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Participating UN Organisation: UNFPA(Lead agency), UNIFEM, WHO	Sector: Protection
Government of Iraq – Responsible Line Ministry:	
Lead by :State Ministry of Women Affairs (Baghdad) , Kurdistan Higher Co mission (Kurdistan)	
Partner by: Ministry of Education (Lead Ministry), Ministry of Health (Central Level and Kurdistan, and Ministry of Human Rights, Ministry of Social and Labour Affairs (Baghdad and Kurdistan), Ministry of Interior	

Title	Combating Violence against Women in Iraq				
Geographic Location	Baghdad, Basrah, and Erbil				
Project Cost	US\$ 4,500,000				
Duration	24 Months				
Approval Date (SC)	18 Nov 09	Starting Date	17 DEC 2009	Completion Date	17 Dec 2011
Project Description	<p>The goal of this proposed programme is to enhance Iraqi women’s rights by facilitating the development of national partnerships to combat violence against women (VAW). Partnerships are targeted among government ministries, civil society, religious and community leaders, the media and local communities in order to encourage the development and implementation of a national policy framework and multi-sectoral instruments aimed at combating VAW in Iraq. The program will be implemented at national level plus three governorates selected with the line ministries based on agreed criteria.</p> <p>The programme will also strengthen the institutional capacity of the Ministry of Women Affairs and other key ministries, as well as civil society organizations (CSOs), to address the needs of VAW survivors within their programmes through protection, care and referral services. The design and implementation of the programme are also driven by UN Security Council Resolution 1325.</p> <p>The direct programme beneficiaries are: a) Iraqi women, especially those who have been subject to VAW or are likely to suffer from VAW, b) key government ministries working in the social sector, and c) CSOs and communities where programme activities will be implemented. The programme addresses National Development strategy (NDS)/National Development Plan (NDP) Goal (3) Enhancing Gender Equity and Strengthening Women Empowerment and ICI benchmarks: “Develop and implement legislations and institutional framework to develop social partnerships and access for women to public life and to all of society’s resources.</p>				

Development Goal and Immediate Objectives
<p>The programme will contribute directly to the ICI goal on human security. The programme’s overall objective is to enhance Iraqi women rights through the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitating the establishment of political and social partnerships engaged in the fight against gender discrimination, especially VAW • Facilitating the development of a legislative framework that would “legitimize” the fight against VAW in the long run • Developing mechanisms that deliver appropriate protection, care and referral services to VAW survivors, thus increasing their security ceiling

Outputs, Key activities and Procurement	
Outputs	<p>Output 1: GoI and national partners have enhanced capacities for developing, Monitoring integrated national policies, plans, and programmes on VAW.</p> <p>Output 2: Key government ministries and CSOs have the institutional, technical, and operational capacities to respond to the need of VAW survivors.</p>

	Output 3: Community leaders, local communities, secondary school teachers and students have increased knowledge on gender equality.
Activities	<p>Output 1.1: GoI, CSO's, and religious leaders and councils are able to develop a national strategy for combating VAW. (UNFPA will lead and supported by UNIFEM, WHO, and HRO)</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organize series of workshops with senior representatives from MoWA, Parliamentarian Committee on Women Issues, & CSOs, and religious leadership structures to include the social-cultural context of the 3 regions in Iraq. 2. Strengthen existing ministerial & CSO committee on combating VAW, and provide it with the necessary operational and technical support to coordinate & monitor the implementation of the national & sectoral plans. (UNFPA, with assistance of UNIFEM, &WHO) 3. Develop sectoral analysis/ assessment of existing opportunities and potential entry points for combating VAW in the ministries and in religious councils. (UNFPA) 4. Develop a user friendly data collection and analysis system at macro level. (UNIFEM) <p>Output 2.1: MoH has an enhanced capacity for psycho-medical care and detection of gender based violence at selected primary and secondary health care facilities. (UNFPA lead supported by UNIFEM and WHO)</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>An assessment tool has been developed.</u> 2. <u>An initial workshop for assessment of the situation of the MOH has been conducted. (Attached assessment report)</u> 3. Adapt training modules for health & social workers working at PHC level and District/Central hospitals on skills for Detection /Care/referral of survivals of VAW. (UNFPA, WHO) 4. <u>An outline of the training of trainers Manual has been drafted.</u> <p>Output 2.3: MoI has increased capacity to provide services to VAW survivors. (UNFPA)</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adapt a training module for "Mediation, Legal /Referral Skills for Police Officers" to be able to adequately deal with and support VAW survivors. (UNFPA). 2. Please repeat the above steps. <p>Output 2.4: CSO and NGOs has an increased capacity in providing and reporting on psycho- social, legal counseling and sheltering services for VAW survivors. (UNHCR with UNFPA & UNIFEM, HRO)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CSO and NGOs has an increased capacity in providing and reporting on psycho- social, legal counselling and sheltering services for VAW survivors. <p>Output 3.1: Media and community-based social mobilization campaigns, targeting men and women, are conducted within a culturally sensitive-approach. (UNIFEM, UNFPA)</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organize workshops in local areas to identify key issues relevant to violence against women in Iraq. (UNIFEM, UNFPA) 2. Design and conduct three media campaigns. (UNIFEM, UNFPA)
Procurement	- NA

Funds Committed	WHO: \$107,704.00 UNIFEM:\$210,512.14 UNFPA: \$672,352.31	% of approved	15% 14% 30%
Funds Disbursed	WHO: \$99,245.00 UNIFEM: \$210,512.14 UNFPA: \$389,211.66	%of approved	14% 14% 17%
Forecast final date	30 Nov 2011	Delay (months)	N/A

Quantitative achievements against objectives and results		% of planned
Organize series of workshops with senior representatives from SMoWA, Parliamentarian Committee on Women Issues, &	-Awareness of Iraqi men and women was raised on the importance of eliminating VAW in three governorates (Al Najaf, Baghdad, Basra) through seminars which took place in December 2010 and was implemented in close coordination with SMOWA and NGOs. The	30%

<p>CSOs, and religious leadership structures to include the social-cultural context of the 3 regions in Iraq.</p>	<p>seminars focused on defining violence from international law point of view, discussed types of violence and reasons of violence and also addressed the effect and results of VAW .All international, regional and local laws that prevents VAW were addressed and explained to the participants.</p> <p>- MoH Iraq conducted a one-day seminar (1 December 2010) in the Directorate of Health Baghdad/Al Karkh Hall on VAW as part of the 16 Days of Activism Campaign.</p> <p>- 20 Doctors from MoH Baghdad Al Karkh, Baghdad Al Rsafa and Basra were sent to MoH KRG in Erbil (8-9 December 2010) to consult on issuing an indicative guide for dealing with cases of VAW.</p>	
<p>Strengthen existing ministerial & CSO committee on combating VAW, and provide it with the necessary operational and technical support to coordinate & monitor the implementation of the national & sectoral plans</p>	<p>- Meeting between WHO and MoH Iraq/KRG gender focal points (8-10 November 2010) to discuss CVAW project components, activities and implementation follow-up and reporting.</p> <p>- UNIFEM continued to facilitate dialogue between women’s CBOs and the SMOWAs legal department and members of committee 80 (a newly established committee which consists of lawyers and gender focal points from MoHR,MoI,MoH,MoL etc. and UN agencies experts in drafting laws to start the process of drafting a family protection law.</p>	20%
<p>Develop sectoral analysis/ assessment of existing opportunities and potential entry points for combating VAW in the ministries and in religious councils.</p>	<p>The activities are in process</p> <p>UNFPA finalized a questionnaire assessment to evaluate the situation of the line ministries toward CVAW. (Attached a photo of the activity in Erbil-Annex).</p>	25%
<p>Develop a user-friendly data collection tool to facilitate data collection by social safety networks on VAW survivors supported through the network.</p>	<p>This activity are in process</p> <p>UNIFEM in close coordination with SMOWA to draft a comprehensive study to review and analyse all data collection systems and information existing in the ministries and civil society organizations on VAW.</p>	20%
<p>Adapt training modules for health & social workers working at PHC level and District/Central hospitals on skills for Detection /Care/referral of survivals of VAW</p>	<p>The activities are in process</p>	25%
<p>Adapt a training module for “Mediation, Legal /Referral Skills for Police Officers” to be able to adequately deal with and support VAW survivors.</p>	<p>The activities are in process</p>	25%
<p>CSO and NGOs has an increased capacity in providing and reporting on psycho- social, legal counselling and sheltering services for VAW survivors.</p>	<p>The activities are in process</p> <p>- Two consultation meetings to assess the needs of the MoI, MoH, NGOs and capacity building to more effectively address VAW in Iraq were conducted in Erbil- Kurdistan Region –Iraq in the period 8-10 of November 2010:</p> <p>Assessment tool developed.</p> <p>First consultative meeting, and assessment of the situation of the relevant sector has been conducted</p> <p>Assessment report produced.</p>	25%

	Manual outlines drafted (Attached some pictures of the activity in Erbil-Annex)	
Media and community-based social mobilization campaigns, targeting men and women, are conducted within a culturally sensitive-approach.	<p>- UNFPA has Lead and Coordinate a media campaign on the international 16 Days of activism for Eradication of Violence Against Women campaign was carried out which was jointly implemented by the KRG Ministry of Culture and Youth, VAW Directorate and the SMOWA at federal government level , and in close coordination with the UN Gender Task force, the UNCT Members, UN Advocacy working group, as well as all other UN agencies:</p> <p>- The campaign was successful and an assessment report was drafted and would be shared later with the UN agencies and other national counterparts.</p> <p>(Attached are samples of the outlets produced and some pictures of the launching event-Annex)</p>	35%

Qualitative achievements against objectives and results

- NA.

Main implementation constrains & challenges (2-3 sentences)

- The Gender focal point who is the key person at MoH responsible for the programme implementation was shifted and the new person assigned was unaware of the project and had no coordination with MoWA and other partner agencies.
- Iraq is still going through a very challenging time. In addition to the availing security situation, the government was still not formulated yet at the reporting period .Although the existing government is still functioning; major strategic processes are lingering awaiting the new administration. This has also affected the implementation of our planned activities on time.
- The long procedures for procurement within UNFPA guidelines delay the process of contracting the Technical Assistance institutions.
- The availability of Experts to Work inside Iraq (Erbil) is limited.