

United Nations Development Group Iraq Trust Fund
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| Participating UN Organisation: UNOPS | | Sector: Governance | | | |
| Government of Iraq – Responsible Line Ministry: Independent High Electoral Commission of Iraq (IHEC) | | | | | |
| Title | Support to National Electoral Observer Groups for the Electoral Events of Iraq 2009-2010 | | | | |
| Geographic Location | All Governorates of Iraq | | | | |
| Project Cost | USD 8,000,000 | | | | |
| Duration | 14.5 months | | | | |
| Approval Date | 16 July 2009 | Starting Date | 21 July 2009 | Completion Date | 30 June 2010 Extended until 30 September 2010 |

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| Project Description | <p>IHEC requested the UN to support national electoral observer networks during the Electoral Events of Iraq 2009 - 2010.</p> <p>During the project period three major electoral events are scheduled. The first were the Presidential and Parliamentary Elections in the Kurdistan Region which took place on the 25th July 2009. The second event was the Voter Registration Update (VRU) in August/September 2009 in all governorates of Iraq as a preparation for the third electoral event, the Iraq Council of Representatives (CoR) Elections in March 2010.</p> <p>In order to prevent the perception of a conflict of interest between the UN's assistance to the IHEC and the independent observer groups, all support for the electoral observers is implemented through international partner organisations (FES, ACHRS) who coordinate/d, jointly with their local NGO network partners, the training sessions and mobilisation of 7,000 Observers for the Kurdistan Elections, the mobilisation of 4,900 Observers for the VRU and the training and deployment of 29,200 Observers for the Iraq CoR Elections.</p> <p>UNAMI Electoral Assistance Team is responsible for technical supervision and monitoring (trainings and observer reports). UNOPS is in charge of financial management (incl. procurement, legal, monitoring).</p> |
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| Development Goal and Immediate Objectives |
| <p>Development Goal:</p> <p>To contribute to an enhanced implementation of electoral processes in Iraq in line with the Governance Sector Outcome 1: <i>Strengthened electoral processes in Iraq</i> through the provision of electoral observation training and refresher courses and support to Electoral Observers during the three above mentioned electoral events of Iraq 2009-2010.</p> <p>The Project's Immediate Objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthened capacity of electoral observer networks in Iraq • Successful observation of electoral events in Iraq in 2009/2010 |

| Outputs, Key activities and Procurement | |
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| Outputs | <p><u>Output 1.1</u> Enhanced capacities of electoral observers to manage the Kurdistan Elections, the Voter Registration Update and the Iraq Parliamentary Elections in a transparent manner.</p> <p><u>Output 2.1</u> Civil society mobilised to fully participate in Kurdistan Elections, the Voter Registration Update and the Iraq Parliamentary Elections in a transparent manner</p> |
| Activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total of 5,000 electoral observers trained and 2,000 updated on electoral law prior to the Kurdistan Elections • 28,000 electoral observers updated on electoral law prior to the Iraq Parliamentary Elections • 7,000 Observers mobilised for the Kurdistan Elections • 4,900 Observers mobilised for the Voter Registration Update • 29,200 Observers to be mobilised for the the Iraq Parliamentary Elections |
| Procurement | N/A |

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| Funds Committed | 7,992,760.15 USD | % of approved | 99.9 % |
| Funds Disbursed | 7,901,441.87 USD | % of approved | 98.8% |
| Forecast final date | 30 September 2010 | Delay (months) | Extended by 3 months |

| Direct Beneficiaries | Number of Beneficiaries | % of planned (current status) |
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| Men (estimate total 32,880) | 30,912 | 94 % |
| Women (estimate total 8,220) | 10,188 | 124 % |
| Children | n/a | n/a |
| IDPs | n/a | n/a |
| Others | n/a | n/a |
| Indirect beneficiaries | By contributing to a transparent democratic election process, the mobilisation of electoral observers benefits the population of Iraq and by extension also the populations of the neighbouring countries when observers trained in and for Iraq were used outside of Iraq. | n/a |
| Employment generation (men/women) | n/a | n/a |

| Quantitative achievements against objectives and results | | | |
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| <u>Output 1.1</u> Enhanced capacities of electoral observers to manage the Kurdistan Elections, the Voter Registration Update and the Iraq Parliamentary Elections in a transparent manner. | | % of planned | 100 % |
| 1.1.1 | Total of 5,000 electoral observers to be trained and 2,000 to be updated on electoral law prior to the Kurdistan Elections | % of planned | 100 % |
| 1.1.2 | 28,000 electoral observers to be updated on electoral law prior to the Iraq Parliamentary Elections | % of planned | 100 % |

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| <u>Output 2.1</u> Civil society mobilised to fully participate in Kurdistan Elections, the Voter Registration Update and the Iraq Parliamentary Elections in a transparent manner | | % of planned | 100 % |
| 2.1.1 | 7,000 Observers to be mobilised for the Kurdistan Elections | % of planned | 100 % |
| 2.1.2 | 4,900 Observers to be mobilised for the Voter Registration Update | % of planned | 100 % |
| 2.1.3 | 29,200 Observers to be mobilised for the the Iraq Parliamentary Elections | % of planned | 100 % |
| Qualitative achievements against objectives and results in this reporting period | | | |
| <p>A lessons learned roundtable to review the institutional management, policy and decision making of the IHEC for the Council of Representatives election 2010, and aiming to identify recommendations for future elections was held in Beirut in July. For this occasion and following the completion of the electoral observation process and the finalization of reporting, a short paper on the observation of the CoR election was prepared. The paper lists the main lessons learned and recommendations (a) regarding the observer findings for the electoral process itself, and (b) regarding the relevance and role of domestic electoral observer groups and the support extended to them. The list of lessons learned and recommendations was compiled based on the reports from the electoral observers, analysis of the UNAMI Electoral Support Team, a UNOPS report on the general observation of the CoR election and the recount, and feedback and analysis from within the UNOPS team. Discussions are ongoing with the IHEC on how to ensure continued support to electoral processes by observer groups following completion of the final phase of this project's support to observer groups in Iraq. It is intended that this will include roundtable meetings to discuss best practices and sustainable financing of the observer networks.</p> | | | |
| Main implementation constrains & challenges (2-3 sentences) | | | |
| No major challenges were encountered in this reporting period. | | | |