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Participating UN Organisation: UNFPA(Lead agency), UNIFEM, UNHCR, WHO, UNAMI/HRO	Sector: Protection
Government of Iraq – Responsible Line Ministry: (Central Level and Kurdistan), Ministry of Education (Lead Ministry), Ministry of Health, Ministry of Interior, State Ministry of Women Affairs, and Ministry of Human Rights	

Title	Combating Violence against Women in Iraq				
Geographic Location	Baghdad, Basrah, and Erbil				
Project Cost	US\$ \$4,500,000				
Duration	24 Months				
Approval Date (SC)	18 Nov 2009	Starting Date	07 Dec 2009	Completion Date	7 Dec 2011
Project Description	<p>The goal of this proposed programme is to enhance Iraqi women’s rights by facilitating the development of national partnerships to combat violence against women (VAW). Partnerships are targeted among government ministries, civil society, religious and community leaders, the media and local communities in order to encourage the development and implementation of a national policy framework and multi-sectoral instruments aimed at combating VAW in Iraq. The program will be implemented at national level plus three governorates selected with the line ministries based on agreed criteria.</p> <p>The programme will also strengthen the institutional capacity of the Ministry of Women Affairs and other key ministries, as well as civil society organizations (CSOs), to address the needs of VAW survivors within their programmes through protection, care and referral services. The design and implementation of the programme are also driven by UN Security Council Resolution 1325.</p> <p>The direct programme beneficiaries are: a) Iraqi women, especially those who have been subject to VAW or are likely to suffer from VAW, b) key government ministries working in the social sector, and c) CSOs and communities where programme activities will be implemented. The programme addresses National Development strategy (NDS)/National Development Plan (NDP) Goal (3) Enhancing Gender Equity and Strengthening Women Empowerment and ICI benchmarks: “Develop and implement legislations and institutional framework to develop social partnerships and access for women to public life and to all of society’s resources.</p>				

Development Goal and Immediate Objectives

The programme will contribute directly to the ICI goal on human security. The programme’s overall objective is to enhance Iraqi women rights through the following:

- Facilitating the establishment of political and social partnerships engaged in the fight against gender discrimination, especially VAW
- Facilitating the development of a legislative framework that would “legitimize” the fight against VAW in the long run
- Developing mechanisms that deliver appropriate protection, care and referral services to VAW survivors, thus increasing their security ceiling

Outputs, Key activities and Procurement

Outputs	<p>Output 1: GoI and national partners have enhanced capacities for developing, Monitoring integrated national policies, plans, and programmes on VAW.</p> <p>Output 2: Key government ministries and CSOs have the institutional, technical, and operational capacities to respond to the need of VAW survivors.</p> <p>Output 3: Community leaders, local communities, secondary school teachers and students have increased knowledge on gender equality.</p>
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Activities

Output 1.1: GoI, CSO's, and religious leaders and councils are able to develop a national strategy for combating VAW. (UNFPA will lead and supported by UNIFEM, WHO, and HRO)

Activities:

1. Organize series of workshops with senior representatives from MoWA, Parliamentarian Committee on Women Issues, & CSOs, and religious leadership structures to include the social-cultural context of the 3 regions in Iraq.
2. Strengthen existing ministerial & CSO committee on combating VAW, and provide it with the necessary operational and technical support to coordinate & monitor the implementation of the national & sectoral plans. (UNFPA, with assistance of UNIFEM, &WHO)
3. Support ministries (MoH, MoLSA, MoE, MoWA, MoHR, and Religious Commissions) to identify and prioritize combating VAW mainstreaming opportunities. (UNFPA, UNIFEM, & WHO)

Output 2.1: MoH has an enhanced capacity for psycho-medical care and detection of gender based violence at selected primary and secondary health care facilities. (UNFPA lead supported by UNIFEM and WHO)

Activities:

1. Adapt training modules for health & social workers working at PHC level and District/Central hospitals on skills for Detection /Care/referral of survivals of VAW. (UNFPA, WHO)
2. Adapt a "Tool Kit for Referral of VAW Survivors" to be used by health care providers and other governmental and CSO. (UNFPA, WHO)
3. Organize training workshop for doctors & nurses working in 100 PHCCs, social workers working in 10 hospitals, on skills for psycho-social, medical care, and referral of VAW survivors. (UNFPA, WHO)
4. Develop a user- friendly data collection tool to enable primary healthcare staff to compile data on VAW cases to be treated in the selected hospitals and PHHC. (UNFPA, WHO)

Output 2.3: MoI has increased capacity to provide services to VAW survivors. (UNFPA)

Activities:

1. Adapt a training module for "Mediation, Legal /Referral Skills for Police Officers" to be able to adequately deal with and support VAW survivors. (UNFPA).
2. Train 100 newly appointed female and male police officers, and social workers working at local police units on dealing with VAW survivors, registering and documenting their cases and referring them to health or legal assistance. (UNFPA)

Output 2.4: CSO and NGOs has an increased capacity in providing and reporting on psycho- social, legal counseling and sheltering services for VAW survivors. (UNHCR with UNFPA & UNIFEM, HRO)

Activities:

1. Adapt training module for workers on NGOs on mediation, psycho-social, and referral skills adapted to the CSO context. (UNFPA)
2. Organize workshops to train members of CSOs on the module. (UNFPA)

Output 3.1: Life skills, Psycho-Social support, and human rights are integrated within the extra-curricular activities of secondary education level. (UNFPA lead supported by WHO)

Activities:

1. Adapt a pilot "Life skills and Social Studies Module", adapting a culturally sensitive and human rights approach, that provides secondary school children with life skills, and information on human rights and gender issues, especially on the harmful effects of VAW on society, the family and women. (UNFPA, WHO)

	<p>2. Organize training for 200 teachers in 50 boys & 50 girls secondary schools on the module. (UNFPA, WHO)</p> <p>3. Sensitized the relevant structure in the MoE to monitor the implementation of the module and assessing its impact on students. (UNFPA, WHO)</p>
Procurement (major items)	<p>TWO Request of Proposals were finalized</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training Manual: Selected TSAMOTA - National Strategy for CVAW strategy: Selected Jordan Center for Social Research - 16 days of activism: Bridges

Funds Committed	WHO: 69,209.00 UNFPA: 278,777.23 UNIFEM:124,253	% of approved	10% 12% 13%
Funds Disbursed	WHO: 54,882.00 UNFPA: 108,757.77 UNIFEM: 124,253	% of approved	8% 5% 13%
Forecast final date	30 Nov 2011	Delay (months)	N/A

Quantitative achievements against objectives and results			
Organize series of workshops with senior representatives from MoWA, Parliamentarian Committee on Women Issues, & CSOs, and religious leadership structures to include the social-cultural context of the 3 regions in Iraq.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participated in successive preparatory meetings with other UN agencies and GTF for the 16 days of activism campaign. - Provided technical and financial support to the 16 days activism campaign (USD 250,000) . - Started the preparations to conduct 6 training workshops to raise the awareness of 300 participants on the importance of eliminating VAW in Al-Najaf, Baghdad, and Basra. 	% of planned	8%
Strengthen existing ministerial & CSO committee on combating VAW, and provide it with the necessary operational and technical support to coordinate & monitor the implementation of the national & sectoral plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One day workshop was organized by the directorate General of Tracing Violence against women. The workshop included ministries of Interior, MolSA, MoH, Justice, Planning and NGOs to draft the National Strategy for CVAW (Nov 25-26). - Organized side meetings with the SMOWA to discuss UNIFEM's role in this project and to present an overview of the project in which roles and responsibilities for each stakeholder were discussed and a work plan was drafted. - UNIFEM in partnership with SMoWA conducted two coordination meetings with members of 80 committee and members of the legal department in the SMOWA to start the process of drafting a family protection law. 	% of planned	5%
Adapt training modules for health & social workers working at PHC level and District/Central hospitals on skills for Detection /Care/referral of survivals of VAW	The activity is in process jointly with WHO	% of planned	5%
Organize training workshop for doctors & nurses working in 100	The activities are in the process	% of planned	0%

PHCCs, social workers working in 10 hospitals, on skills for psycho-social, medical care, and referral of VAW survivors.			
Organize training for MoLSA's Social Security Network Staff to provide them with psycho-social counselling, referral and data collection skills targeting VAW survivors.	The activities are in the process	% of planned	0%
Develop a user-friendly data collection tool to facilitate data collection by social safety networks on VAW survivors supported through the network.	Conduct several bilateral meetings with ministry of interior and SMOWA to start the preparation to asses all the available data collection systems in Iraq that is related to VAW	% of planned	2%
Adapt a training module for "Mediation, Legal /Referral Skills for Police Officers" to be able to adequately deal with and support VAW survivors.	The activity is in process	% of planned	5%
Adapt training module for workers on NGOs on mediation, psycho-social, and referral skills adapted to the CSO context.	The activity is in process	% of planned	5%
Organize training for 200 teachers in 50 boys & 50 girls secondary schools on the module	The activities are under preparation. A preliminary training session will be organised to school teachers after the completion of the module	% of planned	2%

Qualitative achievements against objectives and results

- It is too early to measure the qualitative achievements.

Main implementation constraints & challenges (2-3 sentences)

- Iraq is still going through a very challenging time. the government is still not formulated yet .Although the existing government is still functioning; major strategic processes are lingering awaiting the new administration. This has also affected the implementation of our planned activities on time.
- The Gender focal points who are the key person at MoH, MoI, MOLSA, NGOs responsible for the programme implementation were unaware of the project and had no coordination with SMOWA and other partner agencies.
- Constrains of timing and security: there are many preparation meeting for the secotral plans on combating VAW were delayed due to security reasons and social holidays in Iraq.