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Participating UN Organisation: UNDP **Sector: Governance**
Government of Iraq – Responsible Line Ministry: Council of Representatives (High Commission for Human Rights once established)

Title	C9-34 High Commission for Human Rights in Iraq: Capacity Building and Technical Support				
Geographic Location	Baghdad, Iraq				
Project Cost	USD 500,000				
Duration	18 months				
Approval Date (SC)	27 June 2010	Starting Date	25 Aug 2010	Completion Date	25 Feb 2012
Project Description	<p>There is timely and demonstrated need for an effective High Commission for Human Rights (HCHR) in Iraq, in line with the mandate, power, resources and capacities stemming from the enabling law, which is able to play a crucial protection role at the national level, and represents an effective Paris Principles compliant institution at the regional and international levels. This project intervention seeks to ensure that the HCHR is in place and that it properly fulfils its roles. The intervention aims to ensure that the HCHR is being established and develops initial capacities to be an effective actor in the promotion and protection of human rights, to be a port of call for improvement of the human rights system in Iraq, including through provision of remedies to and prevention of human rights violations and abuses, and to deliver increasingly effective human rights services and programming. This will be done in a progressive manner, as funding is mobilized and in synchrony with the establishment of the policy and legal framework that will guide the HCHR. Initial activities as highlighted in this proposal will encompass the establishment of the Commission, through the support to the selection of its members and the provision of essential tools to bridge the gap until the next fiscal period, in which Iraqi government resources will be available. The project will support initial capacity development of the Commissioners and key staff, and assist the Commission to lay the foundation for a medium and long term strategic plan. While UNAMI Human Rights Office will be the technical lead of the project, UNDP will be the implementing agency.</p> <p>However, Project implementation cannot commence until the CoR is established and commences the process of setting up the Expert Committee. Law No 53 (2008) provides under its article 7 for the setting of an Expert Committee of a maximum of 15 members representing the CoR, the CoM, the HJC, CSOs and UN, mandated to carry out procedures for the nomination of the commissioners to be appointed by the CoR. An Experts Committee was established in September 2009 however, the composition of the Expert Committee is expected to be revised in the light of the 7 March 2010 elections outcome.</p>				

Development Goal and Immediate Objectives

National priority or goals (NDS 2007- 2010 and ICI):

NDS:

Section 8.3 (Human Rights) Goal: Uphold and protect human rights, establish the rule of law, overcome the legacy of the recent and distant past;

8.3.1 Establish a comprehensive Iraqi owned human rights regime country wide.

ICI Benchmarks (as per the Joint Monitoring Matrix 2008):

Section 3.3 (Human Rights) Goal: Uphold and protect human rights, establish rule of law, and overcome the legacy of the recent and distant past.

3.3.1: Establish a comprehensive human rights regime country wide.

Sector Team Outcome(s):

Outcome 3: Enhanced rule of law and respect and protection for human rights in line with international standards.

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Outputs, Key activities and Procurement	
Outputs	<p>Output 1.1: Council Of Representatives (CoR) Committee on Human Rights (HR) and Experts Panel have a transparent process of nomination and selection of Commissioners and for the staff of the temporary Secretariat.</p> <p>Output 1.2: HCHR temporary secretariat is able to support the work of the HCHR.</p> <p>Output 1.3:HCHR has an enhanced capacity to perform its mandate.</p>
Activities	<p>Output 1.1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procurement of basic office equipment and supplies, to be transferred to the Secretariat once established. • Placement of advertisements for nominations of the Commissioners. • Provision of technical assistance and advisory services. • Support for outreach and public information on the process of nomination and selection of Commissioners. <p>Output 1.2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procurement of additional basic office equipment. • Limited support for HCHR Secretariat operations until it receives its GoI budget allocation. • Support for the establishment of the HCHR’s outreach and public information office. • Training for Commissioners and Secretariat staff. • Technical Assistance and advisory support for the IHCHR (travel of experts from Geneva; contract of specialized technical assistance). <p>Output 1.3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training of commissioners and key stakeholders on HR protection, prevention, women’s rights, and outreach. • Exposure of commissioners to relevant experience of HR Commissions in select countries. • Development by HCHR of basis for a medium and long term Strategic Plan.
Procurement	Office equipments and supplies; Advisory Services for capacity development activities.

Funds Committed	0	% of approved	0
Funds Disbursed	0	% of approved	0
Forecast final date		Delay (months)	

Direct Beneficiaries	Number of Beneficiaries	% of planned (current status)
Men		
Women		
Children		
IDPs		
Others	Includes the 11 elected Commissioners and three substitutes, HCHR staff (both temporary and newly recruited staff in 2010), HRs committee at CoR, and Experts Committee. The constitutive law provides for women representation of the Commissioners of not less than one third, and minority representation of the Commissioners not less than one member and one alternative member.	0
Indirect beneficiaries	All of Iraqi's population with no discrimination to gender, race, ethnicity or political affiliation, will benefit as indirect beneficiaries, with special focus on marginalized and vulnerable communities including women, minorities, and population in rural areas and underdeveloped urban areas, will benefit from the establishment and the functioning of the HCHR.	0
Employment generation (men/women)		

Quantitative achievements against objectives and results			
Project has not yet commenced.		% of planned	
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		% of planned	

Qualitative achievements against objectives and results
Project has not yet commenced.

Main implementation constrains & challenges (2-3 sentences)
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