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**APPROVAL OF PROGRAMME REVISION
REQUEST (A) - UNESCO**

Project Number:	P1-05
Project Title:	Iraq Public Modernisation Programme – Phase II
Participating Agency:	UNESCO
Project Start Date:	1 January 2013
Project End Date:	31 December 2014

Type of Programme /project variation requested

- Extension of project duration
 Movement of funds between project budget components **UNESCO**
 Change of project scope

SCSO Comments:

The Iraq UNDAF Fund budget for this programme is US\$17,845,412 and UNESCO budget under the programme is US\$2,227,228 of which US\$910,563 (41%) is committed, and US\$ 652,590 (29%) is disbursed.

Background

The Iraq Public Sector Modernization programme has four main themes: 1) developing policy and building machinery at the centre of government for managing Public Sector Modernisation (PSM); 2) piloting reform in three key sectors of health, education and water and sanitation (WATSAN); 3) supporting system-wide reform for gender mainstreaming, e-governance, national statistics and development management, and 4) supporting decentralised service delivery and local governance initiatives.



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A. Request for Budget Revision (UNESCO)

UNESCO is requesting movement of funds as follows

- Increase in staff and other related costs by \$200,000 (20%)
- Decrease in Contractual Services budget line by \$125,000 (15%)
- Decrease in travel by \$75,000 (43%)

Justification

UNESCO is requesting a movement of funds from "travel" and "Contractual Services" budget lines to "Staff and other related costs" budget line for the following reasons

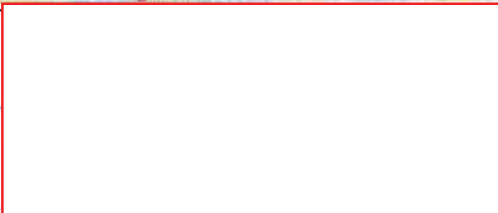
- The availability of additional funding to cover travel cost of government officials (for training workshops organized outside Baghdad) under the parallel funding agreement established with the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research for the Iraqi Public Sector Modernisation programme will allow UNESCO to focus on the provision of technical assistance through the mobilization of UNESCO technical expertise for capacity development programme
- Due to the difficulty in bringing staff from UNESCO specialized institutes such as the UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning(IIEP) to Baghdad, part of the funds originally allocated to contract IIEP under the "Contractual Service" budget line will be utilized to contract to individual experts under "Staff and Other related costs "budget line

SCSO Recommendations:

SCSO recommends approval of UNESCO budget revision

Approval of Co-Chair – Iraq
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