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

Title	Upgrading of Suleimanyah Museum for development of educational programs				
Geographic Location	Kurdistan Region				
Project Cost	USD 350,000				
Duration	Initially 12 months extended to 24 months				
Approval Date (SC)		Starting Date	1 July 2010	Completion Date	23 august 2011 one year extension was approved and new end date is 24th August 2012
Project Description	<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, in particular by 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 <u>model and resource</u> for other museums and museum specialists in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq as well as in Iraq in general.</p>				

Development Goal and Immediate Objectives
<p>NDS:</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>ICI Benchmarks (as per the Joint Monitoring Matrix 2008): Reduce illiteracy with 50% (Baseline UBN 31.8% of population have no access to education) Achieve basic universal education</p> <p>Sector Team Outcome(s): Enhanced access to all levels of quality education with particular focus on girls</p> <p>Programme/Project Outcome(s): Enhanced access to all levels of quality education with particular focus on girls</p>

Outputs, Key activities and Procurement	
Outputs	Output 1. 1: Capacity building for Museum Management Output 1.2: Capacity Building for the Development and Delivery of Educational Programmes
Activities	1- Analysis and Research for the Master Plan 2- Development of Alternatives for MP 3- Conclusions and Final Master Plan 4- Architectural Redesign of Museum spaces 5- Refurbishment of exhibition space and lecture auditorium 6- Development of training materials and educational kits 7- Training of trainers
Procurement (major items)	Supplies, equipment

Funds Committed	USD 331,632	% of approved	94.75%
Funds Disbursed	USD 265,223	% of approved	75.78%
Forecast final date	24 th August 2012 after extension	Delay (months)	12 months

Direct Beneficiaries	Number of Beneficiaries	% of planned (current status)
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	100%

Quantitative achievements against objectives and results			
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. Six 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.	% of planned	80%
Conclusions and Final Master Plan	n/a to date	% of planned	
Architectural Redesign of Museum spaces	Architect was commissioned to work with other experts to start the redesign	% of planned	25%
Refurbishment of exhibition space and lecture auditorium	n/a to date	% of planned	
Development of training materials and educational kits	Final educational training programme developed by Education Department.	% of planned	25%
Training of trainers	n/a to date	% of planned	25%

Qualitative achievements against objectives and results
<p>Education Department created and staff assigned. Education expert has undertaken 2 of 3 planned missions to develop training material, educational kit, and conducted “training of trainers” sessions. Educational programme for school children finalized.</p> <p>6 national and international experts have reviewed collections and selected highlights for each category of the museum collection.</p> <p>A museum storage specialist has completed assessment. Recommendations for exhibition reinterpretation provided.</p> <p>Architect has started working on redesign of museum space.</p> <p>Vision for the mission statement agreed upon.</p> <p>New museological treatment for the museum objectives completed.</p> <p>Database on the collection of the museum, and digitalization of museum collection images was enhanced to be more advanced.</p>

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.