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Government of Iraq – Responsible Line Ministry: Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), Iraq

Title	Towards Sustainable Development of Inland Fisheries in Iraq				
Geographic Location	Salah Al Deen , Al- Anbar ,Ninewa and Diyala governorates				
Project Cost	US\$ 3,000,007				
Duration	30Months				
Approval Date (SC)	26/03/2008	Starting Date	26/03/2008	Completion Date	Original: 30/9/2009 Extension: 31/12/2010
Project Description	<p>The project aims to build institutional capacity and the local capacity based on community participation in order to enable remote rural communities, and relevant state agencies to undertake a jointly sustainable development programme in inland fisheries development. This will include: (i) decentralization and delivery system of quality fish seed supply for stock enhancement to increase inland fish production, (ii) enhancement of aquatic food production through community participatory conservation and management of inland water resources, and (iii) community participatory resource assessment and action planning. The project will also focus on an extension delivery system in dissemination of knowledge on innovative approaches of management, education and training.</p>				

Development Goal and Immediate Objectives

The long-term development goal of the project is to contribute towards the sustainable development of inland fisheries, in order to meet the domestic demand of fish and to enhance livelihood and employment opportunities and food security among rural and disadvantaged communities of central to northern parts of Iraq

The immediate objectives of this project are as follows:

- To build capacity of General Board of Fish Resources and Development (GBFRD) of Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) to establish a fish seed supply network to reach remote and potential areas to support a sustainable inland fishery industry.
- To diversify inland fisheries practices that will contribute to national fish production and enhance employment/livelihoods of communities and to empower rural and marginalised communities by involving them in the planning, extension and development of sustainable inland fisheries.
- To strengthen an extension services system reaching remote rural communities.

Outputs, Key activities and Procurement

Outputs	<p>The key outputs of the project are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broodstock development programme for native carp species established and fish seed supply operational. • Disease diagnostic and fish feed formulation and testing capacities of GBFRD personnel enhanced. • Fish stock enhancement/restocking programme established. • Community participatory methodologies for conservation and management of
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	<p>inland fisheries established.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension capacity of GBFRD on inland fisheries management enhanced
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The development of inland fisheries and thereby the offer of opportunities for communities associated with these water bodies to diversify their livelihoods and income generation avenues. • Adoption of community participatory management strategies for the sustainability of fisheries and aquaculture practices. • Capacity building through access to innovative inland fishery practices and technologies and information for dissemination.
Procurement (major items)	In order to enhance the institutional capacity, brood fish, chemicals, different equipment for disease diagnosis, genetic screening, and fish nutrition laboratories have to be procured under the project.

Funds Committed	USD \$2,301,781	% of approved	76.73%
Funds Disbursed	USD \$1,054,973	% of approved	35.17%
Forecast final date	31/12/2010	Delay (months)	5

Direct Beneficiaries	Number of Beneficiaries	% of planned (current status)
Men*	2,500	10%
Women		
Children		
IDPs		
Others		
Indirect beneficiaries	150	5%
Employment generation (men/women)	40	0 % (not originally planned for)

* In Iraq fisheries activities are done predominately by men. This programme targets the fishermen but indirectly benefits women and children, etc.

Quantitative achievements against objectives and results			
Procurement of GIS facilities	Completed	% of planned	100
Purchase and installation of equipments to strengthen disease diagnosis, fish nutrition and brood stock genetic	Completed	% of planned	100
Review of Iraqi fisheries legislation	Completed	% of planned	100
Construction of Two brood fish centres cum hatcheries buildings located at Salah Al-Deen and Anbar governorates to maintain broodstock and produce larvae/fry of native Barbus	<p>The contract for the building construction at Salah Al Deen site is signed.</p> <p>The contract with the contractor is signed on 25th August, the construction work started. It is estimated that the construction work will end after 210 days (approximately 7 months). The handover will be in March end, 2011, when it will become operational with hatcheries.</p>	% of planned	50
Purchase and installation of equipment for fish feed manufactory	The re-tender of fish feed manufactory is under review by the technical division.	% of planned	30
Preparation and Extension material	The manuals for fish breeding are completed, waiting for MoA endorsement.	% of planned	95

Workshop in Amman for Capacity building	Two trainings on capacity building for planning and development of fish seed quality assurance, fish disease monitoring to be completed. Programme of the training has been finalized. The training program will be held in Amman during October.	% of planned	50
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Qualitative achievements against objectives and results

Completed activities as outlined in the project document have been listed below:

- Purchase of disease diagnosis equipment, fish nutrition and brood stock genetic completed.
- Workshop conducted and final Policy framework and the fisheries legislation approved by the Project Steering Committee
- Technical specifications for the procurement of fish feed manufactory have been completed; international re-tender is under review to proceed with the delivery and installation of the fish feed manufactory equipments

Most of the project activities have been completed, however the construction of the brood fish centres remains balance activity. This is a major output for this project that will need to be finished within in the next 7 months.

The only other remaining activities are the fish feed manufacturing and installation, and training workshop.

Main implementation constrains & challenges (2-3 sentences)

The problem regarding the construction of brood fish centres delay has come up while doing the tenders for construction, and due to the complex nature of construction needed, no company is willing to do it in less than 7 months. However, the contract for construction was finally signed on 25 August. It is expected that the construction of the building will require 7 months to guarantee all technical specifications are met according to the specified criteria. All project activities are being expedited to make sure it is completed on time.