

FINAL NARRATIVE REPORT IRFFI/UNDG IRAQ TRUST FUND (UNDG ITF)

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o the Independent High Electoral Commission of Iraq (IHEC)

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Evaluation Done ☐ Yes ☐ No	October 2004 - 31 December 2008
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FINAL NARRATIVE REPORT

I. PURPOSE

a. Provide a brief introduction to the programme/ project (one paragraph)

To increase the capacity of the IHEC to conduct electoral activities by:

- i. Providing professional and timely technical assistance to IHEC in order for the newly appointed commissioner to build a solid institution independent of any governmental body.
- ii Providing the IHEC commissioners and staff with international standards and best practices of electoral administration, finance, procedures and operations.
- iii. Strengthening institutional capabilities in specifically targeted areas for the permanent electoral institution established under the constitution as part of the overall UN strategy of assistance based on SCR 1770 and a request of the Independent Electoral Commission.

b. List programme/project outcomes and associated outputs as per the approved Project Document.

Outcome 1: The institutional development of the IHEC as a sustainable institution, operating independently, efficiently and transparently in line with professional standards.

Outputs/UNDP: Providing timely service of contracting electoral experts and managing their recruitment process as per the UNDP internal rules and regulations and the MOU signed between UNDP and EAD.

Output/UNEAD 1: Headed by the Chief Technical Advisor of UNAMI and discussions with IHEC, improve skills of IHEC staff at HQ and governorate level.

Output/UNEAD 2: Improved capacity of up to 700 IHEC employees, as well as the members of the Board of Commissioners following the delivery of professional assistance in the priority areas of legal support, logistics, procurement, ITC/database, graphic design, translation, capacity building/training, voter registration, security, and general skills (incl. office administration, language, etc.)

c. List the UN Assistance Strategy Outcomes, MDGs, Iraq NDS Priorities, ICI benchmarks relevant to the programme/ project.

UN Assistance Strategy for Iraq: The institutional development of the IHEC has been identified as an area where assistance should be provided by Cluster G (Cluster G Matrix Outcome 3). Such assistance focused on ensuring that the institution would be fully accountable and have the capacity to make informed decisions and implement them in a transparent manner.

UN Millennium Development Goals: This project contributed tangentially to the achievement of MDG8 concerning the global partnership for development. By providing access for the IHEC to the most suitable best practices, the project assisted the IHEC in its efforts to facilitate in the creation of a stable political system in Iraq. This system is essential to enable Iraq to develop in an acceptable and positive manner for all its citizens.

d. List primary implementing partners and stakeholders including key beneficiaries.

UNDP and UNEAD (through its representation at UNAMI) IEAT IHEC Commissioners and staff, Iraqi voting population

II. ASSESSMENT OF PROGRAMME/ PROJECT RESULTS

a. Report on the key outputs achieved and explain any variance in achieved versus planned results. Who have been the primary beneficiaries and how they were engaged in the project implementation?

With the successful completion of the three electoral events in Iraq, two needs assessment missions, two lessons learned exercises and a continuation of daily discussions with the IHEC Board of Commissioners, this project is seen as the only source of funding which allows the IEAT to provide timely and effective assistance to IHEC within the most difficult circumstances of operations facing the UN.

In addition to the core team of Electoral staff working under the CTA within the IEAT, international experts were required to provide their experience to IHEC as well as recommendations. The decisions remained for the IHEC on whether to use the advice or not. The main essential areas of assistance concentrated on the independence of the commission. The independence is not only from the government but also of any external body including the United Nations. The role of technical assistance was very important for the Electoral Commission as the UN will continue to provide neutral recommendation with the intention of enhancing the voters trust in the commission through encouraging the electoral commission to be transparent and independent.

The UN electoral support was able to immediately respond to an urgent request of the CoR of Iraq to assist in selecting suitable candidates for the sensitive positions of Directors of Governorate Election Offices of IHEC. The law requires the CoR to nominate five candidates to IHEC in order for them to select one of the five for each governorate office. After the intervention of the UN in relation of the initial selection process conducted by the CoR which was done in a politicized manner, the UN agreed to assist the CoR and IHEC to select candidates in a professional and transparent manner. Members of the CoR as well as members of Iraqi independent observer groups, representatives of IHEC and representatives of political leaders monitored the UN operation of selection and were very satisfied. The monitoring was open at all stages of the operation starting from announcing the vacancies of the GEO directors to receiving applications, vetting by a panel of experts and the interviews which took place in Baghdad.

In an absence of an election law, IHEC with the help of the UN experts completed successfully a critical exercise of an electoral process. The Voters Lists were updated in a 6 week field operations followed by three weeks of data entry. The UN experts were present to assist in the operational planning and execution of the exercise. IHEC was proud to announce a Voters List with 97% accuracy within the most difficult conditions in the country. 2.9 million Iraqis visited the 550 voter registration centres and 15 sub voter registration centres to check on their details and the details of their families.

Below summarises key achievements and their relevance to programme outputs.

1.1 Providing timely service of contracting electoral experts and managing their recruitment process as per UNDP internal rules and regulations and the MOU signed between UNDP and EAD.

During the project period, a total of 16 areas that required international electoral expert

support were identified. This followed discussions between the Project and IHEC on the areas of support that were required both on the basis of capacity building and the operational support of the electoral process. Full details of these positions are provided in 1.2, 1.3 and 2.1 below.

1.2 UNEAD 1: Headed by the Chief Technical Advisor of UNAMI and discussions with IHEC, improve skills of IHEC staff at HQ and governorate level.

International electoral experts were recruited by the project to provide technical assistance to the IHEC both at the National Office and the Governorate Elections Offices in the following areas:

- **Senior Capacity Building:** Supervised the overall institutional development support to the IHEC to build their capacity to conduct future electoral events.
- Capacity Building: Developed and implemented the capacity building plan and coordinate with the IHEC Capacity Building Department on the development and implementation of capacity building activities.
- **Security:** Advised the IHEC on their preparation needs on field security during electoral events, including providing guidance on the role and function of IHEC in relation to national and international security forces and the IHEC's participation in the inter-agency Committee on Election Security.
- Public Outreach: Advised and supported the IHEC on the development of appropriate
 public outreach strategies, and provided guidance to IHEC voter education and observer
 support staff.
- **Procurement and Logistics:** Advised and supported the IHEC in the development and implementation of their logistics and procurement programmes, including the functions and operations of the IHEC Procurement Unit which had just been established. This position also provided guidance to IHEC procurement and logistics staff.
- **Media:** Advised and supported the IHEC on the development and implementation of its media programme, including media policies, guidelines and public relations activities, and also provided guidance to the IHEC media staff and IHEC management as required.
- **Finance:** Advised and supported the IHEC on the development of appropriate financial systems and practices in accordance with generally accepted accounting and auditing standards. The function also provided guidance to IHEC finance and internal oversight staff.
- **Human Resources:** Advised and supported the IHEC on the development of appropriate human resources procedures and practices in accordance with acceptable standards and consistent with the Iraqi civil service code. The position also provided guidance to IHEC Administration Department and Human Resources staff.
- **Complaints:** Advised and supported the IHEC on the development and implementation of an electoral complaints system, and worked to ensure that the IHEC was prepared for processing of complaints for the 2007 electoral events. This expert also provided guidance to legal staff dealing with complaints.
- **Database Development:** The expert provided advice on database development for the IHEC, including providing assistance in developing software as required. The position also provided technical assistance to the IHEC database development staff.
- Graphic Design: Responsible for enhancing graphic design skills and supporting the work

of the relevant IHEC staff. The expert worked with the newly established IHEC Graphic Design Department and coordinated with the office of the CEO as appropriate.

- **Operations:** The expert advised and supported the IHEC in operational planning and implementation for the 2007 electoral events. Advice was also provided on development of appropriate field coordination structures as well as guidance to the IHEC operations and field coordination staff and senior management of the Electoral Administration.
- Voter Registration: Advised and supported the IHEC in the development of an appropriate programme for voter registration, including planning and implementation of the 2007 voter registration activities and also providing recommendations on longer term options. The expert also provided guidance to IHEC voter registration staff, and staff in other Sections of the IHEC involved in voter registration activities.
- **IDP/Voter registration:** This expert provided advice and supported the IHEC on development of appropriate policies and operations for enfranchisement of internally displaced persons (IDPs) and other special needs groups. The position also obtained and assessed relevant information and developed recommendations to the IHEC on voter registration for IDPs and special needs groups.
- Interpretation/Translation: The expert advised and supported the IHEC in developing appropriate management structures and working practices relating to interpretation and translation and provided guidance to the IHEC translation unit. The expert also developed and delivered training for IHEC interpretation/translation staff in order to develop their skills appropriately.
- Training Operations: The expert designed and delivered a workshop for IHEC staff to enable them develop an effective operational structure and plan for cascade training for electoral events. The expert also advised and supported the IHEC in the development of its operational training structure, providing guidance to IHEC operations and training staff as required.

1.3 Improved capacity of up to 700 IHEC employees, as well as the members of the Board of Commissioners

Three key international electoral experts were recruited by the project to lead in the institutional capacity building programme for the IHEC members of the Board of Commissioners and staff. The following key personnel were in place:

- UN Chief Technical Advisor: The responsible for advising the IHEC Board of Commissioners as requested and for coordinating electoral assistance to the IHEC. The expert also worked as senior UNAMI advisor on electoral matters to SRSG, embassies and Iraqi officials. As the International Electoral Assistance Team leader, the Chief Technical Advisor managed senior level coordination with UNDP, UNOPS, IFES and other members of IEAT in addition to IRFFI Cluster G.
- **Senior Capacity Building:** Supervised the overall institutional development support to the IHEC to build their capacity to conduct future electoral events.
- Capacity Building: Developed and implemented the capacity building plan and coordinate with the IHEC Capacity Building Department on the development and implementation of capacity building activities.

2.1 Complete preparations for holding three sets of elections in 2005; and another three sets of electoral events in 2007.

During the project period, international electoral experts were deployed in IHEC to specifically to provide operational support during the implementation of the electoral processes in 2005 and 2007. These elections included Referendum on the Constitution in

- October 2005 and the National Assembly in December 2005; A referendum on the amendments of the constitution, a referendum of Kirkuk and the disputed territories, and Local elections in 2007. Below are the areas that the Project supported.
- **Security:** Advised the IHEC on their preparation needs on field security during electoral events, including providing guidance on the role and function of IHEC in relation to national and international security forces and the IHEC's participation in the inter-agency Committee on Election Security.
- Public Outreach: Advised and supported the IHEC on the development of appropriate
 public outreach strategies, and provided guidance to IHEC voter education and observer
 support staff.
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 enable them develop an effective operational structure and plan for cascade training for
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 operational training structure, providing guidance to IHEC operations and training staff as
 required.
- b. Report on how achieved outputs have contributed to the achievement of the outcomes and explain any variance in actual versus planned contributions to the outcomes. Highlight any institutional and/ or behavioural changes amongst beneficiaries at the outcome level.

This programme was designed to provide the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq (IECI) and the newly established Independent High Electoral Commission (IHEC) with essential and urgent technical assistance by providing international electoral staff in Iraq and Jordan.

The International Electoral Assistance Team headed by UNAMI successfully completed their role of assisting IECI to prepare for and hold three electoral events in 2005. This support was provided through international electoral experts who were engaged both on short and longer term basis. The areas of assistance were logistics, operations, electoral procedures, public outreach, security, legal advice, and Information Technology.

Further assistance was also provided for the conduct of another three sets of elections in 2007

as well as the capacity development of the IHEC Staff, both at National and Governorate level and the IHEC Board of Commissioners. Following the appointment of the Commissioners in 2007, the project worked to strengthen their capacities as well as the capacity of 770 IHEC staff.

Notable developments in the IHEC included the establishment and operationalization of two new departments, Graphic Design and Capacity Building which was fully supported by the Project's technical assistance.

c. Explain the overall contribution of the programme/ project/ to the ICI, NDS, MDGs and Iraq UN Assistance Strategy. See 1c

- International Compact with Iraq (ICI): The project focused on entrenching national dialogue and democracy through strengthening the electoral processes in Iraq and was in line with priorities identified in the International Compact with Iraq (ICI) which aims to consolidate peace and pursue political, economic and social development.
- *Iraqi National Development Strategy (NDS):* The institutional development of the IHEC had been identified as an area where assistance should be provided by Cluster G (Cluster G Matrix Outcome 3). Such assistance will focus on ensuring that the institution will be fully accountable and have the capacity to make informed decisions and implement them in a transparent manner.
- UN Assistance Strategy for Iraq: The institutional development of the IHEC had been identified as an area where assistance should be provided by Cluster G (Cluster G Matrix Outcome 3). Such assistance will focus on ensuring that the institution will be fully accountable and have the capacity to make informed decisions and implement them in a transparent manner.
- UN Millennium Development Goals: This project contributed tangentially to the achievement of MDG8 concerning the global partnership for development. By providing access for the IHEC to the most suitable best practices, the project will assist the IHEC in their efforts to facilitate in the creation of a stable political system in Iraq. This system is essential to enable Iraq to develop in an acceptable and positive manner for all its citizens.

The project also indirectly contributed towards MDG 3 "Enhancing gender equity and strengthening women issues" as it directed part of the awareness campaign towards a female audience and highlighted the role of women in the democratic process.

d. Explain the contribution of key partnerships including national, international, inter-UN agency, CSO or others towards achievement of programme/ project results.

The implementing partners UNEAD and UNDP continuously followed the guidelines of the technical supervisor UNAMI/IEAT that worked in close consultation with IECI board. The input received from IECI through UNAMI/IEAT was essential to ensure that the correct support was provided and that it was implemented in a manner suitable to their needs. The project was open to changes and/or amendments in IECI requirements, which might have arisen due to the evolving situation and context in Iraq.

e. Highlight the contribution of the programme/ project on cross-cutting issues:

- Were the needs of particularly vulnerable or marginalised groups addressed?
 - Although this project did not directly have vulnerable or marginalised groups as its beneficiaries, it will entail benefits for these sections of society. Through recommendations, the IECI will be able to improve its implementation of electoral processes in Iraq and so encourage and facilitate the participation of all Iraqi voters including disadvantaged groups.
- How did men and women benefit from the programme/project? How were gender

inequalities handled?

The project encouraged the participation of male and female staff from the IECI in the implemented activities. Expert advice was also provided to the IHEC on how to encourage men and women to participate in the electoral processes. Special attention was focussed on women who are a marginalized group.

• Were environmental concerns addressed including environmental impact/risk assessment where relevant?

This programme didn't pose any significant environmental risks and therefore no impact or risk assessments were conducted during the programme.

• Were there any specific issues in relation to the security situation?

The security factor remained the main a detrimental factor to the deployment of staff and technical consultants in Iraq during the implementation period. This was due to ceiling limitations. In addition, due to the same security reasons, some staff and consultants were reluctant to take positions in Iraq.

• Did the project contribute to employment generation (gender disaggregated)?

Short term positions were made available during the implementation phase of the project.

This project mainly provided employment for international experts and specialists. Iraqi nationals were given priority if they met the required qualifications. Due to the limited experience of elections in Iraq, during the starting phase of the project, there were no Iraqis recruited as electoral experts. In 2007, Iraqi nationals were considered and recruited for that purpose. A former commissioner was recruited for a short term assignment to provide legal mentoring for the IHEC legal section. The former chairperson of IECI in Iraq was recruited for a short period to lead a panel of experts in the interview process of the GEO managers.

f. Provide an assessment of the project based on performance indicators as per approved project document using the template in Section IV

The project accomplished all its planned outputs within the project implementation period. The extension of the project to 31 December 2008 ensured that the IHEC operational support needs arising from the three sets of elections which were conducted in 2007 were adequately met. The table below summarizes the key achievements:

Key Outputs	%
	Achieved
Output 1.1: UNDP 1: Providing timely service of contracting electoral experts and managing their recruitment process as per UNDP internal rules and regulations and the MOU signed between UNDP and EAD.	100%
1.1.1 IECI continues to work with the assistance of a small team of experts in Iraq to prepare for the elections and post-election period	100%
1.1.2 Timely and orderly selection and recruitment of international expertise	100%
Output 1.2: UNEAD 1: Headed by the Chief Technical Advisor of UNAMI and discussions with IHEC, improve skills of IHEC staff at HQ and governorate level.	100%
1.2.1 High level policy advisory support provided to the IHEC by EAD and UN advisory management.	100%
Output 1.3: UNEAD 2: Improved capacity of up to 700 IHEC employees, as well as the members of the Board of Commissioners	100%
1.3.1. Delivery of professional assistance in priority areas of the electoral process by EAD and UN advisors.	100%
Output 2.1: Complete preparations for holding three sets of elections in 2005; and	
another three sets of electoral events in 2007.	
2.1.1. Timely selection and recruitment process, provide proper security training SAIT for all prior to deployment and get security clearance for international experts to work in Iraq in support of 2005 electoral events	100%
2.1.2: Timely selection and recruitment process, provide proper security training SAIT for all prior to deployment and get security clearance for international experts to work in Iraq in support of 2007 electoral events	100%

III. EVALUATION & LESSONS LEARNED

a. Report on any assessments, evaluations or studies undertaken relating to the programme/ project and how they were used during implementation. Has there been a final project evaluation and what are the key findings? Provide reasons if no evaluation of the programme/ project have been done yet?

A lessons learned exercise with the participation of UNAMI/EAD and UNDP took place in Larnaca, Cyprus after the elections of 2005. The lessons learned proved that this project was key to the success of the UN providing the necessary international assistance in a timely and effective manner.

A capacity building assessment of the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq took place from 12 November to 19 December 2006. This included assessment of areas requiring attention in the IECI's organizational and human resource capacity to conduct future electoral activities; review of the forms of capacity building which had taken place so far; and recommendations of key priorities for capacity building in 2007. This assessment enabled the project to target specific areas requiring improvement for conduct of future electoral activities, to reduce IHEC's reliance international support.

A final evaluation for the project was not conducted. However, the Independent High Electoral Commission Capacity Building Department together with international advisors carried out a comprehensive capacity building assessment from October to November 2009. The assessment came up with areas that still required attention in the IHEC capacity to conduct future successful election cycles and recommended priorities for institutional development for the period 2010-2011.

b. Indicate key constraints including delays (if any) during programme/ project implementation

Continuous delays of getting an election law approved by the CoR and the Presidency of Iraq affected election dates. The IEAT was continuously working with IHEC to make use of any time in between elections in order to support and build the capacity of the Headquarters and field staff.

c. Report key lessons learned that would facilitate future programme design and implementation.

A needs assessment mission was undertaken in November 2006 in order to update the training and capacity building requirements of the IECI. In addition, UNDP and UNAMI/IEAT worked closely with the IHEC to better understand the needs of the Commission and the CTA was in constant daily contact with the board members and staff of IHEC. This process was successful in specifying the areas that the IHEC felt where it was most in need of international assistance. UNEAD will continue to undertake a similar approach in this regard to ensure that the support it provides meets the most urgent needs of the Commission taking the role of technical assistance with IHEC and all of the necessary decisions in relation to election administration.

This project as well as the Institutional Capacity Building project addressed both the immediate and long term strategic needs of IHEC, supporting its independence and guiding it towards a transparent approach to enhance the trust of Iraqi voters in the electoral exercise.

IV. INDICATOR BASED PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

	Performance Indicators	Indicator Baselines	Planned Indicator Targets	Achieved Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance	Source of Verification	Comments (if any)
		ent of the IHE	C as a sustai	nable institution, operatin	g independe	ntly, efficiently and trans	sparently in line with
IP Output 1.1 UNDP: Providing timely service of contracting electoral experts and managing their recruitment process as per UNDP internal rules and regulations and the MOU signed between UNDP and EAD.	Indicator 1.1.1 IECI continues to work with the assistance of a small team of experts in Iraq to prepare for the elections and post election period	n/a	international experts in place	Capacity Building Team Leader (1) Capacity Building Officer (1) Senior Electoral Advisor (1) Complaints and Procedures (1) Security Advisor (1) Operations Advisor (2) Public Outreach Advisor (3) Media Advisor (1) Members of Vetting team (4) for assisting the CoR selecting heads of Governorate Election Offices Members of Expert Panel (3) Administration Advisor (1) Interpreters (2)		Contracts, security clearance, SAIT training lists	Security situation and movement restrictions permit the deployment of international experts to Iraq
	Indicator 1.1.2 Timely and orderly selection	0	Not specified	A total of 43 international experts were recruited to provide technical		Quarterly reports, Annual reports.	

IP Output 1.2 UNEAD 1: Headed by the Chief Technical Advisor of UNAMI and discussions with IHEC, improve skills of IHEC staff at HQ and	and recruitment of international expertise Indicator 1.2.1 Technical assistance support provided to improve IHEC staff capacities	0	16 key areas of the electoral process support.	assistance to the IHEC and support the implementation of the electoral process Staff capacities strengthened in various departments of the IHEC	Quarterly reports, Annual reports.	
governorate level. IP Output 1.3 UNEAD 2: Improved capacity of up to 700 IHEC employees, as well as the members of the Board of Commissioners	Indicator 1.3.1 Delivery of professional assistance in priority areas of the electoral process.	0	Not specified	Provision of expertise in the areas of legal support, logistics, procurement, ITC/database, graphic design, translation, capacity building/training, voter registration, security and general skills (incl. office administration, language, etc.)	Quarterly reports, Annual reports.	The Iraq Council of Representatives appointed the Board of Commissioners in May 2007 and the UN was committed to continue providing them with electoral assistance.
IP Output 2.1: Complete preparations for holding three sets of elections in 2005; and another three sets of electoral events in 2007.	Indicator 2.1.1: Timely selection and recruitment process, provide proper security training SAIT for all prior to deployment and get security clearance for international experts to work in Iraq in support of 2005 electoral events	0	Not specified	Provision of expertise in the areas security, public outreach, procurement and logistics, media, finance, Human resources, complaints handling, database development, Operations, Voter registration, interpretation, training and operations.	Contracts, security clearance, SAIT training lists	All the required international experts were recruited in good time for the provision of technical assistance during 2005 electoral events.
	Indicator 2.1.2: Timely selection and recruitment process, provide	0	Not specified	Continued provision of expertise in the areas of the electoral process	Contracts, security clearance, SAIT training lists	All the required international experts were recruited in good time for the

proper security training SAIT for			provision of technical assistance during
all prior to			2007 electoral
deployment and			events.
get security			
clearance for			
international			
experts to work			
in Iraq in			
support of 2007			
electoral events			