**United Nations Development Group Iraq Trust Fund**

**Project #: A7-06**

**Date and Quarter Updated: First Quarter 2011**

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| **Participating UN Organisation**: UNOPS | **Sector: Protection** |
| **Government of Iraq – Responsible Line Ministry: Ministry of Environment /Directorate Mine Action** |

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| **Title** | Support to the Government of Iraq’s Capacity Development for Mine Action |
| **Geo. Location** | Procurement of equipment to be used in Governorates of Baghdad, Erbil, Sulymanieh and Basra  |
| **Project Cost** | US$ 993,000 |
| **Duration** | 12 months |
| **Approval Date**  | 27 June 2010 | **Starting Date** | 28 July 2010 | **Completion Date**  | 28 July 2011 |
| **Project Description** |  This project aims to increase and improve the operational capacity of the Government of Iraq's Mine Action Programme and increase the capacity of the government institutions (General Directorate of Mine Action, Iraqi Kurdistan Mine Action Authority, Regional Mine Action Centre South) to address the needs of communities and vulnerable groups affected by landmines and other explosive remnants of war. The project will provide technical support and the required equipment and training, in order to increase their operational capacity to conduct mine action activities such as operations planning, tasking, and prioritization.This project complements the larger Programme of the Government of Iraq and the ongoing support of UNDP in Mine Action, by providing necessary inputs not provided under the ongoing initiatives. |

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| **Development Goal and Immediate Objectives** |
| The project contributes towards target 7a of MDG goal 7 "Integrate the principles of sustainable development into country policies and programmes; reverse loss of environmental resources", and target 7 of goal 8: "In cooperation with the private sector, make available the benefits of new technologies". In relation to the NDS, the project addresses Pillar III "Improving the Quality of Life", point 6 "Accelerating demining actions”. |

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| **Outputs, Key activities and Procurement** |
| **Outputs** | Equipment necessary for the improved efficiency of the national mine action organization is procured and delivered |
| **Activities** | Preparation of Specifications for the Equipment to be procured, Preparation of Shortlists of Suppliers , Launching of the Invitations to Bid, Award of Contracts, Issuance of Purchase Orders. |
| **Procurement**  | The project is currently working on conducting the procurement process / evaluation. |

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| **Funds Committed**  |  US$ 993,000 | **% of approved** | 100 |
| **Funds Disbursed** |  --- | **% of approved** | 0 |
| **Forecast final date**  | 3o June 2011 | **Delay (months)** | 0 |

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| **Direct Beneficiaries** | **Number of Beneficiaries** | **% of planned (current status)** |
| Men | (non- measurable for this project) |  |
| Women | (non- measurable for this project) |  |
| Children | (non- measurable for this project) |  |
| IDPs | (non- measurable for this project) |  |
| Others | (non-measurable for this project) |  |
| Indirect beneficiaries | (non-measurable for this project) |  |
| Employment generation (men/women) | (non-measurable for this project) |  |

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| **Quantitative achievements against objectives and results**  |
| Develop Specifications and identify/research vendors | Q1 | 100 |
| Conduct procurement process / evaluations | Q2 | 50 |
| Award Contracts | Q3 | 0 |
| Purchase and shipment of equipment/delivery and handover to users |  Q4  |   |
| **Qualitative achievements against objectives and results**  |
| The project has completed the first objective: “Develop Specifications and identify/research vendors”, and partially completed the second objective: “Conduct procurement process/evaluations”. It is expected that with the procurement and delivery of the equipment items and its accompanying training related to its operation, the beneficiary governmental organizations and departments will be able to better perform in their respective mandates and roles. |

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| **Main implementation constrains & challenges (2-3 sentences)**  |
|  The project is behind the planned outcomes, as the Specifications of the Equipment to be procured were revised with the field and national authorities on Q1and Q2, as well as the input from the field on the recipients/beneficiaries of the equipment was delayed, and was required prior to the launching of the formal process for the Invitations to Bid.The challenges currently faced are the ability to complete the objectives and results before the end-date of the project.  |
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