

United Nations Development Group Iraq Trust Fund

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Participating UN Organisation: WHO	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	02.03.2011
Project Description	The project is structured around three Key Services Delivery Areas (SDAs): (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 to GOI to undertake studies and surveys on the HIV/ AIDS among prisoners and IDUs</p> <p>1.2.3 Support provided to 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> <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>
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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 carried out.

Financial report (as of 31 December 2010)

Budget (USD)	Committed funds (USD)	Committed funds (%)	Disbursed funds (USD)	Disbursed funds (%)
1,000,000	549,577	55%	530,833	53%

Agency share of budget

Agency	USD
WHO	475,058
UNDP	104,954
UNFPA	170,646
UNESCO	60,302
WFP	49,739
UNODC	139,301
TOTAL	1,000,000

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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Overall implementation of planned activities was delayed for various reasons. Significant progress in implementation expected for Q4 report. | % of planned | |
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Qualitative achievements against objectives and results

WHO

- All participating agencies that signed the MOU received funds.
- Contract signed between WHO Iraq and the Regional Knowledge Hub for HIV surveillance (in Kerman University, Iraq) to provide technical support to National AIDS Program on strengthening HIV surveillance system in Iraq.
- Joint UN Team on HIV/AIDS met on 21st of December and discussed progress of D2-26 project implementation, participation of UNODC in the project implementation and work plan for 2011. Consequently, since UNODC is not participating in the implementation of the project, activities and funds initially allocated for UNODC will be implemented by WHO Iraq. UN participating agencies also agreed to review the work plan and prepare work plan for 2011 to be discussed and endorsed by Joint Team during its meeting in the 3rd week of January 2011.
- Terms of reference developed for consultants to develop National Strategic Plan, M&E plan and HIV surveillance support.

UNESCO

- A study tour and training which will take place from 13-17 February 2011 in Amman is being organized for MoE NAP program managers, senior MoE officials and staff working with non-formal education from Iraq to learn from the experience of Jordan in youth HIV programming in education. Moreover, a follow up training workshop on material development for HIV in school youth programming for Ministry of Education staff in non-formal education, youth NGOs and MoE NAP officers is planned for shortly after the study tour.

WFP

- A consultant has been recruited to develop training materials and conduct training workshop on HIV integration in humanitarian response to NGOs and national officers. The planned activities are expected to be completed by mid-February 2011.

UNDP

- Recruitment of program manager is being finalized and expected to be onboard in January 2011. UNDP is coordinating its activities with WHO to efficiently use resources allocated for development of National Strategic Plan.

UNFPA

- Transfer of funds have been a challenge and UNFPA received funds only recently and contacted a consultant who will provide technical assistance in conducting HIV formative study in female sex workers.

Main implementation constraints & challenges (2-3 sentences)

- Coordination among UN participating agencies in planning and implementation of planned activities as well as coordination with the Government of Iraq has been a challenge.
- Even though the project started on March 2, 2010, implementation of activities were delayed because of delays in signing the MOU and transferring funds to participating agencies. UN participating agencies have agreed to submit request for extension of project end date to December 31st 2011 in order to successfully implement all planned activities.
- Planned activities in the next quarter include:
 - Establishing the Steering Committee for the project (as indicated in the MOU)
 - Organizing Steering Committee meeting
 - Organizing information sharing/advocacy meeting for relevant stakeholders
 - Developing work plan for 2011