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Participating UN Organisation: UNFPA (Lead agency), WHO, UNICEF
Sector: Health and Nutrition
Government of Iraq – Responsible Line Ministry: Ministry of Health in Iraq, Ministry of Health-KRG, in collaboration with MoE, MoHE, MoYS, MoLSA (Central & KRG)

Title	Adolescents & youth friendly health services at PHC level				
Geographic Location	Baghdad, Erbil, Missan and Babel				
Project Cost	WHO US\$ 384,891 UNFPA US \$ 1,000,716 UNICEF US\$ 150,052				
Duration	18 months				
Approval Date (SC)	March 2010	Starting Date	January 1, 2010	Completion Date	April 30, 2011
Project Description	<p>The main purpose of this project is to create a youth friendly health services package within the PHC setting to better respond to adolescents and youth's health needs; thereby filling the gaps in planning for these services. Being a pilot project, the planned services will build on and develop the existing services at the PHCCs to become more accessible to the Iraqi youth, a service package will be developed in collaboration with The American university of Beirut, using the successful experiences of providing such services in the region; the package will be based on WHO/UNFPA modules. Using the results of the 2004 youth KAP Survey and the 2009 National Youth survey, an in depth research on youth health and psychological needs was conducted. The project will also cover the generation of strategic information on the dynamics of health ,seeking behaviours, and the utilization of health services by youths in Iraq, this information will assist in setting the basis for drawing a National Youth Health Strategy, which is currently taking place in Iraq.</p>				

Development Goal and Immediate Objectives

The Integrated Programme/Project Outcome(s):
Enhanced Capacities of Iraqi Health system to adequately address Youth Health needs and wellbeing challenges

The proposed project will target in and out of school Adolescents and Youth of the age group (12-24); existing within the catchments areas of 20 PHC centres in the following governorates; Baghdad (Karkh and Rusafa) Babel, Missan and Erbil. The project activities will be implemented as a pilot project at the PHC centres including health clinics within universities at the above mentioned governorates.

Outputs, Key activities and Procurement

Outputs	Output 1: 20 Adolescents & Youth-Friendly Health Services are operational within existing PHC centers in 4 governorates Output 2 : Demand and use of youth friendly health services is increased through community participation
Activities	<p>Key activities for output 1 (UNFPA & WHO)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Conduct In-depth research on youth health and psychological needs, using results of the 2005 youth KAP Survey and the 2009 National Youth Survey, and define a Health service package addressing adolescents/youth health and wellbeing needs to be provided through existing PHC centers, taking into account age and sex of target group, as well as interventions of other actors in this area; b. Prepare norms, standards and guidelines for Youth Friendly Health services; and develop a training

	<p>manual for Youth health providers, based on WHO/UNFPA modules</p> <p>c. Train a gender-balanced/sensitive teams of health providers (medical, psychologist and paramedical staff) in the selected PHC centers, and secure regular monitoring and support to the newly established AYFH services;</p> <p>d. Setup up an internal monitoring system of Youth Friendly Health services, in close involvement of a group of Youth volunteers</p> <p>e. Prepare a draft Adolescents & Youth Health Strategy, reflecting MoH contribution to the multi-sectoral/multi-dimensional National Youth Strategy.</p> <p>Key activities for output 2:(UNFPA,WHO,UNICEF)</p> <p>f. Conduct sensitization meetings with families, community leaders, community volunteers with in the Community Based Initiative District (CBI), schools teachers, local NGOs on the importance of having youth friendly services, and Set up network of partners, including community centers, schools, parent-teachers associations (PTA), NGOs and others;</p> <p>g. Review existing IEC materials, manuals, including those used in other countries in the region, develop and produce adapted versions, and conduct outreach activities for youth through existing youth peer volunteer's programme.</p> <p>h. Create a healthy psycho-social environment to help teachers, students and parents to develop a positive psycho-social climate through implementing school-based interventions to raise awareness of teachers on their role in providing proper emotional development of students, provide psychosocial support to students and to develop positive relations between the schools, community and PHC centre.</p> <p>i. Enhance self esteem of youth and decrease the negative impact of living in war situation.</p> <p>j. Create community youth network to mobilize youths towards utilization of youth friendly health services, and build their capacity in peer education.</p>
Procurement (major items)	NA

WHO

Funds Committed	22,641	% 5.8 of approved	
Funds Disbursed	22,641	% 5.8 of approved	
Forecast final date	April 30, 2011	Delay (months)	No delay

UNFPA

Funds Committed	0	% 0 of approved	
Funds Disbursed	0	% 0 of approved	
Forecast final date	April 30, 2011	Delay (months)	No delay

Quantitative achievements against objectives and results			
The project is in the early implementation phase as the money was transferred to the implementing agencies during May 2010 and implementation of activities is in process.		% of planned	0%

Qualitative achievements against objectives and results
Project is still in its very early implementation stage.

Main implementation constrains & challenges (2-3 sentences)