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Participating UN Organisation: UNFPA	Sector: Governance Sector
Government of Iraq – Responsible Line Ministry: Ministry of Planning and Development Cooperation “MoPDC”/ Central Organization for Statistics and Information Technology “COSIT”	

Title	Capacity Development in Census and Large- Scale Surveys				
Geographic Location	Nationwide				
Project Cost	Project Budget in US \$: 7,841,127 UNDG ITF : 5,064,268		Govt. Contribution : 1,500,000 Agency Core UNFPA: 1,276,859		
Duration	30 Months				
Approval Date (SC)	4 December 2008	Starting Date	1 November 2008	Completion Date*	31 March 2011 (will be after GoI resolution on 31 Dec 2011)
Project Description	The project aims at increasing national capacity to collect, analyze and use population data for policy formulation and planning with specific focus on data originated from census and large-scale population surveys.				

*This completion date will be extended as GoI postponed the third stage of field work to October 2010 which will effect on the completion date of the project.

Development Goal and Immediate Objectives
<p>Development Goal: The project facilitates availability of information and data to help in addressing 7 out of 8 goals of MDGs and Iraq NDS, through establishing a statistic system of continuous capturing process to follow up on policy implementation, draw attention to deviations that might happen and adjust procedures.</p> <p>Immediate Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase capacity of the national statistical body, COSIT, to plan, implement, analyze and disseminate census and large-scale surveys. 2. Strengthen the capacity of national partners, to monitor, advocate and communicate with general public on the importance of census and its results, as well as to use the population information for evidence-based advocacy and policy making.

Outputs, Key activities and Procurement	
Outputs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Capacities of COSIT at national and governorate levels and collaborating national partners, are increased to plan and implement high quality and internationally recognised population and housing censuses and other large- scale surveys. 2. Capacities of COSIT and national research centres, at national and governorate levels, are enhanced to conduct disaggregated analysis and evaluation of census and large- scale surveys data. 3. Capacities of MoPDC and key line ministries (MoH, MoE, MoLSA, MoA,) at national and governorate levels are enhanced to disseminate and utilize disaggregated censuses and large-scale surveys data. 4. COSIT’s Systems for ensuring census compliance with established scientific international standards are strengthened, including quality assurance and independent observation, monitoring and evaluation.
Activities	<p>Output 1:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Database and Network Administration training.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Census Advocacy Campaign. 3. Data Processing training. 4. Oracle Database training. <p>Output 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demographic Analysis training. <p>Output 3:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Data documentation, Dissemination and Utilization training. 2. Electronic Dissemination workshop. <p>Output 4:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quality Control and Anti-Fraud Measures technical meeting. 2. Three missions to Iraq by Census CTA.
Procurement (major items)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UNFPA facilitated the ICR Software procurement for 2009 Iraqi census. 2. UNFPA facilitated the procurement of Scanner device for 2009 Iraqi census. 3. Specialized TOT training courses to COSIT personnel according to Cooperation Protocol between COSIT and CAPMAS “Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics”. 4. UNFPA procured service providing company through signing a service contract with American Express “AmEx” in Cairo and Plaza Co.in Jordan to provide and facilitate the logistics and accommodation of the COSIT trainees in Cairo, Egypt and Amman, Jordan.

Funds Committed	Total Pos	% of approved	100%
Funds Disbursed	Total AP vouchers	% of approved	100%
Forecast final date		Delay (months)	0

Direct Beneficiaries	Number of Beneficiaries	% of planned (current status)
Others: COSIT Staff and other line ministries	trainees	%141

Quantitative achievements against objectives and results			
Increase capacity of the national statistical body, COSIT, to plan, implement, analyze and disseminate census and large-scale surveys.	Four capacity building activities were implemented for Iraqi nationals in (database and networks skills, census advocacy, data processing approaches and methodologies)	200 % of planned	More than the planned activities were done
Capacities of COSIT & national research centres at national & governorate levels, are enhanced to conduct disaggregated analysis & evaluation of census & large-scale survey data	Training workshop related to in-depth and causality analysis in demography and its related S/W(round 2)	75 % of planned	
Capacities of MoPDC and key line ministries (MoH, MoE, MoLSA, MoA,) at national and governorate levels are enhanced to disseminate and utilize disaggregated censuses	Two capacity building activities related to data dissemination and utilization were implemented during the report period in electronic dissemination, data documentation and dissemination	200 % of planned	More than the planned activities were done

and large-scale surveys data.			
Strengthen the capacity of national partners, to monitor, advocate and communicate with general public on the importance of census and its results, as well as to use the population information for evidence-based advocacy and policy making (quality assurance).	Four M&E activities including consultancy missions to Iraq (QC and anti fraud technical meeting and 3 missions) were implemented to follow up the progress of the project implementation	400% of planned	More than the planned activities were done

Qualitative achievements against objectives and results
<p>The implemented activities regarding capacity development for COSIT personnel enhanced and empowered COSIT Cadre with the required skills, knowledge and modern techniques in the field of census and large scale surveys to implement and manage such projects in a manner of the sustainability approach which will enhance in implementation other similar projects in the upcoming period.</p> <p>On other hand, the sustainability of the capacity development project is secured by adopting and applying quality assurance approach in the project phases by transferring acquired skills, knowledge and modern techniques which will be cornerstone and pillar in sustaining the knowledge, skills and keep the capacities updated for long term period.</p>

Main implementation constrains & challenges (2-3 sentences)
<p>The unstable security situation is the most constraint/challenge that could face the implementation of the project; therefore, we take into consideration such a challenge through establishing a risk management strategy.</p> <p>The minor presence of UNFPA advisors in the field inside Iraq is another challenge which UNFPA passed over by the remote execution through technical support unit based in Amman and by the periodic visits to Iraq from Census-CTA and his team.</p>