

**United Nations Development Group Iraq Trust Fund**

**Project # 73026: C9-28**

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**Participating UN Organisation: UNDP**

**Sector: Governance**

**Government of Iraq – Responsible Line Ministry: Ministry of Planning & Development Cooperation(MoPDC)**

<b>Title</b>	Support to the GOI in Implementing the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness				
<b>Geo. Location</b>	All of Iraq				
<b>Project Cost</b>	1,000, 000 USD				
<b>Duration</b>	18 months + 10 months extension				
<b>SC Approval Date</b>	18.11.2009	<b>Starting Date</b>	02.12.2009	<b>Completion Date</b>	02.06.2011 extended to 31.03.2012
<b>Project Description</b>	<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 18 months 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**

<b>Output 1:1</b> 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>
<b>Procurement 1.1</b>	Contractors, Consultant, Training.
<b>Output 1.2:</b> 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>

	1.2.4 Provide upstream policy advice on aid effectiveness.
Procurement 1.2	Consultant, Software.
Output 1.3 Enhanced donor harmonisation, transparency and collective effectiveness	Activities: 1.3.1 Encourage the exchange of best practices. 1.3.2 Support GoI-International partners' common initiatives in aid effectiveness. 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.
Procurement 1.3	N/A
Output 1.4 Results based management systems strengthened	Activities: 1.4.1 Support results based management initiatives. 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 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

<b>Funds Committed</b>	USD 1,000,000	<b>% of approved</b>	100%
<b>Funds Disbursed</b>	USD \$952,067	<b>% of approved</b>	95%
<b>Forecast final date</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2012	<b>Delay (months)</b>	10 months

#### Quantitative achievements against objectives and results

Outcome 1.5 Mutual accountability mechanisms improved to assess development results	Provided a second round of consultancy support to assist the Ministry of Planning and the new Partnership Committee under the Deputy Prime Minister which included a review of the division of mandates, accompanying aid management structures and work-plans during Q2 2011.  Launched the Iraq Development Management System (IDMS) system on national television and in front of the national press on 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2011. UNDP, UNOPS and USAID continue to remain on standby to promote that the system is being used by Central and Local Government entities and to trouble shoot if required.	60%  100%
Outcome 1.3. Enhanced donor	Coordinated the Paris Declaration Survey in Iraq by collating all information for and from UN Agencies. Additionally, supported the processes that the Prime Minister's Office	100%

harmonisation, transparency and collective effectiveness	correctly notified international partners and line Ministries on respective obligations.	
Outcome 1.2. Alignment of donors improved with GoI's development policies	Completed the identification and finalisation of indicators for the Governance Chapter of the National Development Plan through a special Government Committee.	100%

**Qualitative achievements against objectives and results**

No qualitative achievements occurred in this quarter.

The lack of institutional clarity between the Partnership Committee under the Deputy Prime Minister's Office and the Ministry of Planning hindered any further progress on this project from an institution building/strengthening standpoint. At present the project is operationally closed and 95% of the funds are spent.

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

Security and availability of slots remains a serious challenge for the UN in Iraq. New institutional aid management structures have led to a standstill in project progress and most likely will freeze project progress until the expiry of the project itself.