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Participating UN Organisation: UNDP Lead and UNOPS

Sector: Governance

Government of Iraq – Responsible Line Ministry: CSO Committee of the Council of Representatives

Title	Empowering CSOs in Iraq				
Geographic Location	Nationwide for the capacity building of CSOs under UNDP; The KRG Compact work under UNOPS is only for KRG.				
Project Cost	Total Cost USD 3,237,419 USD 2,221,818 from UNDAF Trust Fund for UNDP component USD 1,015,601 from DANIDA, for UNOPS component (please refer to note below)				
Duration	18 months				
SC Approval Date	18.01.2012	Starting Date	12.03.2012	Completion Date	12.09.2013
Project Description	UNDP and UNOPS will support CSOs to effectively monitor Government's compliance with due process and transparency. UNDP through UNDAF Trust Fund will build the capacity of chosen CSOs to hold the Government accountable in the areas of Service Delivery, Corruption, Human Rights and Civil Rights. Through encouraging CSOs to form consortia the project will transfer know-how whilst working on concrete issues. The Project will contribute to opening up permanent and sustainable channels between CSOs and Government to interface and advocate that the voices of civil society are heard and taken into account in relation to public policymaking. The partnership with UNOPS will build on existing strong relationships with the KRG, Kurdistan Parliament and Kurdistan Region civil society.				

Note: This project is composed of two separate components. The UNDP component, Output 2 is funded under the UNDAF Trust Fund. The UNOPS component, Output 1 is bilaterally funded by DANIDA to UNOPS and respectively UNOPS will report directly to DANIDA. **This report therefore covers the UNDP portion Output 2 of the Project Document.**

Development Goal and Immediate Objectives

UNDAF Outcome 1.1: The Iraqi state has a more inclusive and participatory political process reflecting improved national dialogue.

The Project contributes to the following **UNDAF priority areas:**

- Priority 1: Improved governance, including protection of human rights.
- Priority 4: Increased access to quality essential services.
- Priority 5: Investment in human capital and empowerment of women, youth and children.

The Project contributes to **UNDP Iraq's Country Programme Outcome 1:** Enhanced rule of law, protection and respect for human rights in line with international standards.

The project is being implemented in full alignment with work being done by other UN agencies as well as the Human Rights Office.

Outputs, Key activities and Procurement

Outputs	Output 1: Government is supported to facilitate free engagement of CSOs in development and reconciliation processes. <i>UNOPS reports bilaterally to DANIDA on this component.</i> Output 2: CSOs have an enhanced capacity to promote citizen oversight mechanisms. UNDP component
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Output	Activities
Output 2: CSOs have an enhanced capacity to promote citizen oversight mechanisms	<p>UNDP Component: Output 2 which is reflected in this report</p> <p>2.1 CSO Mapping</p> <p>2.2 Preparatory Workshop with CSOs on the Call for Proposals process</p> <p>2.3 Drafting of Calls for Proposals Guidelines</p> <p>2.4 Establishing the Evaluation Committee</p> <p>2.5 Eligibility check of applicants</p> <p>2.6 Evaluation of Concept notes</p> <p>2.7 Discussion with successful applicants for the development of the full proposal</p> <p>2.8 Evaluation of full proposals</p> <p>2.9 Contract negotiation and contracting</p> <p>2.10 Establish an online community of practice</p> <p>2.11 Arrange for Community of practice live workshop half way through project cycle.</p> <p>2.12 Monitoring and Evaluation</p> <p>2.13 Programme Evaluation</p>
Output 1: Government is supported to facilitate free engagement of CSOs in development and reconciliation processes.	<p>Bilaterally reported to DANIDA</p> <p>UNOPS Component: Output 1</p> <p>1.1 Conduct awareness activities targeting representatives of public authorities and civil society</p> <p>1.2 Drafting of the base policy Compact document by technical experts at the start of the programme</p> <p>1.3 Planning/strategy meeting between representatives of the KRG authorities and civil society</p> <p>1.4 Papers prepared and disseminated among various stakeholders on the relevant topic and how they can relate to the situation in Iraq</p> <p>1.5 Study tour takes place</p> <p>1.6 Conduct training of trainers for civil society activists and representatives of the KRG parliaments and subsequent cascade trainings</p> <p>1.7 Consultations of the draft document among civil society organizations in the KRG Iraq carried out through meetings and media.</p> <p>1.8 Conduct consultations of the draft document between representatives of Civil Society and KRG parliament</p> <p>1.9 Adoption of the policy agreement between the KRG parliament and civil society</p> <p>1.10 Final conference announcing adoption of the document, preferably organized at the KRG parliament</p>
Procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical support entities • Trainers and facilitators • CSO grants (for non-credit related activities)

Funds Committed	USD 0	% of approved	0%-
Funds Disbursed	USD 74,758.31	% of approved	12.78%
Forecast final date	June 2014	Delay (months)	6

Quantitative achievements against objectives and results

Output 2: CSOs have an enhanced capacity to promote citizen oversight mechanisms.	2.2	Preparatory Workshop with CSOs on the Call for Proposals process	20%
	2.3	Drafting of Calls for Proposals Guidelines	20%
	2.4	Establishing the Evaluation Committee	20%

Qualitative achievements against objectives and results

UNDP UNDAF Trust Fund component

Output 2: CSOs have an enhanced capacity to promote citizen oversight mechanisms.

- A work plan and methodology for issuing the call for proposals to CSO consortia has been agreed and is being designed. This includes both guidelines and templates to enhance the capacity development of CSOs who will be awarded project grants.
- Terms of reference to procure two packages of services have been prepared. Package one includes technical support to proposal development by CSO consortia as well as on-the-job technical support to project implementation. Package two includes monitoring and evaluation support as well as knowledge management with the view of capturing experiences, capacity development lessons and good practices.
- A dialogue with the CSO Committee of the Council of Representatives has initiated to promote effective linkages with CSO initiatives.