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

Title	HIV/ AIDS Policy support and capacity building				
Geographic Location	[Nationwide,]				
Project Cost	\$1,000,000				
Duration	One year				
Approval Date (SC)	23 Feb 2010	Starting Date	2 March 2010	Completion Date	[28 Feb 2011]
Project Description	The project is structured around three Key Services Delivery Areas (SDAs): (i) Support to Policy Development and Planning, (ii) Generation of Strategic Information, (iii) Capacity Development and Training.				

Development Goal and Immediate Objectives

The support to HIV/AIDS policy development and capacity building programs demonstrates a growing UN and Government of Iraq commitment to achieve the MDGs and universal access to health and social services as envisioned in the Constitution, NDS (2007-2010) and the ICI.

The project aims to enhance the national HIV/AIDS response through proper policy development, information generation and capacity building. The key interventions of the project include support to the development of the National Strategic Plan on HIV/AIDS, Health Sector Response on HIV/AIDS and M & E Plan. The capacity building related interventions are targeting national program officers and NGOs for training in areas of program management, mainstreaming, youth programming, gender, leadership and integration of HIV/AIDS services within the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Programs and the humanitarian response.

Considering the current status of the epidemic, the project has prioritized working with most at risk and vulnerable populations such as prisoners and Intravenous Drug Users (IDUs) as key pillar of the project that is linked to the establishment of strong HIV surveillance system and program development tailored to the type of the epidemic and HIV vulnerability context in Iraq.

During the preparatory phase and following the endorsement , the Joint UN Team on AIDS and the National AIDS program will intensify resources mobilization from both GOI and donors to ensure sustainability and scale up of the interventions including application to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS , Tuberculosis and Malaria.

The following agencies from the UN country team on HIV/AIDS (UNDP, UNESCO, UNFPA, WFP, UNODC) are participating in project implementation and WHO is a lead agency.

Outputs, Key activities and Procurement

Outputs	<p>Output 1.1 – Capacity of GOI and partners enhanced to develop HIV/AIDS related policies, plans and strategies in a participatory manner</p> <p>1.1.1 Enhanced capacity of the National HIV/AIDS committee and line ministries to develop a Health Sector Response Strategy on HIV/AIDS</p> <p>1.1.2 Enhanced capacity of National HIV/AIDS committee and line ministries to develop a national Multisectoral Strategic Plan on AIDS</p> <p>1.1.3 Enhanced institutional capacity of key ministries (Interior , Education , Displacement and migration , Women Affairs and Youth and Sports) to respond to HIV/ AIDS)</p>
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	<p>Output 1.2 – HIV/AIDS information generation system in place</p> <p>1.2.1 Enhanced capacity of the national AIDS committee and focal points at key ministries to develop an M& E plan and Second Generation Surveillance for the National Response on HIV/AIDS</p> <p>1.2.2 Support provided GOI to undertake studies and surveys on the HIV/ AIDS among prisoners and IDUs</p> <p>1.2.3 Support provided GOI to undertake Qualitative and Formative Research on HIV/AIDS and Sex Work</p> <p>Output 1.3 – Enhanced capacity of the National AIDS Programme, NGO’s and Higher Committee on AIDS for better HIV/AIDS programming.</p> <p>1.3.1 Enhanced capacity of NAP officers and youth organizations on HIV/AIDS Youth Programming</p> <p>1.3.2 Enhanced capacity of women organizations to integrate gender and HIV/ AIDS in development programming</p> <p>1.3.3 Enhanced capacity of MOH to integrate HIV/ AIDS in MCH Programs</p> <p>1.3.4 Enhanced capacity of GOI, NGOs , UNCT and Higher Committee to better respond to the issue of HIV/ AIDS in Iraq</p> <p>1.3.5 Capacity of humanitarian NGOs enhanced to integrate HIV/AIDS within their humanitarian Programs</p>
Activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop the Health sector component of the NSP and conduct consensus and validation workshop for the Health Sector Component of the NSP 2. Support Resources Mobilization of the NSP through GF application by CCM 3. Conduct HIV/AIDS situation , response analysis and priority setting 4. Dialogue and advocacy meetings with the Ministries of Education, Women Affairs, Youth & Sports, Displacement & Migration and Interior on establishment of HIV/AIDS Units/focal points 5. Develop M and E Plan and reporting format 6. Develop protocol and implementation plan for SGS 7. National Training of surveillance officers in SGS and M and E 8. Develop study protocols and implement survey for Prisoners and IDUs 9. Develop study protocol for FSWs and implement a qualitative research for FSWs 10. National Training of NGOs and NAP officers on out of school youth programming 11. National Training of NGOs and NAP officers on out in school youth programming 12. National Training of Women Organizations on HIV and Gender 13. National Training for MOH staff and NGOs on HIV integration in MCH Program 14. Study Tour for officers from the NAP , NGOs and Higher Committee to a country in the with good HIV program 15. National Training of local NGOs in HIV/AIDS integration in humanitarian programmes
Procurement (major items)	No items

Funds Committed	<p>The following commitments made from WHO to the below agencies per signed MOU:</p> <p>UNFPA 170,646</p> <p>UNESCO 60,302</p> <p>WFP 49,739</p>	% of approved	38,56
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	UNDP 104,954 WHO 58,824		
Funds Disbursed	WHO 58,824	% of approved	6
Forecast final date	28 February 2011	Delay (months)	

Direct Beneficiaries	Number of Beneficiaries	% of planned (current status)
Men		0
Women		0
Children		0
IDPs		0
Others	The main beneficiary of the project will be the MOH, as it is the key duty bearer for formulation, implementation and monitoring of the HIV Control Program. Participants in the various trainings will also be direct beneficiaries.	0
Indirect beneficiaries	People living with HIV/AIDS, most at risk population, young people and institutions that would benefit from the policy and capacity building programs	0
Employment generation (men/women)	This project will generate direct and indirect local employment opportunities in Iraq. It offers opportunities for participants to acquire specific training skills that they will be able to utilize for individual and social development.	0

Quantitative achievements against objectives and results

The MOU with participating agencies has been signed. The funds have been distributed to UNFPA, UNESCO, WFP and UNDP for implementation. The CCM has been provided with technical support and guidance to develop the Round 10 HIV/AIDS proposal to the Global Fund within the framework of this project.	% of planned	6
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Qualitative achievements against objectives and results

As funds have been recently disbursed to the participating UN agencies so far no major qualitative achievements against objectives and results have been achieved.
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Main implementation constrains & challenges (2-3 sentences)

As a lead agency, WHO initiated discussions with participating UN agencies to sign MOU for implementation of the activities under this project. Finalization of MOU is pending feedback from UNODC on the context of MOU. The project manager from WHO has requested the RCO's to facilitate the speeding up of this process from UNODC focal officers responsible for this HIV project implementation.
