

**United Nations Development Group Iraq Trust Fund**  
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**Participating UN Organisation:** UNFPA

**Sector:** Governance Sector

**Government of Iraq – Responsible Line Ministry:** Ministry of Planning “MoP”/ Central Statistical Organization “CSO”

<b>Title</b>	Capacity Development in Census and Large- Scale Surveys				
<b>Geo. Location</b>	Nationwide				
<b>Project Cost</b>	Project Budget in US \$: 7,841,127 UNDG ITF : 5,064,268		Govt. Contribution : 1,500,000 Agency Core UNFPA : 1,276,859		
<b>Duration</b>	39 Months				
<b>Approval Date</b>	04.12.2008	<b>Starting Date</b>	9.12.2008	<b>Completion Date</b>	9.06.2011 extended to 30.06.2012
<b>Project Description</b>	The project aims at increasing national capacity to collect, analyze and use population data for policy formulation and planning with specific focus on data originated from census and large-scale population surveys.				

**Development Goal and Immediate Objectives**

Development Goal: The project facilitates availability of information and data to help in addressing 7 out of 8 goals of MDGs and Iraq NDS, through establishing a statistic system of continuous capturing process to follow up on policy implementation, draw attention to deviations that might happen and adjust procedures.

Immediate Objectives:

1. Increase capacity of the national statistical body, COSIT, to plan, implement, analyze and disseminate census and large-scale surveys.
2. Strengthen the capacity of national partners, to monitor, advocate and communicate with general public on the importance of census and its results, as well as to use the population information for evidence-based advocacy and policy making.

**Outputs, Key activities and Procurement**

<b>Outputs</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Capacities of COSIT at national and governorate levels and collaborating national partners, are increased to plan and implement high quality and internationally recognised population and housing censuses and other large- scale surveys.</li> <li>2. Capacities of COSIT and national research centres, at national and governorate levels, are enhanced to conduct disaggregated analysis and evaluation of census and large- scale surveys data.</li> <li>3. Capacities of MoPDC and key line ministries (MoH, MoE, MoLSA, MoA, ..... ) at national and governorate levels are enhanced to disseminate and utilize disaggregated censuses and large-scale surveys data.</li> <li>4. COSIT’s Systems for ensuring census compliance with established scientific international standards are strengthened, including quality assurance and independent observation, monitoring and evaluation.</li> </ol>
<b>Activities</b>	<p>Output 1: All activities needed to be done under this output before the Census counting are already done in the previous quarters and no further activities were implemented during this reporting period due to the postponement of the Census.</p> <p>Output 2: No activities under this output were implemented during the reporting period due to census postponement.</p> <p>Output 3: UNFPA with CSO/KRSO developed the plans of buildings, households, housing and establishment tabulation and dissemination reports in order to disseminate these reports in a national event in</p>

	Baghdad and Erbil during September 2011. Output 4: Conducted a technical meeting with the top management of the Census resulted in developing a mechanism for conducting the Census in the disputed areas. Aside from this activity, all other activities under this output planned before the census counting where already implemented in previous quarters.
<b>Procurement (major items)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. UNFPA facilitated the ICR Software procurement for 2009 Iraqi census.</li> <li>2. UNFPA facilitated the procurement of Scanner device for 2009 Iraqi census.</li> <li>3. Specialized TOT training courses to COSIT personnel according to Cooperation Protocol between COSIT and CAPMAS “Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics”.</li> <li>4. UNFPA procured service providing company through signing a service contract with American Express “Amex” in Cairo and Plaza Co. in Jordan to provide and facilitate the logistics and accommodation of the COSIT trainees in Cairo, Egypt and Amman, Jordan.</li> <li>5. UNFPA procured masters’ programme to a new additional Iraqi staff member of CSO in the field of <i>Applied Statistics, Demography, and Computer and Information Science (IT) in the Institute of Statistics Studies and Research (ISSR) of Cairo University.</i></li> </ol>

<b>Funds Committed</b>	US \$ 2,646,026.37	<b>% of approved</b>	52%
<b>Funds Disbursed</b>	US \$ 3,078,743.41	<b>% of approved</b>	61%
<b>Forecast final date</b>	As planned	<b>Delay (months)</b>	0

<b>Direct Beneficiaries</b>	<b>Number of Beneficiaries</b>	<b>% of planned (current status)</b>
Men		
Women		
Children		
IDPs		
<b>Others: CSO Staff and other line ministries</b>	<b>Trainees since the beginning of the project</b>	<b>%150</b>
Indirect beneficiaries		
Employment generation (men/women)		

<b>Quantitative achievements against objectives and results (during reporting period)</b>		<b>% of planned</b>
Increase capacity of the national statistical body, COSIT, to plan, implement, analyze and disseminate census and large-scale surveys.	No activities were implemented during this reporting period due to the postponement of the Census.	0%
Capacities of COSIT & national research centres at national & governorate levels, are enhanced to conduct disaggregated analysis & evaluation of census & large-scale survey data	2 new additional CSO/KRSO staff members will be enrolled in the Statistics and Demography Doctorate Scholarship at the Institute of Statistical Studies and Research (ISSR) of Cairo University, UNFPA is following up to finalize the enrolment process.	0%
Capacities of MoPDC and key line ministries (MoH, MoE, MoLSA, MoA) at national and governorate levels are enhanced to disseminate and utilize disaggregated censuses and large-scale surveys data.	1 activity related to data dissemination were implemented by UNFPA CTA to disseminate the main findings of the Iraq Population and Housing Census regarding the buildings, housing, households and establishments tabulation reports. 2 missions by CTA were implemented to follow up on the tabulation reports of census buildings, housing, households and establishments in order to be disseminated during may 2011.	22%
Strengthen the capacity of national partners, to monitor, advocate and communicate with general public on the importance of census and its results, as well as to use the population information for evidence-based advocacy and policy making (quality assurance).	No planned activities were implemented during the reporting period due to census postponement by GoI. The only issues are related to technical missions by CTA to follow up on the quality of census tabulation and dissemination plans	0%

**Qualitative achievements against objectives and results**

UNFPA continued to provide its technical and operational support to COSIT cadre and to the top management of the Census that is ready to conduct the Census technically.

Support to political dimension of the Census was continued during this reporting period as well, due to the political debate raised on the Census in the disputed areas in the north of Iraq, resulted in its postponement from the originally planned date 24 October 2010 to 5 December 2010 and then to another date to be announced at a later stage depending on the political agreement as decided by the High Level Meeting of the Political Blocks chaired by the Prime Minister. The meeting decided to have number of Committees/working groups in the North of Iraq work hand in hand with the UN that should meet and reach solutions to the concerns on conducting the Census in the disputed areas and raise these solutions for the Prime Minister for a final agreement and recommendation.

Therefore, The CTA and his team conducted several unplanned activities related to this political demotion of the Census, these included many missions and meetings with the Census Political Working Group of UNAMI and with the Iraqi Officials of the Ministry of Planning in both the Central Government and KRG and with members of the political blocks.

**Main implementation constrains & challenges (2-3 sentences)**

The unstable security situation is the most constraint/challenge that could face the implementation of the project; therefore, we take into consideration such a challenge through establishing a risk management strategy.

The minor presence of UNFPA advisors in the field inside Iraq is another challenge which UNFPA passed over by the remote execution through technical support unit based in Amman and by the periodic visits to Iraq from Census-CTA and his team.

Also the political concerns from all political sides in Iraq affected the implementation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> stage of the census project (enumeration stage).