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<b>Participating UN Organisation</b> FAO - UNIDO	<b>Sector:</b> Agriculture and Food Security
<b>Govt of Iraq Line Ministry Responsible:</b> Ministry of Planning and Ministry of Agriculture	

<b>Title</b>	Support for job Creation and Self Employment Through Promotion of Micro-Industries in Anbar Governorate				
<b>Location</b>	Anbar Governorate (following approved relocation from Ninewa)				
<b>Project Cost</b>	USD 2,117,832 (FAO) , USD 2,117,832 (UNIDO)				
<b>Duration</b>	18 months				
<b>Approval Date (SC)</b>	June, 2007	<b>Start Date</b>	22/12/2007	<b>End Date</b>	Original: 22/6/2008 Extension: 31/7/2010
<b>Project Description</b>	This project addresses the socio-economic priorities of the Anbar Governorate with a focus on community empowerment and the promotion of income-generating activities/job creation. More specifically, the project aims at increasing the capability of rural and urban communities in the region to engage in viable non-farming enterprises, reducing their dependency on relief aid and helping them to move towards sustainable livelihood.				

<b>Development Goals and Immediate Objectives</b>					
<b>Development Goal:</b>					
Improve the livelihood of approximately 1,400 extremely poor people living in Anbar Governorate by increasing their productive capacities in sustainable and profitable income generating activities through training, introducing efficient processing methods and provision of equipment					
<b>Key Immediate Objective/s:</b>					
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide targeted communities with the capacity to plan and manage their development activities and restoring a functional base for economic growth and social peace.</li> <li>2. Improve the livelihood of approximately 1,400 people living in the project area through strengthening of their productive capacities in post-harvest and other income-generating activities, through training in vocational training centres (VTCs) which will be rehabilitated and equipped.</li> <li>3. Enable large number of youth and women who have been deprived by the conflict to gain basic knowledge in productive skills through practical experiences and activity-based learning and provision of tools to start their own business.</li> </ol>					

<b>Outputs, Key activities and Procurement</b>	
<b>Outputs</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1 Enhanced capacities at the community level in support of socio-economic growth and peaceful coexistence (MDG 1, 3) by creating an environment for productive self employment.</li> <li>2.1 Sources of income and employment for men and women creating an environment for productive employment through training and provision of tools for individuals and organized production groups (associations) in manufacturing of food and non-food products (micro-industries). MDG 1, 3.)</li> </ol>

	<p>2.2 A minimum of 1,400 people (50% female) are provided with marketable skills to enable them to obtain jobs and/or start-up an economic activity to sustain livelihoods for themselves and their families (MDG 1, 3) during the project period.</p> <p>3.1. 500 (out of the total beneficiaries) unemployed youth deprived of basic knowledge and training enrolled in project training programmes (in food and non-food technologies), enabling them to take up employment and self-employment.</p>
<b>Activities</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assess the needs of project beneficiaries (using selected participatory appraisal tools), identifying viable productive income generation activities and appropriate technologies.</li> <li>2. Select project sites with the collaboration of all stakeholders, based on the distribution of vulnerable groups in both urban and rural areas and the availability of raw materials and markets.</li> <li>3. Based on (1) and (2) develop livelihoods sustainability programmes focusing on the community level which are oriented towards the development and growth of viable micro and small enterprises.</li> <li>4. Finalising selection and identification of beneficiaries based on the criteria agreed upon by all stakeholders: local governments, women's associations, directorates of counterpart ministries, village elders and Project Steering Committee members.</li> <li>5. Rehabilitation of vocational training centres.</li> <li>6. Training of trainers in the selected technologies and entrepreneurship.</li> <li>7. Procurement of pilot plants and workshop equipment for the training centre, project beneficiaries, model cottage and micro-industries; and installation of these equipments.</li> <li>8. Training of beneficiaries in entrepreneurial skills and technology to start their own business or to increase employment opportunities.</li> <li>9. Entrepreneurship mentoring and enterprise development coaching of beneficiaries through production group, agro-related industries, and micro and small enterprises.</li> </ol>
<b>Procurement (major items)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food Processing equipment for VTC, production groups and individual toolkits include: dairy processing, date processing, fruits and vegetable processing, and beekeeping</li> <li>• Double cabin vehicle</li> <li>• Toolkits and Equipment for Metal Working, Carpentry/Joinery, Textile/Garment Making Equipment, and Agro/Auto-Mechanic Workshops</li> <li>• Building supplies for use at the Vocational Training Centres</li> <li>• Mini dairy training equipment</li> </ul>

**Situation as of 31/03/10 (FAO)**

<b>FAO Funds Committed</b>	USD 238,646	% of approved	11.3%
<b>FAO Funds Disbursed</b>	USD 1,505,219	% of approved	71.1%
<b>FAO Forecast final date</b>	July 31 2010	Delay (months)	13 Months

**Situation as of 31/03/10 (UNIDO)**

<b>Funds Committed</b>	\$ 1,460,377 USD	% of approved	73.4%
<b>Funds Disbursed</b>	\$ 1,102,876 USD	% of approved	55.3%
<b>Forecast final date</b>	31 July 2010	<b>Delay (months)</b>	13 months

<b>Direct Beneficiaries</b>	<b>Number of Beneficiaries</b>	<b>% of planned (current status)</b>
Men	720	77%
Women	712	82%
Youth	600	45%
Employment generation (men/women)	Approximately 1500	85%

<b>Quantitative achievements against objectives and results</b>			
1. Provide targeted communities with the capacity to plan and manage their development activities and restoring a functional base for economic growth and social peace.	Procurement and delivery/installation of toolkits complete. Communities have been selected and training is still in progress.	% of planned	45 %
2. Improve the livelihood of approximately 1,400 people living in the project area through strengthening of their productive capacities in post-harvest and other income-generating activities through trainings in rehabilitated and equipped Vocational Training Centres (VTCs).	Rehabilitation of the VTC is complete, all equipments delivered, and TOT complete. Remaining non-food training will be completed this month.	% of planned	90 %
3. Enable large number of youth who have been deprived by conflict to gain basic knowledge of productive skills through practical experiences and activity-based learning and through the provision of tools to start their own business.	Among trained beneficiaries, the majority have been youth. Rest of non-food training focused on youth to be completed this month.	% of planned	65 %

<b>Qualitative achievements against objectives and results</b>
<p>Rehabilitation of Food and Non Food VTC has been completed, and the installation of training equipments is in progress.</p> <p>The identification of beneficiaries for food and non food activities was completed. The initial list included more than 1500 for food and non food. Through screening and discussions the number of targeted beneficiaries was reduced to 1,400 (700 food and 700 non food). During the reporting period a total of 620 beneficiaries (out of the 700) were trained; 200 in beekeeping, 220 in fruits and vegetables processing, and 200 in date processing. 173 toolkits and equipment distributed for beekeeping, 217 toolkits for fruits and vegetables processing, and 186 toolkits for date processing. Dairy training of 50-100 beneficiaries to be completed in May and June.</p> <p>Agreement and contracts for the rehabilitation to be signed soon. Rehabilitation of 7 Food PG's in process: 2 Fruits and Vegetables, 2 in Beekeeping, 2 in Date, and 1 in Sesame. For Non Food PG, 1 cell phone repair facility rehabilitation completed, and 1 computer and 1 carpentry rehabilitation facilities are in process.</p> <p>The rehabilitation work of MoA and MoLSA building is completed, with installation of food and non food training equipments.</p>

<b>Main implementation constrains &amp; challenges (2-3 sentences)</b>
During this reporting period, no constrains or challenges were encountered.