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Participating UN Organisation: UNDP                      Sector: 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>Geographic Location</b>	Nationwide				
<b>Project Cost</b>	USD 3,091,526 <sup>1</sup> received in two tranches.				
<b>Duration</b>	30 months				
<b>Approval Date (SC)</b>	5 April 2012	<b>Starting Date</b>	15 May 2012	<b>Completion Date</b>	31 December 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.				

<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 above until the remaining second tranche is received by UNDP. The second tranche request is under preparation.

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.

## Development Goal and Immediate Objectives

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

## 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	<p>1.1 The Iraq High Commission for Human Rights has the organisational structure to function effectively.</p> <p>1.2 The Iraq High Commission for Human Rights has technically competent staff.</p> <p>1.3 Subnational Iraq High Commission for Human Rights entities established.</p>
<b>Output 2</b>	<b>2. Iraq has a national platform for an expanded human rights dialogue.</b>
Activities	<p>2.6 A national dialogue on human rights supported.</p> <p>2.7 Awareness raised on human rights issues and ways to protect these rights</p> <p>2.8 The Iraq High Commission for Human Rights capacity to reach out and clarify work and mandate enhanced.</p>
<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	<p>3.1 The CoR capacity in undertaking accountability oversight functions increased.</p> <p>3.2 The KRG plans for a Commission of Integrity in place.</p> <p>3.3 The KRG's Board of Supreme Audit capacity enhanced.</p> <p>3.4 An investigative journalism curriculum developed and in place.</p>
<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	<p>4.1 Iraqi CSOs and independent media capacity to hold the government to account in the areas of human rights, corruption and service delivery strengthened.</p> <p>4.2 Interface between relevant parliamentary committees and CSOs on issues of human rights, corruption and service delivery enhanced.</p> <p>4.3a Advocacy and awareness-raising on corruption issues enhanced.</p>

	4.3b Implementation of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy through partnership with CSOs and independent media implemented. 4.4 Donor coordination on civil society issues in Iraq enhanced.
<b>Procurement (major items)</b>	

<b>Funds Committed</b>	<b>TOTAL 2,690,319.38: USD</b> Human Rights: 983,152.43  Anti-corruption: 1,381,249.5  CSO: 325,917.45	<b>% of total funds from both 1<sup>st</sup> tranche and 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche (USD) 3,091,526</b>	87.02%
<b>Funds Disbursed</b>	<b>TOTAL 1,859,877.12: USD</b> Human Rights: 825,744.01  Anti-corruption: 770,401.00  CSO: 263,732.11	<b>% of funds from both 1<sup>st</sup> tranche and second tranche (USD) 3,091,526</b>	60.16 %
<b>Forecast final date</b>	December 2014	<b>Delay (months)</b>	6

The project is progressing well towards the expected results, taking into account the security and political situation in Iraq, UNDP managed to achieve significant progress and tangible results on ground. The current security, political, the delay in the formation of the newly elected government and humanitarian challenges Iraq continues to constitute major challenge to the implementation of all projects and programmes. This situation resulted in the delay of the implementation of activities, namely, those which required approval and endorsement by the Government. Therefore UNDP has submitted a second no-cost extension for approval to UNDAF Steering Committee to ensure that proper consultations are taking place between the national counterparts and UNDP, as well as organising ensure that project will achieve it's the expected results and have positive impact on ground.

### Quantitative achievements against objectives and results

<p>Output 1 The Iraq Human Rights Commission has enhanced capacity to execute its mandate.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continued support to the enhancing the capacity of the IHCHR on investigation of human rights violations, report writing and development of the outreach strategy.</li> <li>- Consultations and preparation for Training on different field related to Human Rights.</li> </ul>	<p><b>% of planned</b></p>	<p>90%</p>
<p>Output 2 Iraq has a national platform for an expanded human rights dialogue.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Strengthening the SURGE capacity of the IBHR in KRG to timely respond to the Humanitarian Crisis in KRG.</li> <li>- Finalizing the support to the of the Human Rights Civil Society Advisory Board.</li> <li>- Establishment of Gender Coordination working group to support the work of the IHCHR.</li> </ul>	<p><b>% of planned</b></p>	<p>90%</p>
<p>Output 3 The Iraqi state is able to promote and undertake governance process in an accountable and transparent manner.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The CoR capacity in undertaking accountability oversight functions has increased.</li> <li>- The Kurdistan Region plans for a Commission of Integrity are in place.</li> <li>- The Kurdistan Region Board of Supreme Audit capacity has been enhanced.</li> <li>- An investigative journalism curriculum has been developed and is in place.</li> </ul>	<p><b>% of planned</b></p>	<p>80%</p>
<p>Output 4 Civil society organisations have enhanced capacity to engage with parliament and relevant parliamentary committees on policy issues.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Call for nomination of CSOs r Representatives followed by online voting process to identify the membership for the Human Rights Advisory Board.</li> <li>-Regular meetings to organize the launching of the Human Rights Advisory Board.</li> <li>- Organisation and preparation for a workshop on Anti-corruption targeting 14 CSOs.</li> </ul>	<p><b>% of planned</b></p>	<p>90%</p>

## **Qualitative achievements against objectives and results**

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

On 6 June 2014, UNDP recruited Human Rights Expert to support the development of the outreach strategy, strengthen the investigation and the reporting capacity of the IHCHR commissioners and core staff. As a result of this support training on investigation of Human Rights Violations, report writing, the development of outreach strategy is planned to take place on 11 to 16 October 2014 in Amman with support of the Human Rights Centre in Jordan. It is anticipated that as result of this training an outreach strategy will be developed and adopted as well as an outreach office established within the IHCHR and IBHR.

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

UNDP has continued to provide technical advisory support to the establishment of the Human Rights Advisory Board. Through recruitment of a CSOs expert, 19 members have been nominated and voted for by CSOs to form the Governing Body of the Human Rights Advisory Board. An official launching of this mechanism will take place during the Q4 of the project period.

#### At Kurdistan Regional level:

UNDP continued to support the timely and efficient responds to the IDP and Refugees humanitarian crisis in KRG, UNDP supported the recruitment of an additional two staff impeded within the structure of the IBHR to monitor the IDP and the refugees' situation in KRG. The findings of this monitoring will be shared with the relevant Regional Government institution and the Federal one to support immediate humanitarian assistances of the targeted populations.

UNDP, as part of its support to promote Human Rights at Regional level, is recruiting a Human Rights expert to assist the revision of the organisational structure of the regional IBHR in line with Paris Principles. A strategy to create linkages with the National Human Rights Institution will be developed by the same expert. It is expected that a new organisational structure will be proposed to the Senior management for endorsement and adoption.

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

#### ***The Kurdistan Region plans in place for its forthcoming Commission of Integrity***

- Continues support is provided through technical advices from UNDP to the Kurdistan Region Commission of Integrity during the quarter.

***The capacity of the KRG's Board of Supreme Audit enhanced with the Needs Assessment completed and a Medium to Long Term Strategy for development presented***

- Discussions are ongoing with the KRG's Board of Supreme Audit on addressing and implementing the results of need assessment conducted earlier.

***The partners for Investigative Journalism defined and curriculum development initiating***

- Following the advertisement placed by the project, a specialised consultancy firm in investigative journalism (CLIC consultants) was appointed through a normal procurement process.
- The CLIC consultants started by researching the needs of the Iraqi's universities on academic level relevant to investigative journalism, similarly they assessed the professional requirement on the topic.
- CLIC consultant developed outlines on investigative journalism at academic level and professional level. These outlines were discussed with the universities and the Anti Cor. Acc to insure that it fulfilled the requirements.
- Based on the agreed outlines, CLIC started developing two curricula, one aimed at university level (ie, academic level), and the second is for existing journalists/ reporters with keen interest and investigative journalism.
- It is anticipated that these curricula will be finalized in Q4, 2014.

***Support MP's and staff from targeted committees for effective follow up on cases of administrative and financial corruption.***

- Procurement procedures have started to recruit a consultant to conduct a need assessment on the federal and Kurdistan council of representatives – the integrity committee and the legal committee
- It is anticipated that this activity will start in Q4, 2014.
- during this quarter, and in line with the United Nation convention against corruption, the Asset recovery was discussed with CSOs and NGOs as a mean to raise awareness amongst the general public through a series of meeting with 16 different CSOs and NGOs from 14 different governorates a plan is getting developed to conduct awareness sessions to advocate and promote the role of CSOs and Asset recovery to minimize its impact on society.

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

Support continued to the establishment of the Human Rights Advisory Board. Subsequent to the Launching of the call for Expression of Interest for NGOs working on in the field of Human Rights issues in Iraq, which has been launched during the Q2 reporting period of time, UNDP received the nomination and facilitate an online voting process to complete the identification of the Governing Body that will constitute the leadership for the Human Rights Advisory Board. 19 CSOs representatives have been voted for as members to the governing Body. It is anticipated that UNDP will officially and publicly launch the results of this voting procedure, this will take place during the Q4 of the project period and will conclude the establishment of the Advisory Board for Human Rights.

On the Anti-corruption support, through this output and during the reporting period of time, UNDP has commenced the preparation for the Anti-corruption workshop which supposed to be held on 12 to 14 Oct. 2014 in Baghdad. The purpose of this workshop is to provide platform for peer-review of the small grants disbursed to 11 CSOs to enable them to carry out activities promoting Anti-corruption and Transparency culture in Iraq. UNDP will provide more detailed report on this activity during the Q4 Reporting period.

#### *Challenges and Constraints*

The recent eruption of conflict in North, Centre and South Iraq which resulted in major Humanitarian Crisis, coupled with the formation of the newly elected Government of Iraq, have impacted the implementation of the four outputs of the project. The nomination of the new cabinet and the Council of Representatives hindered regular interaction between Counterparts with UNDP project staff and implanting partners. Now with formation of the Iraqi Government and the establishment of the COR committees it is expected that the project components will be timely and efficiently implemented.