. **This report therefore covers the UNDP portion Output 2 of the Project Document.**

### Development Goal and Immediate Objectives

**UNDAF Outcome 1.1:** The Iraqi state has a more inclusive and participatory political process reflecting improved national dialogue.

The Project contributes to the following **UNDAF priority areas**:

- Priority 1: Improved governance, including protection of human rights.
- Priority 4: Increased access to quality essential services.
- Priority 5: Investment in human capital and empowerment of women, youth and children.

The Project contributes to **UNDP Iraq's Country Programme Outcome 1:** Enhanced rule of law, protection and respect for human rights in line with international standards.

The project is being implemented in full alignment with work being done by other UN agencies as well as the Human Rights Office.

### Outputs, Key activities and Procurement

<b>Outputs</b>	Output 1: Government is supported to facilitate free engagement of CSOs in development and reconciliation processes. <i>UNOPS reports bilaterally to DANIDA on this component.</i>  <b>Output 2: CSOs have an enhanced capacity to promote citizen oversight mechanisms.</b> <i>UNDP component</i>
<b>Output</b>	<b>Activities</b>
<b>Output 2: CSOs have an</b>	<b>UNDP Component: Output 2 which is reflected in this report</b> 2.1 CSO Mapping

<b>enhanced capacity to promote citizen oversight mechanisms</b>	2.2 Preparatory Workshop with CSOs on the Call for Proposals process 2.3 Drafting of Calls for Proposals Guidelines 2.4 Establishing the Evaluation Committee 2.5 Eligibility check of applicants 2.6 Evaluation of Concept notes 2.7 Discussion with successful applicants for the development of the full proposal 2.8 Evaluation of full proposals 2.9 Contract negotiation and contracting 2.10 Establish an online community of practice 2.11 Arrange for Community of practice live workshop half way through project cycle. 2.12 Monitoring and Evaluation 2.13 Programme Evaluation
Output 1: Government is supported to facilitate free engagement of CSOs in development and reconciliation processes.	Bilaterally reported to DANIDA  <b>UNOPS Component: Output 1</b> 1.1 Conduct awareness activities targeting representatives of public authorities and civil society 1.2 Drafting of the base policy Compact document by technical experts at the start of the programme 1.3 Planning/strategy meeting between representatives of the KRG authorities and civil society 1.4 Papers prepared and disseminated among various stakeholders on the relevant topic and how they can relate to the situation in Iraq 1.5 Study tour takes place 1.6 Conduct training of trainers for civil society activists and representatives of the KRG parliaments and subsequent cascade trainings 1.7 Consultations of the draft document among civil society organizations in the KRG Iraq carried out through meetings and media. 1.8 Conduct consultations of the draft document between representatives of Civil Society and KRG parliament 1.9 Adoption of the policy agreement between the KRG parliament and civil society 1.10 Final conference announcing adoption of the document, preferably organized at the KRG parliament
<b>Procurement (major items)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical support entities</li> <li>• Trainers and facilitators</li> <li>• CSO grants (for non-credit related activities)</li> </ul>

<b>Funds Committed</b>	USD 199,425 (total expenditure + open purchase orders)	<b>% of approved budget</b> <b>% of received funds (1,048,195 USD)</b>	8.97% 19.06%
<b>Funds Disbursed</b>	USD 197,940	<b>% of approved budget</b> <b>% of received funds(1,048,195 USD)</b>	8.90% 18.88%
<b>Forecast final date</b>	June 2014	<b>Delay (months)</b>	9

### Quantitative achievements against objectives and results

<b>Output 2:</b> CSOs have an enhanced capacity to promote citizen oversight mechanisms.	2.2 Preparatory Workshop with CSOs on the Call for Proposals process 2.3 Drafting of Calls for Proposals Guidelines 2.4 Establishing the Evaluation Committee 2.5 Eligibility check of applicants 2.6 Evaluation of Concept notes 2.7 Discussion with successful applicants for the development of the full proposal	100% 100% 100% 100% 100% 50%
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## Qualitative achievements against objectives and results

UNDP UNDAF Trust Fund component

### **Output 2: CSOs have an enhanced capacity to promote citizen oversight mechanisms.**

- The first CSO evaluation phase (the pre-qualification phase) has been finalized with 25 CSO applications retained out of 54 received. The Grant Selection Committee evaluating the proposals was comprised by UNDP and UNOPS staff and counted with a representative from the CSO parliamentary Committee as an observer.
- The 25 pre-qualified CSOs attended the preparatory CSO Grants Guidelines workshop that was held on 8 November 2012 at the Parliament. This workshop led to the finalization of the Guidelines based on the feedback obtained from the CSOs. Participants appreciated the open consultation process and learning opportunity.
- The second CSO evaluation phase (the concept note phase) has been finalized with 15 Concept Notes retained out of 23 received. The Grant Selection Committee found the general application quality was satisfactory although it confirmed the need for further CSO capacity building efforts. In total, 53 CSOs form the 15 CSO Consortia that are running for the grant award, with an even geographic coverage of Iraq and balanced distribution over the three thematic areas (including gender focused projects).
- The third CSO evaluation phase (the project proposal phase) was initiated with 15 CSO consortia preparing for submission on 3 February 2013. Coaching activities have initiated in January 2013.
- The contracting of technical assistance support to CSO project proposal development and project implementation was finalized with the firm CLIC Inc. being awarded (Canadian-Lebanese partnership). Work was initiated with administrative support to the Concept Note evaluation process and preparations for the CSO project proposal coaching and CSO capacity assessment.
- A Request for Proposals for monitoring services for CSO project implementation has been issued, the company will be awarded early 2013.
- The first Project Board meeting took place in Baghdad on 5 December 2013, with the attendance of UNDP Country Director, a representative of the CSO parliamentary Committee and other relevant UNDP staff. The progress made in 2012 and plans for 2013 were appreciated and approved by the Board without major comments.