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IRAQ TRUST FUND**

**ANNUAL PROGRAMME<sup>1</sup> NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT**

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<p><b>Programme No: F8-10</b> <b>MDTF Office Atlas No:</b> <b>Programme Title:</b> Strengthening Protection and Justice for Children and Young People in Iraq</p>	<p><b>Participating Organization(s):</b> UNICEF (lead) UNFPA UNAMI HRO</p>
<p><b>Implementing Partners:</b> Government: Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, High Judicial Council, Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Human Rights</p>	<p><b>Programme Budget (from the Fund):</b> <i>UNDG ITF: \$3,000,000</i> UNICEF : \$2,000,000 UNFPA : \$1,000,000 Agency Core UNICEF – US \$ 95,000 UNFPA – US \$ 100,000</p>
<p><b>Programme Duration (in months):</b> Total # of months: 24 months Expected Start date: 01 July 2009 Expected End date: 30 June 2011</p>	

<sup>1</sup> The term “programme” is used for programmes, joint programmes and projects.

<sup>2</sup> E.g. Priority Area for the Peacebuilding Fund; Thematic Window for the Millennium Development Goals Fund (MDG-F); etc.

## **NARRATIVE REPORT FORMAT**

### **I. Purpose**

- Provide the main outputs and outcomes/objectives of the programme.

The developmental goal is to strengthen the GoI's capacity to improve the Juvenile Justice system and increase children and young people's access to justice and protection.

Key immediate objectives are:

1. Improved functioning of the juvenile justice system in Iraq,
2. Increased capacities of key duty bearers to provide legal, judicial and reintegration services to children and young people in contact with the law, and
3. Increased capacities of families and communities in six governorates to protect and prevent children from getting into contact with the law.

Expected outputs:

- 1.1. GoI has reliable information to address needs and gaps in the Juvenile Justice system.
- 1.2. Capacities of families and communities in six governorates increased to protect and prevent children from getting into contact with the law.
- 1.3. Improved capacities of 100 key duty bearers in managing and monitoring detention facilities and reformatories.
- 1.4. Increased capacities of families and communities to provide care, protection and diversion services
- 1.5. Enhanced capacity of 400 duty bearers to provide better legal, judicial, rehabilitation and reintegration services to children and young people.
- 1.6. 300 Reformatory staff have an enhanced capacity to provide follow up services and reintegration assistance to children and adolescents.

- Explain how the Programme relates to the Strategic (UN) Planning Framework guiding the operations of the Fund.

UN Assistance Strategy for Iraq: The project is fully in line with the 2005-2007 UN Strategy for Assistance to Iraq and conforms closely to the priorities expressed by the Iraqi Authorities during consultations and meetings with them.

UN Millennium Development Goals: The project contributes towards attaining the reduction of violence against children. The establishment of a Child rights network and the revision of Juvenile Justice reform to prevent and reduce violence against children is a necessary aspect for the achievement of any and all of the MDGs in Iraq.

Joint Needs Assessment: A preliminary assessment was completed by UNICEF as part of the new Country Programme Document development process (for 2007-2010).

Iraqi National Development Strategy: The project is designed based on the priorities articulated in the National Development Strategy of Iraq, with enhanced capacity of civil

society organizations and their strengthened participation in the implementation of the National Development Strategy.

## **II. Resources**

### *Human Resources:*

- National Staff: Provide details on the number and type (operation/programme). UNFPA hired a NOB Youth Technical Analyst with experience on children in detention
- International Staff: Provide details on the number and type (operation/programme) UNICEF hired a L3 Child Protection Specialist with experience in Justice for Children

## **III. Implementation and Monitoring Arrangements**

- Summarize the implementation mechanisms primarily utilized and how they are adapted to achieve maximum impact given the operating context.

At the national level the project will work with the High Judicial Council and government ministries involved in the administration of juvenile justice through the provision of cash assistance, through provision of in-Ministry technical assistance, through engaging institutions to carry out assessments to ensure: legislative reform; reduction of pre-trial detention; introduction of diversion and alternative measures; improvement of systems for data collection and monitoring and tracking of children who are in contact with the law.

At community level the project will focus on actions that prevent children from coming into contact with the law; diversion projects; and will provide reintegration assistance to children released from detention centres and reformatories through project cooperation agreements with international NGO to provide.

The project will through a mixture of cash assistance to government, technical assistance, institutional contacts and project cooperation agreements with international NGO invest heavily in developing the capacities of key duty bearers in the juvenile justice system in Iraq.

- Provide details on the procurement procedures utilized and explain variances in standard procedures.

As of 31 December 2009, no procurement required - UNICEF and UNFPA will use their procurement procedures when procurement is required.

- Provide details on the monitoring system(s) that are being used and how you identify and incorporate lessons learned into the ongoing project.

As part of the Project Cooperation Agreements that will be signed by NGO partners UNICEF and UNFPA will receive monthly progress and financial reports and at the end of the project with detailed expenditure reports every quarter to ensure transparency and proper utilisation of funds.

UNICEF and UNFAP are using their network of local facilitators for ongoing monitoring of the project and through staff in zonal offices in the North, Centre and South of Iraq.

- Report on any assessments, evaluations or studies undertaken.  
None to date

#### IV. Results

- Provide a summary of Programme progress in relation to planned outcomes and outputs; explain any variance in achieved versus planned outputs during the reporting period.

##### **Improved functioning of the juvenile justice system in Iraq**

TOR for assessment of Juvenile Justice information systems in KRG was agreed by the government and advertised by UNICEF and shared with KRG. Candidate will be selected in 2010 to commence work.

TOR for comprehensive assessment of Juvenile Justice system in Iraq agreed and advertisement for a request to proposals to be issued in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2010.

UNICEF agreed to support MOLSA in the development of the KRG 10-year Rule of Law Strategy and the post was advertised with matrix of candidates to be shared with MOLSA 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2010.

##### **Increased capacities of families and communities in six governorates increased to protect and prevent children from getting into contact with the law**

UNICEF has identified International Medical Corps (UK) and Heartland Alliance to implement project activities from 20June2010 in the Centre/South and North respectively.

UNFPA is planning to conduct a 3 day- meeting by the end of April 2010 that aims at bringing together national counterparts to agree on the assessment process and the 2 year- action plan. It is hoped implementing partners will be identified from this meeting.

UNFPA has identified an independent research who will lead the assessment of the Iraqi reformatories. The assessment will take place between May and July 2010.

##### **Increased capacities of key duty bearers to provide legal, judicial and reintegration services to children and young people in contact with the law**

UNICEF has identified International Medical Corps (UK) and Heartland Alliance to implement project activities from 20June2010 in the Centre/South and North respectively.

- Report on the key outputs achieved in the reporting period including # and nature of the activities (inputs), % of completion and beneficiaries.

N/A

- Explain, if relevant, delays in programme implementation, the nature of the constraints, actions taken to mitigate future delays and lessons learned in the process.

- Changes of Senior Officials at Ministry level have created delays in getting the relevant Ministries on board and establishing a steering committee coupled with the security situation that prevented UNICEF and UNFPA staff from conducting the meetings necessary to move project forward. First coordination meetings scheduled for 2010.

- The mobilization of necessary human resources took longer than anticipated but the situation is currently solved.

Actions taken:

- Implementing partners identified by UNICEF
- 1 international staff and 1 national staff hired by UNICEF and UNFPA

- List the key partnerships and collaborations, and explain how such relationships impact on the achievement of results.

*The leadership of Government of Iraq through Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, High Judicial Council, Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Human Rights is essential to recapacitate the juvenile justice system bringing it in line with international standards. However, it is through partnerships with civil society international and national that the capacity building and community service deliver components can be delivered. Since 2009 UNICEF in collaboration with International Medical Corp have cooperated on preventative, protective and rehabilitative services to children in conflict with the law and this experience will provide the foundation for the implementation of ITF activities.*

- Other highlights and cross-cutting issues pertinent to the results being reported on.  
None

## **V. Future Work Plan (if applicable)**

- Summarize the projected activities and expenditures for the following reporting period (1 January-31 December 2010), using the lessons learned during the previous reporting period.

Output 1.1 GoI has reliable information to address needs and gaps in the Juvenile Justice system

Activity:

- a) Assessment of the Juvenile Justice System in Iraq
- b) The review of the Juvenile Care Law and other three laws related to children

Output 1.2 Capacities of families and communities in 6 governorates increased to protect and prevent children from getting into contact with the law.

Activity:

- a) Identification of factors that push children at risk into contact with the law;
- b) Awareness raising activities in communities, schools and religious institutions focusing on guidance to children, young people and their families;
- c) Educational support for out of school children and young people;
- d) Media campaigns and advocacy for awareness raising of care providers and families on prevention, care, and protection for children.

Output 1.3: Improved capacities of 100 key duty bearers in managing and monitoring detention facilities and reformatories.

Activity:

- a) Setting up systems for providing quality care services including arrangements for case management

- b) Setting up of information management systems and training of MOLSA and detention centres staff
- c) Setting up of five multi disciplinary team and training
- d) Legal assistance to children and young people in detention
- e) Life skills training to children and young people in detention
- f) Protection and basic services to children and young people in detention
- g) Regular monitoring of detention centres
- h) Setting up complaint systems in the detention centres and reformatories

Output 1.4 Increased capacities of families and communities to provide care, protection and diversion services.

Activity:

- a) Setting up of Community based aftercare services for protection and diversion services in selected project governorates
- b) Training to community members and care providers on provision of diversion services in six governorates

Output 1.5: Enhanced capacity of 400 duty bearers to provide better legal, judicial, rehabilitation and reintegration services to children and young people.

Activity:

- a) Training of duty bearers (juvenile judges, legal prosecutors, JTI instructors, juvenile police, staff of detention and reformatory centres, social workers, and care providers) on international standards, juvenile justice, psychosocial support etc
- b) Module development for integration of JJ in judges training curriculum
- c) Training of reformatory managers and staff on rehabilitation and reintegration services
- d) Provision of psychosocial, medical, educational, and basic services in reformatories
- e) Improvement of vocational training provision with capacity development and equipment support

Output 1.6: 300 Reformatory staff have an enhanced capacity to provide follow up services and reintegration assistance to children and adolescents.

Activity:

- a) Setting up follow up services and reintegration assistance to children and young people released from reformatories
- b) Post release counseling to released children and young people from reformatories
- c) Referral and advisory support to work and educational opportunities
- d) Post release family visits and monitoring by social workers

- Indicate any major adjustments in strategies, targets or key outcomes and outputs planned.

## VI. Performance Indicators (optional)<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> E.g. for the UNDG Iraq Trust Fund and the MDG-F.

- Fill the table in this section to report on the indicators set at the output level as per the approved results framework in the programme document.

N/A

## **VII. Abbreviations and Acronyms**

- List the main abbreviations and acronyms that are used in the report.

UNFPA: United Nations Population Fund  
UNICEF: United Nations Children's Fund  
MOLSA: Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs  
KRG: Kurdistan Regional Government  
PCA: Project Contract Agreement  
ITF: Iraqi Trust Fund  
UNDG: United Nations Development Group  
IMC: International Medical Corps  
JJCC: Juvenile Justice Coordination Committee  
NGO: Non Governmental Organisatio