

**United Nations Development Group Iraq Trust Fund**  
**Project #: S D2- 27 WHO and UNICEF**  
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<b>Participating UN Organisation:</b> WHO (Lead Agency), UNICEF	<b>Sector:</b> Health and Nutrition
<b>Government of Iraq – Responsible Line Ministry:</b> MOH (Lead Ministry), COSIT, KRSO	

<b>Title</b>	Addressing Micronutrient Deficiencies in Iraq: Assessment and Response				
<b>Geographic Location</b>	All governorates				
<b>Project Cost</b>	US\$ 3,181,763				
<b>Duration</b>	18 months				
<b>Approval Date (SC)</b>	23 February 2010	<b>Starting Date</b>	01-March 2010	<b>Completion Date</b>	31-August-2011
<b>Project Description</b>	This programme, via its major components, is designed to build the capacity of the MoH to more effectively manage existing nutritional interventions and to adequately plan, implement and monitor new prevention programs and evaluate their impact. Tools and systems for effective management, planning, monitoring and evaluation will be developed from local to central levels of the MoH. The integration of nutritional data as a new component into the national diseases surveillance and Health Information System (HIS) will improve sustainability of national nutritional monitoring and response.				

<b>Development Goal and Immediate Objectives</b>
The joint programme aims at building capacity of the Government of Iraq (GOI) (incl. MOH, COSIT, and other Ministries) to address micronutrient deficiencies in Iraq through: 1) Undertaking a nationwide assessment of nutritional status and micronutrient deficiencies 2) Integration of Nutrition information in the national Health Information system and 3) initiation, re-orientation and sustaining of new or ongoing nutritional responses. All these activities will be undertaken through building the capacity of the responsible health institutions and other authorities.

<b>Outputs, Key activities and Procurement</b>	
<b>Outputs</b>	<p><b>Output 1.1</b> MoH, MoH Kurdistan (MOHK), COSIT and KRSO have improved capacity to develop and carry out a nutrition micronutrients assessment. (WHO, WFP and FAO)</p> <p><b>Output 1.2:</b> MoH and MoH Kurdistan has a strengthened Nutrition Management Information System integrated in the Health Information system (WHO, WFP and FAO)</p> <p><b>Output 1.3</b> GOI are better able to provide nutritional response especially in vulnerable areas (UNICEF)</p>
<b>Activities</b>	<p><u>Output 1.1: (WHO, WFP and FAO)</u></p> <p>1.1.1 Finalize assessment protocols and plan of work</p> <p>1.1.2 Assessment team recruited and operational</p> <p>1.1.3 Training (TOT and training at governorate levels) for assessment and response team personnel</p> <p>1.1.4 Equipment for household blood testing</p> <p>1.1.5 Equipment to support Lab in Baghdad</p> <p>1.1.6 Blood and Urine sample transport</p> <p>1.1.7 Technical assistance to the Project Steering Committee (PSC)</p> <p><u>Output 1.2: (WHO, WFP and FAO)</u></p> <p>1.2.1 Sampling of target population</p> <p>1.2.2 Data collection and management</p> <p>1.2.3 Report writing, printing and dissemination of study results</p> <p>1.2.4 Integrating nutrition in national disease surveillance and Health Information System</p> <p>1.2.5 Monitoring and evaluation</p>

	1.2.6 Technical assistance to PSC <u>Output 1.3: (UNICEF)</u> 1.3.1 General micronutrient activities 1.3.2 Capacity building across all levels on nutrition & monitoring 1.3.3 Social mobilisation and advocacy activities including communication media campaign, development of media health education and promotion materials etc
<b>Procurement (major items)</b>	Procurement of the following: 1 Hearing blocks 2 Deep freezer 3 Cold Box 4 Portable Centrifuge 5 HPLC (High Performance Liquid Chromatography) System UNICEF 1 Procurement of salt testing kits for MOH Baghdad.

## WHO

<b>Funds Committed</b>	107,494	% of approved	5.88%
<b>Funds disbursed</b>	107,494	% of approved	5.88%
<b>Forecast final date</b>	31 August 2011	<b>Delay (months)</b>	N/A
<b>UNICEF</b>			
<b>Funds Committed</b>	20,895		
<b>Funds disbursed</b>	19,633		
<b>Forecast final date</b>	31 July 2011	No delay	
<b>Quantitative achievements against objectives and results</b>			
MOH, MoHK , COSIT and KRSO have improved capacity to develop and carry out a nutrition micronutrients assessment(WHO)	-Ministry of Health in Iraq in collaboration with World Health Organization organized the First Steering Committee Consultation Meeting on Addressing Micronutrient Deficiencies in Iraq: Assessment and Response (MNAR) survey which was held in Amman, Jordan from 10-12 May 2010 Amman. The meeting was attended by members of the MNAR steering committee from MoH in Baghdad and Kurdistan region and representatives from partner UN agencies (UNICEF, WFP and FAO).The expected outcomes of the meeting were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Plan of action with detailed budget outline and timetable for the MNAR implementation developed.</li> <li>o Role of all stakeholders and partners identified.</li> <li>o Tools and required resources needed for the implementation of the MNAR discussed and identified</li> </ul>	<b>% of planned</b>	3 %
MoH and MoHK has a strengthened Nutrition Management Information system integrated in the Health Information system (WHO)	The project is in the early implementation phase as funds were transferred and reflected in WHO system on 1st April 2010 and implementation of activities has now started and is ongoing.	<b>% of planned</b>	0%
GOI are better able to	The project is in the early implementation phase	<b>% of planned</b>	2%

<p>provide nutritional response especially in vulnerable areas (UNICEF)</p>	<p>and a series of activities are in planning stage. Activities of Q2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Procurement of iodine salt testing kits to MOH Baghdad to improve quality control of salt available on the market as well as household.</li> <li>• 81 flour mills technicians and lab personal will be trained in quality control and quality assurance of wheat flour fortification programme.</li> </ul>		
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<p><b>Qualitative achievements against objectives and results</b></p>
<p>Project is in its early implementation phase and it is too early to talk about qualitative achievements</p>

<p><b>Main implementation constrains &amp; challenges (2-3 sentences)</b></p>
<p>NA</p>