

**United Nations Development Group Iraq Trust Fund  
Project B1-37**

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**Participating UN Organisation: UNESCO                      Sector: Education**  
**Government of Iraq – Responsible Line Ministry:      Ministry of Municipalities and Antiquities (KRG)**

<b>Title</b>	Modernizing Sulaymaniyah Museum, Pilot for Museum Sector In Iraq				
<b>Geographic Location</b>	Kurdistan Region				
<b>Project Cost</b>	USD 350,000				
<b>Duration</b>	12 months				
<b>Approval Date</b>	27.06.2010	<b>Starting Date</b>	24.08.2010	<b>Completion Date</b>	24.08.2011 extended to 24.08.2012
<b>Project Description</b>	<p>The Suleimanyah Museum is an ideal flagship candidate for introducing state-of-the-art museology and internationally recognized good-practices in the Kurdistan region. The Suleimanyah Museum is arguably the finest archaeological museum in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. The museum has a committed management and staff determined to bring the museum into the 21st century.</p> <p>The proposed project will assist the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) to protect and promote the multi-ethnic Iraqi national heritage as reflected through the museums in the region, by introducing and disseminating accepted international museological good-practices and related museum expertise into the Suleimanyah Museum, <u>in particular by</u> supporting the development of educational programs and materials for secondary school teachers and students. Museum Education programmes will support the quality education of history and culture of Iraq. The ultimate aim of the project is for the Suleimanyah Museum to become a model and resource for other museums and museum specialists in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq as well as in Iraq in general.</p>				

<b>Development Goal and Immediate Objectives</b>
<p><b>NDS:</b></p> <p>4. Completing all curriculums in primary and secondary education levels for all girls and boys 5. Waiving off gender discrimination in all educational levels.</p> <p><b>ICI Benchmarks (as per the Joint Monitoring Matrix 2008):</b> Reduce illiteracy with 50% (Baseline UBN 31.8% of population have no access to education) Achieve basic universal education</p> <p><b>Sector Team Outcome(s):</b> Enhanced access to all levels of quality education with particular focus on girls</p> <p><b>Programme/Project Outcome(s):</b> Enhanced access to all levels of quality education with particular focus on girls</p>

<b>Outputs, Key activities and Procurement</b>	
<b>Outputs</b>	<b>Output 1.1:</b> Capacity building for Museum Management <b>Output 1.2:</b> Capacity Building for the Development and Delivery of Educational Programmes
<b>Activities</b>	1- Development of Alternatives for MP 2- Development of training materials and educational kits
<b>Procurement</b>	Supplies, equipment

<b>Funds Committed</b>	USD <b>299,062.17</b>	<b>% of approved</b>	<b>81.71%</b>
<b>Funds Disbursed</b>	USD <b>242,639.83</b>	<b>% of approved</b>	<b>58.83%</b>
<b>Forecast final date</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> August 2012 after extension	<b>Delay (months)</b>	12 months

<b>Direct Beneficiaries</b>	<b>Number of Beneficiaries</b>	<b>% of planned (current status)</b>
Men	10 Direct beneficiaries include the Government of Iraq and all relevant governmental institutions in particular the Museum of Sulaymaniyah, the Department of Antiquities of Sulaymaniyah Governorate and Education Department of Sulaymaniyah. Similarly youth (male, female) and school teachers (male, female) will benefit from the development of the educational programmes and training materials.	80%
Women	25 The project aims for at least 45% participation by women in all workshops and training sessions.	85%
Children	All Primary and secondary school students in Sulaymaniyah.	
IDPs		
Others		
Indirect beneficiaries	All population, in particular the young generation, since the project will assist in protecting and promoting the multi-ethnic Iraqi national heritage	
Employment generation (men/women)	1 woman, 2 men at Museum Education Department	80%

<b>Quantitative achievements against objectives and results</b>		<b>% of planned</b>
Development and Refinement of Strategies for the Master Plan.	A short and long-term framework strategy for achieving educational function in the museum developed. National and international experts prepared to work on refining the museum collection and selecting highlight for each category of the museum collection.	80%

	6 national and international experts did a general survey the museum collection to identify chronological period, identified highlights for each category and made recommendations (thematic treatments, object display, pedagogic treatments, etc.) for consideration in exhibition reinterpretation process. Data base on the collection of the museum, and digitalization of museum collection images well advanced.	
Development of training materials and educational kits	Final educational training programme developed by Education Department.	40%

**Qualitative achievements against objectives and results**

Education Department created and staffed. Educational programme for school children finalized.  
6 national and international experts have reviewed collections and selected highlights for each category of the museum collection. A museum storage specialist has completed assessment.  
Recommendations for exhibition reinterpretation provided.  
Vision for the mission statement agreed upon.  
New museological treatment for the museum objectives completed.  
Database on the collection of the museum, and digitalization of museum collection images is advanced.

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

UNESCO has not been able to identify suitable National Project Assistant based in Sulaymaniyah to assist Project Coordinator. Delays on implementation of educational component due to initial lack of competent department and staff in museum and time needed to set up Education Department.