

## Annex 1



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### ANNUAL PROGRAMME NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT

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**Country and Thematic Area**

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**Programme No: F8-11**

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**Programme Title:** Combating Violence against Women in Iraq.

**Participating Organization(s):**

**UNIFEM**  
**WHO**  
**UNHCR**  
**UNAMI/HRO**

**Implementing Partners:**

**National counterparts** (State Ministry of Women Affairs Baghdad, State Ministry of Women Affairs Kurdistan, MoI, MoE, MoLSA, MoH, Iraqi Al Amal, Women Leadership institute, Baghdad Women Association, Asuda for Combating VAW)

**International Organizations**, Norwegian Church Aid, International Rescue Committee)

**Programme Budget (from the Fund):**

*For Joint Programme provide breakdown by UN Organization*

UN Organization A: UNFPA 2,278,000  
UN Organization B: UNIFEM 1,500,000  
UN Organization C : WHO 722,000

***Programme Duration (in months):***

Start date:

17 DEC 2009

End date:

- *Original end date:* 30 Nov 2011
- *Revised end date:* 30 Nov 2011
- *Operational Closure Date:* 30 Nov 2011

Budget Revisions/Extensions:

N/A

## **NARRATIVE REPORT FORMAT**

### **I. Purpose**

JP OUTCOME: Improved environment for the protection of women' rights and prevention of VAW throughout Iraq.

JP Output 1:

GoI and national partners have enhanced capacities for developing integrated national policies, plans, and programmes on VAW.

JP Output 2:

Key government ministries and CSOs have the institutional, technical, and operational capacities to respond to the need of VAW survivors.

JP Output 3:

Community leaders, local communities, secondary school teachers and students have increased knowledge on gender equality

- UNDAF for 2010-2014 has the following UNDAF outcomes that UNCT will be working on: “The Iraqi State has institutionalized preventive and protective mechanisms to combat gender based violence” and UNFPA is leading the consultative process on this thematic area in cooperation with UNIFEM.

### **II. Resources**

*Financial Resources:*

- Due to the delay in receiving the funds for this JP, UNFPA had took the initiative in conducting an Annual Planning meeting In November 2009 which took place in Istanbul, with the participation from Central and the Kurdistan Regional Governments, as well as the participation of the partner UN agencies. The Annual Planning Workshop was able to introduce the JP to the counterparts, as well produced the detailed action plan, moreover drafted the terms of references of the JP National Steering Committee. Moreover, international NGOs attended this workshop for more information sharing. This activity was fully funded from UNFPA's regular resources.
- No budget revision requests have been submitted for this JP.
- UNFPA, UNIFEM, and WHO has received the Funding without any difficulties. Funds were received during the second half of December 2009.

*Human Resources:*

- National Staff: Not applicable at this reporting period.
- International Staff: Not applicable at this reporting period.

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

- UNFPA in close collaboration with the JP partners has been carefully selecting participants for the planning workshop in order to achieve the expected outputs, and ensure quality assurance measures for the workshop's deliverables.

Quality assurance of the Workshop has been granted through contracting CAWTAR; an accredited institution for UNFPA, for its quality of training. Moreover, UNFPA made sure that all the activities have been made in a consultative manner with the partner UN Agencies. CAWTAR was selected in line with UNFPA's procurement procedures.

- During the reporting period, UNFPA has not established a monitoring and Evaluation system, this issue will be looked into in 2010 in coordination with the JP partners, and in accordance with the Project Document M&E paragraph 8.1.
- During the reporting period, no assessment reports, evaluations nor studies have been undertaken.

### **IV. Results**

- Since the JP was supposed to be launched and the implementation was expected to start in June 2009, and the funds has been released in 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2009; the outputs achieved during this reporting period are considered sufficient in view of this delay. Therefore the JP has achieved the following results:
  1. National ownership has been maintained through the involvement of all relevant line ministries and CSOs, who participated in an open positive environment for dialogue, strategic planning perspective, and moreover the national counterparts appreciated the JP since it tackles their national needs and mandates.
  2. Multi sectoral prevention and response to VAW is now introduced into the GOI capacities which has reached the full confidence that this JP is serving the national priorities; as emphasized in the NDP. The JP's information and plan of action were shared in detail with the relevant Iraqi directorates from both KRG and the Central Government (Directorate of VAW at the MOI, Directorate of Extra Curricula at the MOE, Directorate of hospitals and PHCCs at the MOH, Directorate of Social Affairs at MOLSA).
  3. This JP has strengthened the ties with the main concerned Ministry (MoWA) and has developed a stronger working relation through the identification of Focal points at the Ministry to work with UNFPA and the JP partners.
  4. UNFPA has strengthened the cooperation with other UN programs that are mainly interlinked to this JP; i.e. UNDP family Support Units within the MOI, ESCWA's JP in partnership with UNFPA "Promoting Civic Values and Life skills for adolescents 12-19 years old through education", in addition to other Initiatives that were undertaken by the EC and the IRC in building police forces capacities on VAW.

- As mentioned in the JP's project document, partner agencies has set grounds for the JP's implementation through the above mentioned annual planning workshop, which has resulted in drafting TORs for the National Steering Committee, as well as a one year plan for the GOI and relevant CSOs. This activity has been fully achieved.
- The JP had faced delays which were a resultant of the JP's endorsement process, as well as the delay in releasing the funds. However, the preparation for this JP took place smoothly, and outputs achieved successfully. Moreover, the joint efforts by the government counterparts have proved success reflecting a one delivery approach aiming at one goal towards protecting and preventing Iraqi women from VAW.
- As mentioned above, the uniqueness of the JP is that it's interlinked, integrated, and cross-fertilizing into the national context. Therefore, all mentioned GOI ministries and CSOs are keen on the achievement of the JP's outcomes.
- Issues related to young girls, elderly women, IDPs, minorities have been highlighted in the Annual planning workshop, as well as the interlinkages between VAW and the stability of the Iraqi community.

## 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. The Project is aiming at the following outputs:

### **1. GoI and national partners have enhanced capacities for developing integrated national policies, plans, and programmes on VAW.**

UNFPA, in March 2010, has Announced Requests for Proposals as a mean to achieve the mentioned above output, and by the end of 2010, national strategy on Combating VAW is to be drafted.

### **2. Key government ministries and CSOs have the institutional, technical, and operational capacities to respond to the need of VAW survivors.**

UNFPA, in March 2010 has Announced Requests for Proposals as a mean to achieve the mentioned above output, and by the end of 2010, Training manuals are tailored according to the Iraqi context, and TOT is provided to the service providers mentioned above relevant line ministries as well as in selected NGOs.

- Indicate any major adjustments in strategies, targets or key outcomes and outputs planned.  
Not applicable at this reporting period

## VI. Performance Indicators (optional)

- 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.

Not applicable at this reporting period.

## **VII. Abbreviations and Acronyms**

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

<b>CAWTAR</b>	Center for Arab Women Training and Research
<b>CSO</b>	Civil Society Organizations
<b>EC</b>	European Commission
<b>GOI</b>	Government of Iraq
<b>KRG</b>	Kurdistan Regional Government
<b>IRC</b>	International Rescue committee
<b>IDPs</b>	Internally Displaced Persons
<b>JP</b>	Joint Program
<b>MoE</b>	Ministry of Education
<b>MoH</b>	Ministry of Health
<b>MoI</b>	Ministry of Interior
<b>MoWA</b>	Ministry of Women Affairs
<b>NSC</b>	National Steering Committee
<b>NDP</b>	National Development Plan
<b>PHCCs</b>	Primary Health Care Centers
<b>TOR</b>	Terms of References
<b>UNFPA</b>	United Nations Population Fund
<b>UNAMI</b>	United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq
<b>UNDAF</b>	United Nations Development Assistance Framework
<b>UNHCR</b>	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
<b>UNIFEM</b>	United Nations Development Fund for Women
<b>WHO</b>	World Health Organization
<b>VAW</b>	Violence against Women