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Participating UN Organisation: WHO (Lead Agency), UNICEF	Sector: Health and Nutrition
Government of Iraq – Responsible Line Ministry: MOH (Lead Ministry), COSIT, KRSO	

Title	Addressing Micronutrient Deficiencies in Iraq: Assessment and Responses				
Geographic Location	All governorates				
Project Cost	US\$ US\$ 3,181,763				
Duration	18 months				
Approval Date (SC)	23 February 2010	Starting Date	02-March 2010	Completion Date	2 Sep -2011
Project Description	This programme, via its major components, is designed to build the capacity of the MoH to more effectively manage existing nutritional interventions and to adequately plan, implement and monitor new prevention programs and evaluate their impact. Tools and systems for effective management, planning, monitoring and evaluation will be developed from local to central levels of the MoH. The integration of nutritional data as a new component into the national diseases surveillance and Health Information System (HIS) will improve sustainability of national nutritional monitoring and response.				

Development Goal and Immediate Objectives
The joint programme aims at building capacity of the Government of Iraq (GOI) (incl. MOH, COSIT, and other Ministries) to address micronutrient deficiencies in Iraq through: 1) Undertaking a nationwide assessment of nutritional status and micronutrient deficiencies 2) Integration of Nutrition information in the national Health Information system and 3) initiation orientation and sustaining of new or ongoing nutritional responses. All these activities will be undertaken through building the capacity of the responsible health and other authorities.

Outputs, Key activities and Procurement	
Outputs	<p>Output 1.1 MoH, MoH Kurdistan (MOHK), COSIT and KRSO have improved capacity to develop and carry out a nutrition micronutrients assessment. (WHO,WFP,FAO)</p> <p>Output 1.2: MoH and MoH Kurdistan has a strengthened Nutrition Management Information system integrated in the Health Information system(WHO,WFP,FAO)</p> <p>Output 1.3 GOI are better able to provide nutritional response especially in vulnerable areas(UNICEF)</p>
Activities	<p><u>Output 1:1: (WHO,WFP, FAO)</u></p> <p>1.1.1 Finalize assessment protocols and plan of work</p> <p>1.1.2 Assessment team recruited and operational</p> <p>1.1.3 Training (TOT and training at governorate levels) for assessment and response team personnel</p> <p>1.1.4 Equipment for household blood testing</p> <p>1.1.5 Equipment to support Lab in Baghdad</p> <p>1.1.6 Blood and Urine sample transport</p> <p>1.1.7 Technical assistance to PSC</p> <p>1.1.8 Technical assistance to PSC</p> <p><u>Output 1.2 : (WHO,WFP, FAO)</u></p> <p>1.2.1 Sampling of target population</p> <p>1.2.2 Data collection and management</p> <p>1.2.3 Report writing, printing and dissemination of study results</p> <p>1.2.4 Integrating nutrition in national disease surveillance and Health Information System</p> <p>1.2.5 Monitoring and evaluation</p> <p>1.2.6 Technical assistance to PSC</p>

	<u>Output 1.3: (UNICEF)</u> 1.3.1 General micronutrient activities 1.3.2 Capacity building across all levels on nutrition & monitoring 1.3.3 Social mobilisation and advocacy activities including communication media campaign, development of media health education and promotion materials etc
Procurement (major items)	Procurement of the following: 1 Hearing blocks (2) 2 Deep freezer(5) 3 Cold Box(30) 4 Portable Centrifuge(30) 5 HPLC (High Performance Liquid Chromatography) System (1) 6 Procurement of salt testing kits for MOH Baghdad. 7 Procurement of Ferous folic acid tablets for MOH /NRI. 8 Procurement of Retinol 100,000 IU & 200,000 IU soft gel caps for MOH/NRI.

WHO

Funds Committed	195,461.00	% of approved	11%
Funds disbursed	143,791.00	% of approved	8%
Forecast final date	31 August 2011	Delay (months)	N/A
UNICEF			
Funds Committed	308,982 \$		22.8%
Funds disbursed	56,546.87 \$		4%
Forecast final date	31 August 2011	No delay	

Quantitative achievements against objectives and results

MOH, MoHK , COSIT and KRISO have improved capacity to develop and carry out a nutrition micronutrients assessment (WHO)	-Ministry of Health in Iraq in collaboration with World Health Organization organized the second Steering Committee Consultation Meeting on Addressing Micronutrient Deficiencies in Iraq; assessment and response (MNAR) survey, 15 August 2010 MoH/Baghdad. The meeting participated by members of the MNAR steering committee from MoH in Baghdad and Kurdistan region to discuss the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Plan of action with detailed budget outline and timetable for the MNAR implementation developed. o Role of all stakeholders and partners identified. o Planning for the technical consultation meeting to be held in Amman in October 2010. o Development of the first draft of MNAR questionnaire o Sampling theme, including sample size and design for the survey by COSIT 	% of planned	5 %
MoH and MoHK has a strengthened Nutrition Management Information system integrated in the Health Information system (WHO)	The project is in the early implementation phase as the money was transferred to WHO the system on 1st April 2010 and implementation of activities is in process. -Training of 2 laboratory technicians on SPSS statistical training for 2 days	% of planned	4%
GOI are better able to provide nutritional response especially in vulnerable areas (UNICEF)	The project is in the early implementation phase and numbers of activities are in planning stage. Activities of Q3:		

