

**United Nations Development Group Iraq Trust Fund**  
**Project #: 00074126**  
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<b>Participating UN Organisation: UNDP</b>	<b>Sector: Governance</b>
<b>Government of Iraq – Responsible Line Ministry: Ministry of Planning</b>	

<b>Title</b>	Support to the GOI in Implementing the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness				
<b>Geographic Location</b>	All of Iraq				
<b>Project Cost</b>	1,000, 000 USD				
<b>Duration</b>	18 months.				
<b>Approval Date</b>	19 Nov 2009	<b>Starting Date</b>	2 Dec 2009	<b>Completion Date</b>	2 June 2011
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>The Project will support the GoI to localize and implement the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness in Iraq. The overall outcome of the project is to institutionalise mechanisms for managing international assistance in line with the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness.</p> <p>The Project does not seek to achieve the entire Paris Declaration in 18 months but rather will assist and support Iraq in the initial period to make progress and lay the foundations for continued reform, in line with its own soon to be published aid harmonisation strategies.</p>				

**Development Goal and Immediate Objectives**

<b>Development Goal:</b> The overall objective of the project is GoI has institutionalized mechanisms for managing international assistance in line with Paris principles on aid effectiveness.
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**Outputs, Key activities and Procurement**

<b>Outputs</b>	Output 1.1: <b>Output 1: Ownership of the aid effectiveness agenda in Iraq strengthened through support to core mechanisms and policies</b>
<b>Activities</b>	<p>Activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1 Provide support and facilitate regular meetings &amp; technical assistance, including an initial Paris Declaration overview workshop.</li> <li>1.2 Support the drafting of an Aid Policy for Iraq and a National Action Plan for its implementation at the national and regional levels through provision of expertise.</li> <li>1.3 Deliver and support sustainable, national-led capacity development activities in aid effectiveness and related areas through needs assessments and training.</li> <li>1.4 Support knowledge management and exchange of best practices</li> </ol>
<b>Procurement</b>	<b>Procurement:</b> Contractors, Consultant, Training
Output 2.1: <b>Alignment of donors improved with GoI's development policies</b>	<p>Activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1 Identify opportunities to enhance the use of aid flows through review mechanisms</li> <li>2.2 Review information gathering systems</li> <li>2.3 Encourage donors (through lobbying measures) to provide regular information on their rolling three to five year forward expenditure &amp; implementation plans,</li> <li>2.4 Provide upstream policy advice on aid effectiveness</li> </ol>
<b>Procurement</b>	<b>Procurement:</b> Consultant, Software.
Output 3.1: <b>Enhanced donor harmonisation, transparency and collective effectiveness</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.1 Encourage the exchange of best practices</li> <li>3.2 Support GoI-International partners common initiatives in aid effectiveness</li> <li>3.3 Engage with donors through meetings and roundtables, and other mechanisms (ia. such as the Iraq Partners Forum), to encourage simplification of aid delivery, reduction of tied aid &amp; further compliance with GoI systems &amp; processes.</li> </ol>
<b>Procurement</b>	<b>Procurement:</b> NA
Output 4.1: <b>Results based management systems</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4.1 Support results based management initiatives</li> <li>4.2 Enhance the MoPDC's ability to manage aid within a results based framework by establishing a cross-ministerial aid management capability - under the leadership of the PD Task Force - to</li> </ol>

<b>strengthened</b>	collate information & provide analysis on the impact of aid in collaboration with the ICI Secretariat, COSIT & other relevant actors.
<b>Procurement</b>	<b>Procurement:</b> Contractors, Consultant, Training
Output 5.1: <b>Mutual accountability mechanisms improved</b>	5.1 Promote accountability by supporting the establishment of planning & monitoring functions at the central & regional levels 5.2 Support the establishment of a co-financing mechanism 5.3 Establish a survey to monitor the Paris Declaration in Iraq through baseline indicators 5.4 Enable the Paris Declaration Task Force to lead regular mutual assessment reviews,
<b>Procurement</b>	<b>Procurement:</b> Consultant, Software

<b>Funds Committed</b>	USD 100,000,000	<b>% of approved</b>	100%
<b>Funds Disbursed</b>	USD 533,451.06	<b>% of approved</b>	50%
<b>Forecast final date</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> November 2011	<b>Delay (months)</b>	6

#### Quantitative achievements against objectives and results

5. Mutual accountability mechanisms improved to assess development results	Consultant contracted to provide advice and guidance to the ICD in the Ministry of Planning in upgrading its operational effectiveness and its interaction with other relevant parts of Government and the donor community. The work will also feed into a high-level international conference on implementing the Paris Declaration in Iraq provisionally set for September 2010.	<b>% of planned</b> 10%
	3 modules contracted out for the Iraq Development Management System (IDMS). These include the Field-level permission; off-line data entry and audit trail modules. Work is being undertaken with UNOPS to also contract out the Business Process Management module of the IDMS, thus automating the entire fund request-allocation procedure of Government.	50%
2. Alignment of donors proved with GoI's priorities	Work has been undertaken to break out the sector level indicators of the National Development Plan in the Governance sector (NDP Chapter 12). This exercise will be finalised in November 2010 and will help the Government track progress against the NDP in a tangible manner.	50%

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<p>The key elements of progress made in the last quarter include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The significant roll-out of the IDMS with the four major modules contracted for implementation</li> <li>• The contracted of senior expertise to assist the capacity building of the ICD (MoP)</li> <li>• Identifying the NDP Governance sector-level objectives and indicators.</li> <li>• Pulling together a vital strategic partnership between the Ministry of Planning, PMAC, USAID-Tatweer, EU, Spain and UNDP and providing the initiative with a high profile</li> </ul>
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<b>Main implementation constrains &amp; challenges (2-3 sentences)</b>
Security and availability of slots remains a serious challenge for the UN operations in Iraq; this might have affected the project implementation, and causes certain delivery delays. In addition, to the election phase, were most UN operations were put in to hold between January– March 2010.