

United Nations Development Group Iraq Trust Fund

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Participating UN Organisation: UNDP	Sector: Governance
GoI- Responsible Line Ministry: Ministry of Planning & Development Cooperation(MoPDC)	

Title	Support to the GoI in Implementing the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness				
Geo. Location	All of Iraq				
Project Cost	1,000, 000 USD				
Duration	24 months + 10 months extension				
Approval Date (SC)	18/11/2009	Starting Date	2/12/2009	Completion Date	2/6/2011 extended to 31/03/2012
Project Description	<p>The Project will support the GoI to localize and implement the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness in Iraq. The overall outcome of the project is to institutionalise mechanisms for managing international assistance in line with the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness.</p> <p>The Project does not seek to achieve the entire Paris Declaration in the life of the project but rather will assist and support Iraq in the initial period to make progress and lay the foundations for continued reform, in line with its own soon to be published aid harmonisation strategies.</p>				

Development Goal and Immediate Objectives

Development Goal: The overall objective/outcome of the project is GoI has institutionalized mechanisms for managing international assistance in line with Paris Principles on Aid Effectiveness.

Outputs, Key Activities and Procurement

Output 1:1 Ownership of the aid effectiveness agenda in Iraq strengthened through support to core mechanisms and policies	<p>Activities:</p> <p>1.1.1 Provide support and facilitate regular meetings and technical assistance, including an initial Paris Declaration overview workshop.</p> <p>1.1.2 Support the drafting of an Aid Policy for Iraq and a National Action Plan for its implementation at the national and regional levels through provision of expertise.</p> <p>1.1.3 Deliver and support sustainable, national-led capacity development activities in aid effectiveness and related areas through needs assessments and training.</p> <p>1.1.4 Support knowledge management and exchange of best practices.</p>
Procurement 1.1	Contractors, Consultant, Training.
Output 1.2: Alignment of donors improved with GoI's development policies	<p>Activities:</p> <p>1.2.1 Identify opportunities to enhance the use of aid flows through review mechanisms.</p> <p>1.2.2 Review information gathering systems.</p> <p>1.2.3 Encourage donors (through lobbying measures) to provide regular information on their rolling three to five year forward expenditure and implementation plans.</p> <p>1.2.4 Provide upstream policy advice on aid effectiveness.</p>
Procurement 1.2	Consultant, Software.
Output 1.3 Enhanced donor harmonisation, transparency and collective effectiveness	<p>Activities:</p> <p>1.3.1 Encourage the exchange of best practices.</p> <p>1.3.2 Support GoI-International partners' common initiatives in aid effectiveness.</p> <p>1.3.3 Engage with donors through meetings and roundtables, and other mechanisms (i.e. the Iraq Partners Forum), to encourage simplification of aid delivery, reduction of tied aid & further compliance with GoI systems and processes.</p>
Procurement 1.3	NA
Output 1.4 Results based management systems strengthened	<p>Activities:</p> <p>1.4.1 Support results based management initiatives.</p> <p>1.4.2 Enhance the MoPDC's ability to manage aid within a results based framework by establishing a cross-ministerial aid management capability – under the leadership of the PD Task Force – to collate information and provide analysis on the impact of aid</p>

	in collaboration with the ICI Secretariat, COSIT and other relevant actors.
Procurement 1.4	Contractors, Consultant, Training
Output 1.5 Mutual accountability mechanisms improved to access development results	Activities: 1.5.1 Promote accountability by supporting the establishment of planning and monitoring functions at the central and regional levels. 1.5.2 Support the establishment of a co-financing mechanism. 1.5.3 Establish a survey to monitor the Paris Declaration in Iraq through baseline indicators. 1.5.4 Enable the Paris Declaration Task Force to lead regular mutual assessment reviews.
Procurement 1.5	Consultant, Software

Funds Committed	USD 1,000,000	% of approved	100%
Funds Disbursed	USD 880,000	% of approved	88%
Forecast final date	31 st March 2012	Delay (months)	10 months

Quantitative achievements against objectives and results

Outcome 1.5 Mutual accountability mechanisms improved to assess development results	Consultancy support was sent in for the second time in order to assist the Ministry of Planning and the new Partnership Committee under Deputy Prime Minister Sharwais. A report consisting of suggested division of mandates and accompanying aid management structures and workplans is presently being put together and will be sent for consultation. The IDMS system was launched on 16 th June on national television and in front of the national press. UNDP, UNOPS and USAID are on standby to ensure that the system is being used by central and local Government entities and to trouble shoot on the system if needs be.	% of planned 60% 100%
Outcome 1.3. Enhanced donor harmonisation, transparency and collective effectiveness	Coordinating the Paris Declaration Survey in Iraq by collating all UN Agency information. Additionally, ensuring that international partners and line Ministries are being correctly notified by the Prime Minister's Office on respective obligations.	80%
Outcome 1.2. Alignment of donors improved with GoI's development policies	The identification of indicators for the Governance Chapter of the National Development Plan was completed through the finalisation of a long-list which is currently being reviewed with the other sectors by a special Government Committee. Indicators are now finalised.	100%

Qualitative achievements against objectives and results

The key elements of progress made in the last quarter include:

- IDMS officially launched on 16th June;
- Provided support to the KRG Ministry of Planning with significant IT expertise
- Supported the GoI for coordination of the Paris Declaration Survey exercise. Ongoing;
- Second high-level expertise mission on capacity assessment of GoI aid management structures undertaken.

Main implementation constraints and challenges (2-3 sentences)

Security and availability of slots remains a serious challenge for the UN operations in Iraq; new institutional structures behind aid management will require project adjustment and may cost project time whilst institutional mandates are being resolved at the level of detail required.