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Participating UN Organisation: WHO **Sector:** Health and Nutrition
Government of Iraq – Responsible Line Ministry: Ministry of Health

Title	Support to improving Management and Safe use of Medical Equipment				
Geographic Location	Anbar, Diwaniyah, Kerbala, Salah Al-Din, Suleimaniyah and Thi-Qar				
Project Cost	USD 2,540,683				
Duration	24 months				
Approval Date (SC)	23 Feb 2010	Starting Date	01 Mar 2010	Completion Date	29 Feb 2012
Project Description	This project aims at providing assistance to the Iraq Ministry of Health (MoH) to promote sustainable changes and improvements of health care services and enhances the quality of health interventions by focusing on building a coherent medical equipment management system guided by sound policies and good management practices as well as improving institutional skills and capabilities.				

Development Goal and Immediate Objectives

Systems approach to management and safe use of medical equipment in six targeted governorates have been promoted and improved.

Outputs, Key activities and Procurement

Outputs	By the end of the project the following outputs are expected: 1.1- MoH has an improved Medical Equipment Management System in six target governorates. 1.2- MoH has an improved capacity to formulate policies and national standards on quality, safety and management of medical equipment in line with international standards.
Activities	1.1.1 Conducted fact finding and assessment of targeted governorates 1.1.2 Completed inventories of medical equipment at health institutions in the six targeted governorates 1.1.3 Procurement of Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS), biomedical test instruments, tools, informatics, journals, and customized maintenance Vehicles for targeted units. 1.1.4 Rehabilitation / modification of targeted central medical equipment repair shops. 1.1.5 Building skills of 285 staff through in-country trainings, series of TOT, international short-term trainings, study tours and attending meetings and conferences. 1.2.1 Orientation visits of MoH committee to advanced centres in the region and beyond to be familiarized with policies and standards in place pertaining to medical equipment management. 1.2.2 Adaptation of policies, standards and regulations pertaining to specifications, maintenance, donations, safe and effective use of medical equipment in line with the international standards. 1.2.3 Conduct external independent project evaluation 1.2.4 Organize lessons learned workshop.
Procurement (major items)	No major procurement have been executed

Funds Committed	\$ 353,865	% of approved	14%
Funds Disbursed	\$ 149,452	% of approved	6%
Forecast final date	29 Feb 2012	Delay (months)	n/a

Direct Beneficiaries	Number of Beneficiaries	% of planned (current status)
Men	7	3.5%
Women	3	3.5%
Children	0	
IDPs	0	
Others	0	
Indirect beneficiaries	7 million people living in the targeted governorates.	
Employment generation (men/women)	0	0%

Quantitative achievements against objectives and results			
Conducted fact finding and assessment of targeted governorates.	1 st project steering committee meeting was held in Erbil. Needs assessment carried out and final report is under finalization	% of planned	65%
Improved Medical equipment management systems, including inventories, procurement of test instruments, tools, customized maintenance vehicles, CMMS, building capacities, physical rehabilitation of central biomedical repair shops, etc.	Drafted plan of action for the different project components. The plan of action still requires more consultation and review and should be finalized within 3 quarter of 2010. Inventories of medical equipment at health institutions in targeted governorates has started.	% of planned	10%
Policies and action plans interventions aiming at formulating appropriate policies and national standards and regulations for the assessment, planning and management of medical devices in line with the international standards.	Provided technical support to the integration of Medical Equipment Programme within existing National Health Systems as part of WHO Global initiative. Key components of an action plan for the implementation of national health technology programmes have been identified.	% of planned	5%

Qualitative achievements against objectives and results
<p>As a result of the achieved outcomes, the following qualitative achievements have been materialized:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st project steering committee meeting held. The meeting aimed at conducting needs assessment and draft plan of action for the different project components. - First step towards having a successful biomedical engineering program is the establishment of a computerized maintenance and management system. In this context, inventories of medical equipment at health institutions at targeted governorates have started. The system will house information of equipment inventory, work orders, staff performance, stock of spare parts, and reporting facility, and will support decision making for management, planning, procurement and maintenance aspects. - Medical devices pose a number of economic and technical challenges to national health system in Iraq. It's recognized that the absence of a unified body responsible for managing the activities related to management of medical devices has placed more burdens on all MOH levels from engineering personnel, to users, and operators of medical devices. Consequently, technical support started in addressing these obstacles and concerns, by providing orientation session and sharing countries experiences in the area of policies and regulations pertaining to management of health technologies in particular medical equipment.

Main implementation constrains & challenges (2-3 sentences)
The project has started in March 2010 and the implementation is running according to the time line set in the project document and so far no constrains or challenges to be reported.