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Participating UN Organisation FAO - UNIDO	Sector: Agriculture and Food Security
Govt of Iraq Line Ministry Responsible: Ministry of Planning and Ministry of Agriculture	

Title	Support for job Creation and Self Employment Through Promotion of Micro-Industries in Anbar Governorate				
Location	Anbar Governorate (following approved relocation from Ninewa)				
Project Cost	USD 2,117,832 (FAO) , USD 2,117,832 (UNIDO)				
Duration	18 months				
Approval Date (SC)	28 June, 2007	Starting Date	18 Dec 2007	End Date	Original: 18 Jun 2009 Extension: 31/12/2010
Project Description	This project addresses the socio-economic priorities of the Anbar Governorate with a focus on community empowerment and the promotion of income-generating activities/job creation. More specifically, the project aims at increasing the capability of rural and urban communities in the region to engage in viable non-farming enterprises, reducing their dependency on relief aid and helping them to move towards sustainable livelihood.				

Development Goals and Immediate Objectives

Development Goal:	Improve the livelihood of approximately 1,400 extremely poor people living in Anbar Governorate by increasing their productive capacities in sustainable and profitable income generating activities through training, introducing efficient processing methods and provision of equipment
Key Immediate Objective/s:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide targeted communities with the capacity to plan and manage their development activities and restoring a functional base for economic growth and social peace. 2. Improve the livelihood of approximately 1,400 people living in the project area through strengthening of their productive capacities in post-harvest and other income-generating activities, through training in vocational training centres (VTCs) which will be rehabilitated and equipped. 3. Enable large number of youth and women who have been deprived by the conflict to gain basic knowledge in productive skills through practical experiences and activity-based learning and provision of tools to start their own business.

Outputs, Key activities and Procurement

Outputs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 Enhanced capacities at the community level in support of socio-economic growth and peaceful coexistence (MDG 1, 3) by creating an environment for productive self employment. 2.1 Sources of income and employment for men and women creating an environment for productive employment through training and provision of tools for individuals and organized production groups (associations) in manufacturing of food and non-food products (micro-industries). MDG 1, 3.) 2.2 A minimum of 1,400 people (50% female) are provided with marketable skills to
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	<p>enable them to obtain jobs and/or start-up an economic activity to sustain livelihoods for themselves and their families (MDG 1, 3) during the project period.</p> <p>3.1. 500 (out of the total beneficiaries) unemployed youth deprived of basic knowledge and training enrolled in project training programmes (in food and non-food technologies), enabling them to take up employment and self-Employment.</p>
Activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assess the needs of project beneficiaries (using selected participatory appraisal tools), identifying viable productive income generation activities and appropriate technologies. 2. Select project sites with the collaboration of all stakeholders, based on the distribution of vulnerable groups in both urban and rural areas and the availability of raw materials and markets. 3. Based on (1) and (2) develop livelihoods sustainability programmes focusing on the community level which are oriented towards the development and growth of viable micro and small enterprises. 4. Finalising selection and identification of beneficiaries based on the criteria agreed upon by all stakeholders: local governments, women's associations, directorates of counterpart ministries, village elders and Project Steering Committee members. 5. Rehabilitation of vocational training centres. 6. Training of trainers in the selected technologies and entrepreneurship. 7. Procurement of pilot plants and workshop equipment for the training centre, project beneficiaries, model cottage and micro-industries; and installation of these equipments. 8. Training of beneficiaries in entrepreneurial skills and technology to start their own business or to increase employment opportunities.
Procurement (major items)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAO- Food Processing equipment for VTC, production groups and individual toolkits include: dairy processing, date processing, fruits and vegetable processing, and beekeeping • FAO- Mini dairy training equipment and Tahanja Production Group equipment • UNIDO- Toolkits and Equipment for Metal Working, Carpentry/Joinery, Textile/Garment Making Equipment, and Agro/Auto-Mechanic Workshops

Situation as of 30/09/10 (FAO)

FAO Funds Committed	USD 1,893,137	% of approved	89.4%
FAO Funds Disbursed	USD 1,835,281	% of approved	86.6%

Situation as of 30/09/10 (UNIDO)

Funds Committed	USD 1,698,470	% of approved	85.1%
Funds Disbursed	USD 1,156,176	% of approved	57.9%

Forecast final date	Dec 31, 2010	Delay (months)	18 Months
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Direct Beneficiaries	Number of Beneficiaries	% of planned (current status)
Men	820	100%
Women	820	100%
Youth	600	45%
Employment generation (men/women)	Approximately 1500	85%

Quantitative achievements against objectives and results

1. Provide targeted communities with the capacity to plan and manage their development activities and restoring a functional base for economic growth and social peace.	Complete.	% of planned	100%
2. Improve the livelihood of approximately 1,400 people living in the project area through strengthening of their productive capacities in post-harvest and other income-generating activities through trainings in rehabilitated and equipped Vocational Training Centres (VTCs).	Rehabilitation of the VTC is complete for food and non-food, all equipments delivered for food and non-food, and TOT complete for food. Remaining non-food training will be completed this month.	% of planned	90%
3. Enable large number of youth who have been deprived by conflict to gain basic knowledge of productive skills through practical experiences and activity-based learning and through the provision of tools to start their own business.	Food component training for youth complete. Rest of non-food training focused on youth to be completed this month.	% of planned	75%

Qualitative achievements against objectives and results

Most of the components of the project are completed with few last non-food activities (UNIDO) remaining.

Rehabilitation of Food and Non Food VTC has been completed, and the installation of training equipments is in progress.

Rehabilitation of Food Production Groups is completed and all equipment has been procured and installed except Tahania Production Group, Inspections of the existing Tahinia Production Groups were conducted. Maintenance and spare parts needs were assessed.

For Food a total of 820 beneficiaries (out of the 700) were trained; 200 in beekeeping, 220 in fruits and vegetables processing, 200 in date processing, 200 in dairy. Distribution of toolkits with 177 toolkits and equipment distributed for beekeeping, 217 toolkits for fruits and vegetables processing, and 186 toolkits for date processing, and Dairy training of 200 beneficiaries.

For Non-Food about 600 TOB is finished (target of 700) and additional TOB of 300 was added and we are planning for the extra TOB training.

The rehabilitation work of MoA and MoLSA building are completed, with installation of food and non food training equipments.

All food components of the project are completed for FAO and only UNIDO component is remaining. Establishment of 2 new production groups one for catering and the other for sewing is under progress.

Main implementation constrains & challenges (2-3 sentences)

During this reporting period, no constrains or challenges were encountered.