

**United Nations Development Group Iraq Trust Fund**  
**Project # 63969**  
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**Participating UN Organisation: UNDP** **Sector: Governance**  
**Government of Iraq – Responsible Line Ministry: Independent High Electoral Commission of Iraq (IHEC)**

<b>Title</b>	Technical Assistance to IHEC, Phase II				
<b>Geographic Location</b>	Primarily in Baghdad with impact and possible activities elsewhere.				
<b>Project Cost</b>	USD 5,479,950 (Initial budget was USD 3,674,736. An additional USD 1,805,214 was approved by the UNDG Iraq Trust Fund Steering Committee on 21 March 2010).				
<b>Duration</b>	2 Years				
<b>Approval Date</b>	4 Dec 2008	<b>Starting Date</b>	8 Dec 2008	<b>Completion Date</b>	31 December 2011
<b>Project Description</b>	The programme aims to provide the Independent High Electoral Commission of Iraq (IHEC) with essential and urgent technical assistance through securing the required number of international electoral experts and advisers for the 2009/2010 electoral events. The UN was mandated under SCR 1770 to provide assistance to the IHEC. The assistance is divided into 2 categories: long-term institutional development and immediate electoral operational support.				

<b>Development Goal and Immediate Objectives</b>	
<p><b>NDS:</b> Strengthening good governance and improve security.  <b>ICI:</b> Section 3.1.2: Implementation of political/legislative timetable.  Article 4.2: Strengthen institutions to improve governance.</p> <p><b>Sector Team Outcome:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strengthened Electoral Process in Iraq.</li> </ol> <p><b>Integrated Program Outcome:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strengthened electoral operations in Iraq, ensuring free and fair elections.</li> </ol>	

<b>Outputs, Key activities and Procurement</b>	
<b>Output 1</b>	Increased institutional capacity of IHEC to independently carry out elections.
<b>Activities</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Identify and select international electoral experts to be recruited by UNDP.</li> <li>2- Obtain security clearance for staff.</li> <li>3- Ensure that all necessary staff security and protection measures arrangements are in place.</li> <li>4- Secure the necessary office space and the logistical arrangements.</li> <li>5- Ensure that each staff develops and implements a work plan in line with the IHEC needs.</li> <li>6- The Chief Technical Advisor (CTA) to monitor staff performance and plans implementation.</li> <li>7- Issue 300 Series (ALD) and/or SSA contracts to staff members selected by UNEAD.</li> <li>8- Arrange for staff travel (Home country – Amman – Home country).</li> <li>9- Administer staff human resources (HR) and administrative issues.</li> </ol>
<b>Procurement(major items)</b>	No major items procured

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<b>Funds Committed</b>	USD 47,767.41	<b>% of approved</b>	0.8 %
<b>Funds Disbursed</b>	USD 3,490,621.3	<b>% of approved</b>	64.0 %
<b>Forecast final date</b>	31 December 2011	<b>Delay (months)</b>	12

Direct Beneficiaries	Number of Beneficiaries	% of planned (current status)
Men	1400	100 %
Women	489	100 %
Children	N/A	
IDPs	N/A	
Others	N/A	
Indirect beneficiaries	Iraqi Population	
Employment generation (men/women)	n/a	

Quantitative achievements against objectives and results			
<b>Output 1:</b> Increased institutional capacity of IHEC to independently carry out elections.	<p>The required international electoral advisors were in place during the reporting period to provide assistance to the IHEC in its post-election activities.</p> <p>The project enabled UNDP technical advisors to the IHEC to participate in two senior level Lessons Learned reviews of the Council of Representatives election and in a workshop to develop and agree standards, rules and procedures for delivery of capacity building activities undertaken by the IHEC together with its international partners.</p> <p>Two short term international consultants were contracted during the reporting period to provide advice to the IHEC on development of voter registration strategies.</p>	<b>% of planned</b>	65 %

Qualitative achievements against objectives and results
<p>During the reporting period, the following staff were in place to provide the necessary operational support and capacity development to the IHEC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Senior Operations Advisor</li> <li>2. Team Leader / Senior Capacity Building Advisor</li> <li>3. Procurement and Logistics Advisor</li> <li>4. Public Outreach Advisor</li> <li>5. Associate Administrative Officer</li> <li>6. Interpreters/Translators</li> <li>7. Service Contract Staff</li> </ol> <p>At the request of the Iraqi Independent High Electoral Commission (IHEC), and as part of the multi-faceted advisory programme, UNDP was able to contract two short term consultants (one week consultancy) as Senior Electoral Advisor (Voter Registration) and Database Advisor (Voter Registration) to facilitate discussion and provide technical advice on voter registration to the IHEC Chief Electoral Officer and key senior/middle management representatives.</p> <p>This represents ongoing technical assistance to the IHEC by securing international electoral experts to provide the necessary technical advice and operational guidance to the IHEC for electoral activities. All project activities were undertaken for all international expert advisors. All advisors have assisted in providing both operational technical support to preparation and implementation of electoral activities, and in capacity development through providing ongoing guidance and mentoring to IHEC staff.</p> <p>UNDP specific contribution to this overall goal is the timely mobilization of technical expertise to support the IHEC.</p>

Main implementation constrains & challenges
<p>The security factor remains the main obstacle to the deployment of additional staff in Iraq. However, the staff ceiling has been slightly raised to accommodate additional UN personnel to support the electoral process. It is not anticipated that there will be any more problems in this regard during the programme life.</p> <p>It is also understood that for the same reason of security some international electoral experts (who are limited in number) are reluctant to take positions in Iraq; nevertheless, UNEAD continues to seek qualified personnel and identify them for immediate recruitment.</p>