

Outputs, Key activities and Procurement	
Outputs	<p>Anticipated Outputs and Results: The information generated from the MICS is expected to influence resource allocation and improved planning for the social sector and assist in monitoring social sector delivery to improve the well-being of children and women. The data will be disseminated widely and used by development agencies in monitoring country development indicators. UNICEF conducts this survey globally every three years in order to have comparative data on the situation of women and children across regions and continents. As such, the tools are developed and tested by UNICEF's Headquarters and are globally recognized. The survey will furnish data needed for monitoring progress toward goals established by the MDGs and the goals set by World Fit for Children as a basis for future action and to contribute to the improvement of data and monitoring systems in Iraq and to strengthen technical expertise in the design, implementation and analysis of such systems.</p> <p>Output 1: COSIT, KRSO and relevant partners have increased capacity to develop, design, implement and supervise large surveys, such as MICS4, to obtain quality household data.</p> <p>Output 2: Policy makers and planners, at national and governorate levels, are better informed on the status and needs of the children and women.</p>
Activities	<p>Main activities under Output 1 Planning and preparation, sample frame development, questionnaire development, translation and pre-testing, logistics preparation, piloting survey, training of trainers (TOT) for field work and training of interviewers, conducting and monitoring the field work, and data processing include the activities under the output 1. Each step of these activities was discussed in depth with the MICS focal points (COSIT and KRSO) and line ministry participants during the one week training held in Amman during October 2009. GoI participation in the second regional workshop and technical assistance (TA) support will contribute to building the capacity of national statistical agencies on survey planning, data collection, data entry, cleaning.</p> <p>Main activities under Output 2 Data analysis and tabulation, preparation of preliminary report, conducting workshops for feedback on the report, finalizing preliminary report, producing final report in English and Arabic and Kurdish, printing and disseminating findings. Analytical survey report, including all indicator tables, in English and Arabic and Kurdish, will be finalized, disseminated and advocated.</p>
Procurement	Iodized Salt Test Kits, Measuring Boards, Weighting Scales, GPS Package & Desktop Computers. In addition, printing of supervisors and Interviewers' guide and questionnaires.

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Funds Committed	US\$1,480,000	% of approved	100%
Funds Disbursed	US\$0	% of approved	0%
Forecast final date	Field work postponed till 2011	Delay (months)	6 months

Direct Beneficiaries	Number of Beneficiaries	% of planned (current status)
Men		
Women		
Children		
IDPs		
Others	All participating institution in Iraq and organizations working with child protection and rights issues.	
Indirect beneficiaries	All children in Iraq through improved policies and service delivery	
Employment generation (men/women)		

Quantitative achievements against objectives and results			
• Translation MICS4 Questionnaires (from Arabic to English and to Kurdish)	Funded from UNICEF Regular Resources	% of planned	100%
• MICS4 partners consultation meeting (16-17 April, 2010)	Funded from UNICEF Regular Resources	% of planned	100%
• MICS4 Data Processing training (9-16 May, 2010) in Amman	Funded from UNICEF Regular Resources	% of planned	100%
• ToT training (1-10 June, 2010) in Amman	Funded from UNICEF Regular Resources	% of planned	100%
<p>Field survey and data collection/entry had been postponed until the end of October 2010 by COSIT due to the implementation of the national census of Iraq. However, as the national census was postponed till December 2010, UNICEF is in discussion with the government to explore possibilities to initiate data collection as soon as possible. Once agreed with the government on the timeline of the survey, a refresher training (TOT) will be conducted before the data collection starts. In the meantime, UNICEF initiated a recruitment process for the consultant who will oversee the implementation of the survey and conduct data analysis.</p>			

Qualitative achievements against objectives and results
<p>The sample design of MICS4 survey was formalized.</p> <p>The trainees of the ToT have not yet started their expected training sessions in each governorate of Iraq in preparation for the field work. Due to the postponement of the field survey, refresher training sessions will be conducted for the trainees of the TOT once the field data collection timeline is confirmed.</p>

Main implementation constrains & challenges (2-3 sentences)
<p>The security situation in Iraq is still unpredictable. During the field data collection, adequate security and safety measures will be taken, especially for the movement of national and international staff.</p> <p>Irregular electricity supply (cutting power) in the country poses another challenge that could potentially disrupt the planned activities. Back-up plans will be put into place, especially for the data processing unit, by providing additional generators and time-planning around usual black-out schedule. UNICEF regular funding will be utilized to implement this back-up plan to prevent further delay.</p>