

United Nations Development Group Iraq Trust Fund
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Participating UN Organisation: WFP **Sector:** Agriculture and Food Security
Government of Iraq – Responsible Line Ministry: MOT, MOLSA, MOPDC

Title	Capacity Building to Reform the Public Distribution System and Strengthen Social Safety Nets for Vulnerable Groups in Iraq.				
Geo. Location	National				
Project Cost	US\$2,500,000				
Duration	24 months				
Approval Date	27.06.2010	Starting Date	02.07.2010	Completion Date	02.07.2012
Project Description	<p>In support of the GOI priority of reforming the PDS and improving efficiency in social transfers, WFP has signed a bilateral Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Trade and initiated the development operation “Capacity Building to reform the Public Distribution System and Strengthen Social Safety Net for Vulnerable Groups”.</p> <p>Within the context of the WFP development operation mentioned above, the proposed programme supports the initial activities of the development operation and facilitates the commencement of its implementation and offers immediate support to the government efforts.</p>				

Development Goal and Immediate Objectives	
<p>National priority or goals (NDS 2007- 2010 and ICI):</p> <p>NDS: Pillar 3: Improving the quality of life</p> <p>ICI Benchmarks (as per the Joint Monitoring Matrix 2008):</p> <p><u>Benchmark 4.3.1.1:</u> Phase out universal subsidies</p> <p><u>Benchmark 4.4.1.1:</u> Design and carry out specific policies including reforms and investments toward achieving the Millennium Development Goals</p> <p><u>Benchmark 4.4.2.1:</u> Undertake specific measure to strengthen the targeted safety net</p> <p>Sector Team Outcome:</p> <p>Outcome 2: GoI has national food assistance and hunger-reduction programmes in place</p> <p>Integrated Programme/Project Outcome:</p> <p>GoI has national food assistance and hunger-reduction programmes in place.</p>	

Outputs, Key activities and Procurement	
Outputs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> GoI has strengthened capacity to design and implement efficient Social Safety Net programmes MoT has strengthened capacity to support efficient food supply chains management in Iraq
Activities	<p>Training of MOLSA staff in design and implementation of Social Safety Nets</p> <p>Training of MOLSA and MOT staff in Applied Statistics for needs assessment and data analysis</p>
Procurement	No major purchases made.

Funds Committed	US\$ 0 (Zero)	% of approved	
Funds Disbursed	US\$ 280,204.32	% of approved	11.2%
Forecast final date	14 May 2012	Delay (months)	0

Direct Beneficiaries	Number of Beneficiaries	% of planned (current status)
Men	N/A	N/A
Women	N/A	N/A
Children	N/A	N/A
IDPs	N/A	N/A
Others	N/A	N/A
Indirect beneficiaries	N/A	N/A
Employment generation (men/women)	N/A	N/A

Quantitative achievements against objectives and results		% of planned
Number of GoI staff trained in SSN design	2 staff members	13.3%
Number of GoI staff trained in SSN RBM (data analysis for Monitoring)	5 staff members	33.3%
Number of analytical reports and studies completed in collaboration with COSIT and Iraqi academic institutions	1 report	100%

Qualitative achievements against objectives and results

Main implementation constraints & challenges (2-3 sentences)
<p>The postponement of the signature of MOU's with the relevant Ministries due to the postponement of Government formation until the end of 2010 has led to postponement of many planned activities in the programme.</p> <p>The new Ministers of Labour and Social Affairs, Trade and Planning may have a different direction than those in the previous Government to the issue of Social Protection reform, including the PDS and Safety Nets. Meetings planned to take place in early 2011 with the new ministers will determine if the current objectives of the project is in line with the new Government vision for Social Protection in Iraq.</p>