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Participating UN Organisation: WHO (Lead) in partnership with UNDP, UNFPA, WFP, UNESCO and UNODC	Sector: Health and Nutrition
Government of Iraq – Responsible Line Ministry: Ministry of Health	

Title	HIV/ AIDS Policy support and capacity building				
Geographic Location	Nationwide				
Project Cost	\$1,000,000				
Duration	One year				
Approval Date (SC)	23 Feb 2010	Starting Date	2 March 2010	Completion Date	28 Feb 2011
Project Description	The project is structured around three Key Services Delivery Areas (SDA's): (i) Support to Policy Development and Planning (ii) Generation of Strategic Information (iii) Capacity Development and Training				

Development Goal and Immediate Objectives

The **main goal** of the project is to enhance the national HIV/AIDS response through proper policy development, information generation and capacity building. The interventions in this project demonstrate a growing UN and Government of Iraq commitment to achieve the MDGs and universal access to health and social services as envisioned in the Constitution, NDS (2007-2010) and the ICI.

The **immediate objectives** of the project are (a) development of the National Strategic Plan on HIV/AIDS, (b) development of M&E and surveillance plan, (c) establish surveillance system addressing most at risk and vulnerable populations and (d) capacity building of national program officers and NGO partners.

Outputs, Key activities and Procurement

Outputs	<p>Output 1.1 – Capacity of GOI and partners enhanced to develop HIV/AIDS related policies, plans and strategies in a participatory manner</p> <p>1.1.1 Enhanced capacity of the National HIV/AIDS committee and line ministries to develop a Health Sector Response Strategy on HIV/AIDS</p> <p>1.1.2 Enhanced capacity of National HIV/AIDS committee and line ministries to develop a national Multi-sectoral Strategic Plan on AIDS</p> <p>1.1.3 Enhanced institutional capacity of key ministries (Interior , Education , Displacement and migration , Women Affairs and Youth and Sports) to respond to HIV/ AIDS)</p> <p>Output 1.2 – HIV/AIDS information generation system in place</p> <p>1.2.1 Enhanced capacity of the national AIDS committee and focal points at key ministries to develop an M& E plan and Second Generation Surveillance for the National Response on HIV/AIDS</p> <p>1.2.2 Support provided GOI to undertake studies and surveys on the HIV/ AIDS among prisoners and IDUs</p> <p>1.2.3 Support provided GOI to undertake Qualitative and Formative Research on HIV/AIDS and Sex Work</p> <p>Output 1.3 – Enhanced capacity of the National AIDS Programme, NGO's and Higher Committee on AIDS for better HIV/AIDS programming.</p> <p>1.3.1 Enhanced capacity of NAP officers and youth organizations on HIV/AIDS Youth Programming</p> <p>1.3.2 Enhanced capacity of women organizations to integrate gender and HIV/ AIDS in development programming</p> <p>1.3.3 Enhanced capacity of MOH to integrate HIV/ AIDS in MCH Programs</p>
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	<p>1.3.4 Enhanced capacity of GOI, NGOs , UNCT and Higher Committee to better respond to the issue of HIV/ AIDS in Iraq</p> <p>1.3.5 Capacity of humanitarian NGOs enhanced to integrate HIV/AIDS within their humanitarian Programs</p>
Activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop the Health sector component of the NSP and conduct consensus and validation workshop for the Health Sector Component of the NSP 2. Support Resources Mobilization of the NSP through GF application by CCM 3. Conduct HIV/AIDS situation , response analysis and priority setting 4. Dialogue and advocacy meetings with the Ministries of Education, Women Affairs, Youth & Sports, Displacement & Migration and Interior on establishment of HIV/AIDS Units/focal points 5. Develop M and E Plan and reporting format 6. Develop protocol and implementation plan for SGS 7. National Training of surveillance officers in SGS and M and E 8. Develop study protocols and implement survey for Prisoners and IDUs 9. Develop study protocol for FSWs and implement a qualitative research for FSWs 10. National Training of NGOs and NAP officers on out of school youth programming 11. National Training of NGOs and NAP officers on out in school youth programming 12. National Training of Women Organizations on HIV and Gender 13. National Training for MOH staff and NGOs on HIV integration in MCH Program 14. Study Tour for officers from the NAP , NGOs and Higher Committee to a country in the with good HIV program 15. National Training of local NGOs in HIV/AIDS integration in humanitarian programs
Procurement	No major procurements were conducted.

Agency	Budget (USD)	Committed funds (USD)	Committed funds (%)	Disbursed funds (USD)	Disbursed funds (%)
TOTAL	1,000,000	468,643.00	47%	109,091	11%

Partner budget share

AGENCY	USD
WHO (lead agency)	475,058
UNDP	104,954
UNFPA	170,646
UNESCO	60,302
WFP	49,739
UNODC	139,301

Direct Beneficiaries	Number of Beneficiaries	% of planned (current status)
Men		0
Women		0
Children		0
IDPs		0
Others	The main beneficiary of the project will be the MOH, as it is the key duty bearer for formulation, implementation and monitoring of the HIV Control Program. Participants in the various trainings will also be direct beneficiaries.	0
Indirect beneficiaries	People living with HIV/AIDS, most at risk population, young people and institutions that would benefit from the policy and capacity building programs	0
Employment generation (men/women)	This project will generate direct and indirect local employment opportunities in Iraq. It offers opportunities for participants to acquire specific training skills that they will be able to utilize for individual and social development.	0

Quantitative achievements against objectives and results

Overall implementation of planned activities was delayed for various reasons at the beginning, but significant progress is being made and implementation rate is expected to increase during Q4 (refer to qualitative achievements below)	% of planned	5
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Qualitative achievements against objectives and results

WHO

- WHO have recruited one international staff responsible staff to provide technical and program management support to ITF/HIV project
- Terms of reference developed for consultants to develop National Strategic Plan, M&E plan and HIV surveillance support have been developed.
- Valuable lessons were learnt during the development of draft proposal for GF round 10 HIV/AIDS grant that will help to prepare a better proposal for Round 11.
- Funds have recently been disbursed to the participating UN agencies (excluding UNODC) and activities are still in the preparatory phase. Regarding the MoU, WHO is following actively with UNODC in Cairo and to speed up the process of disbursement of funds to the agency.

UNESCO

- Situational analysis of education sector response to HIV/AIDS in Iraq was conducted and findings of the analysis will be disseminated to relevant partners early December after endorsement by relevant Iraqi authorities.
- Training on HIV/AIDS programming for youth will be conducted for program officers from NAP, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Higher Education officers and NGOs working with youth in the 2nd week of December.
- Study tour is organized for policy makers working on HIV/AIDS programming for youth in the 3rd week of December.

WFP

- TOR for identifying NGOs/CSOs working on HIV/AIDS with population of humanitarian concern, developing HIV integration tool kit and training of NGOs/CSOs developed and currently WFP is in the process of identifying local partner to implement planned activities before end of December 2010.

UNDP and UNFPA update will be included in Q4 report.

Main implementation constraints & challenges (2-3 sentences)

- UNODC does not have permanent presence in Iraq and this is one of the reasons why they have been unable to sign the MOU with WHO defining budget allocation. This has led to slight delays the implementation of activities planned for most at risk population groups (IDUs and prisoners). WHO are receiving active support from the Residence Coordinator's office to facilitate the process and assist UNODC local focal point responsible for HIV project implementation in Iraq.