

United Nations Development Group Iraq Trust Fund

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(OPERATIONALLY CLOSED)

Participating UN Organisation: UNOPS	Sector: Protection
Government of Iraq – Responsible Line Ministry:	Ministry of Human Rights

Title	Support to MoHR in Techniques for Mass Grave Excavation and Identification of Missing Persons				
Geographic Location	Baghdad and mass grave site in Kirkuk				
Project Cost	US \$ 974,182				
Duration	12 months				
Approval Date (SC)	01 March 2009	Starting Date	10 March 2009	Completion Date	31 July 2010 (OPERATIONALLY CLOSED)
Project Description	<p>This project will support the development of Iraq’s capacity to address the large numbers of missing persons through building further capacity within MoHR to work on excavation and examination of mass graves, including the possible exhumation of Kuwaiti missing PoWs.</p> <p>Between 300,000 and 2 million persons in Iraq are still missing from the Iran-Iraq War of 1980-88, 1990-91 Gulf War, pre-2003 regime crimes, and post-2003 conflict. In addition, since 2003 the Baghdad Medico-Legal Institute (MLI) reports that it receives on average 800 bodies per month, of which a significant proportion remain unidentified due to inadequate technical and forensic equipment. Currently, only one team of 25 persons from MoHR has been trained on techniques related to the excavation of mass graves and forensic and DNA analysis.</p>				

Development Goal and Immediate Objectives

The project contributes to achieving the following development goals and objectives relevant to Iraq:

Iraqi National Development Strategy (NDS):

8.1.1. National dialogue and reconciliation

8.3 Human Rights

Goal: Uphold and protect human rights, establish the rule of law, and overcome the legacy of the recent and distant past

8.3.1 Establish a comprehensive human rights regime country wide

International Compact with Iraq (ICI): *Although there is not specific benchmark, the project addresses:*

3.1.1 National dialogue and reconciliation

3.3 Uphold and protect human rights, establish the rule of law, and overcome the legacy of the recent and distant past

Protection Sector Team Outcome(s):

1. Improved protection of civilians throughout Iraq and creation of an environment which contributes to the observance of human rights for all Iraqis and mitigates the effects of forced displacement

Integrated Programme/Project Outcome(s):

1. The government of Iraq is better able to protect Human Rights in relation to identification of missing persons.

Outputs, Key activities and Procurement	
Outputs	<p>Output 1: Improved capacity of MoHR to undertake the excavation of mass graves</p> <p>Output 2: Improved capacity of MoHR to perform identification of human remains</p>
Activities	<p>For Output 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of the trainees • Organizing and conducting the training • Purchase required equipment to undertake excavation • Site assessment, including electronic survey mapping • Site recording including crime scene photography and the role of exhibit officer • Site excavation <p>For Output 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination of remains including storage, anthropological examination, data recording and management • Electronic survey data collection • Ante mortem data collection
Procurement (major items)	Procurement of ICMP contract to build Iraqi MoHR's capacity to undertake the excavation of mass graves and to perform identification of human remains

Funds Committed	US\$ 970,145.51	% of approved	99.6%
Funds Disbursed	US\$ 647,405.20	% of approved	66.5%
Forecast final date	July 2010	Delay (months)	5 months

Direct Beneficiaries	Number of Beneficiaries	% of planned (current status)
Men		
Women		
Children		
IDPs		
Others	22 additional MoHR staff trained on excavation and identification of missing persons including practical experience in the excavation and examination of mass grave sites.	88% (22 persons out of originally planned 25 have completed the training planned)
Indirect beneficiaries	Relatives of missing persons	
Employment generation (men/women)	MoHR is expected to employ the additional forensic staff trained during this project, 32% of whom are women.	

Quantitative achievements against objectives and results			
<p>Output 1.1: Improved capacity of MoHR to undertake the excavation of mass graves</p>		<p>96.25 % of planned</p>	
<p>1.1.1 Identification of the trainees</p>	<p>Completed in 2009</p>	<p>100%</p>	
<p>1.1.2 Organizing and conducting the training</p>	<p>Completed in 2009</p>	<p>100%</p>	
<p>1.1.3 Purchasing required equipment to undertake excavation</p>	<p>The purchasing of equipment was completed in the first quarter of 2010; The equipment is now being stored in a secure environment upon the request of the MoHR and a formal handover agreement for the items, in the form of an exchange of letters, has been signed between the MoHR and ICMP.</p>	<p>100%</p>	
<p>1.1.4 Conducting Site assessment, including electronic survey mapping</p>	<p>Completed in last quarter of 2009</p>	<p>100%</p>	
<p>1.1.5 Site recording including crime scene photography and the role of exhibit officer</p>	<p>Completed in last quarter of 2009</p>	<p>100%</p>	
<p>1.1.6 Site excavation</p>	<p>Completed in last quarter of 2009</p>	<p>100%</p>	
<p>Output 1.2: Improved capacity of MoHR to perform identification of human remains</p>		<p>100% of planned</p>	
<p>1.2.1 Examination of remains including storage, anthropological examination, data recording and management</p>	<p>Completed in the 2nd quarter 2010</p>	<p>100%</p>	

1.2.2 Electronic survey data collection	Completed in the 2 nd quarter 2010	100%	
1.2.3 Ante mortem data collection	Completed in the 2 nd quarter 2010	100%	

Qualitative achievements against objectives and results

The project was operationally closed on 31st July 2010.

All project activities were completed in the previous quarter. In this quarter the implementing partner ICMP completed an exchange of letters with the MoHR to complete the formal handover of equipment to MoHR ownership. Upon the request of the MoHR and according to the handover agreement, the equipment will be securely stored by ICMP until the MoHR is able to store the equipment on its own premises.

UNOPS is now proceeding with the checking of the final financial report and payment request of the implementing partner ICMP.

Main implementation constraints & challenges (2-3 sentences)

No major constraints were faced during this quarter. The final project report will include an analysis of constraints and challenges during the entire project.

