**United Nations Development Group UNDAF Trust Fund**

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**2nd Quarter 2015**

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| Participating UN Organisation: UNDP | Sector: Governance and Human Rights |
| Government of Iraq – Responsible Line Ministry: The Iraqi Commission of Integrity | |

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| **Title** | Enhancing Transparent Participatory Governance and Human Rights | | | | |
| **Geographic Location** | Nationwide | | | | |
| **Project Cost** | USD 3,091,526[[1]](#footnote-1) received in two tranches. | | | | |
| **Duration** | 30 months | | | | |
| **Approval Date (SC)** | 5 April 2012 | **Starting Date** | 15 May 2012 | **Completion Date** | 30 June 2015 |
| **Project Description** | UNDP, in close consultation with national counterparts will undertake a series of interlinked and complementary interventions within a programmatic framework that aims to promote transparent participatory governance and strengthen human rights in Iraq. The framework has four outputs focusing on strengthening human rights and transparency through participatory governance mechanisms. First, to support the mandate and organizational structure of the Human Rights Commission, including the establishment of sub-national commissions. Second, to provide long term institutional development of the Human Rights Commission and its outreach capabilities through participatory governance mechanisms. Third, combat corruption through the promotion of accountability, integrity and transparency at all levels of government and civil society. This involves support to the roll-out of the Government of Iraq’s National Anti-Corruption Strategy, to strengthen the capacities of key parliamentary committees, to address corruption issues, to enhance engagement of civil society organisations and media in addressing corruption and to provide technical support for the establishment of a new KRG Commission of Integrity and KRG Board of Supreme Audit. Fourth, to utilise civil society organisations to promote participatory and transparent governance which includes financial and technical support to civil society organisations to enhance their engagement with parliament. | | | | |

**Development Goal and Immediate Objectives**

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| UNDAF: Priority 1  Improved Governance, including the protection of human rights.  Priority Outcome 1.4  The Iraqi State has more efficient, accountable and participatory governance at national and sub-national levels.  UNDP CPAP: Outcome 3  Strengthened regulatory frameworks, institutions and processes in place for accountable, transparent and participatory governance at national and local levels. |
| Output 1: The Iraq Human Rights Commission has enhanced capacity to execute its mandate.  Output 2: Iraq has a national platform for an expanded human rights dialogue.  Output 3: The Iraqi state is able to promote and undertake governance process in an accountable and transparent manner.  Output 4: Civil society organisations have enhanced capacity to engage with parliament and relevant parliamentary committees on policy issues. |

**Outputs, Key Activities and Procurement**

***Note: Activities are in relation to section 4 page 10 of the project document***

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| **Output 1** | **1. The Iraq Human Rights Commission has enhanced capacity to execute its mandate.** |
| Activities | * 1. The Iraq High Commission for Human Rights has the organisational structure to function effectively.   2. The Iraq High Commission for Human Rights has technically competent staff.   3. Subnational Iraq High Commission for Human Rights entities established. |
| **Output 2** | ***2.* Iraq has a national platform for an expanded human rights dialogue.** |
| Activities | 2.6 A national dialogue on human rights supported.  2.7 Awareness raised on human rights issues and ways to protect these rights  2.8 The Iraq High Commission for Human Rights capacity to reach out and clarify work and mandate enhanced. |
| **Output 3** | **3. The Iraqi state is able to promote and undertake governance process in an accountable and transparent manner.** |
| Activities | 3.1 The CoR capacity in undertaking accountability oversight functions increased.  3.2 The KRG plans for a Commission of Integrity in place.  3.3 The KRG’s Board of Supreme Audit capacity enhanced.  3.4 An investigative journalism curriculum developed and in place. |
| **Output 4** | **4. Civil society organisations have enhanced capacity to engage with parliament and relevant parliamentary committees on policy issues.** |
| Activities | 4.1 Iraqi CSOs and independent media capacity to hold the government to account in the areas of human rights, corruption and service delivery strengthened.  4.2 Interface between relevant parliamentary committees and CSOs on issues of human rights, corruption and service delivery enhanced.  4.3a Advocacy and awareness-raising on corruption issues enhanced.  4.3b Implementation of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy through partnership with CSOs and independent media implemented.  4.4 Donor coordination on civil society issues in Iraq enhanced. |
| **Procurement**  **(major items)** |  |

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| **Funds Committed** | **TOTAL 2,988,401.63: USD**  Human Rights: 872,502.71USD  Anti-corruption:1,751,099.95USD    CSO: 364,798.97USD | **% of total funds from both 1st tranche and 2nd tranche (USD)**  **3,091,526** | 96.66% |
| **Funds Disbursed** | **TOTAL 2,218,001.38: USD**  Human Rights:  912,082.26  Anti-corruption: 991,651.23  CSO: 314,267.89 | **% of funds from both 1st tranche and second tranche (USD)**  **3,091,526** | 71.74 % |
| **Forecast final date** | 30 June 2015 | **Delay (months)** | 12 |

**Quantitative achievements against objectives and results**

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| Output 1  The Iraq Human Rights Commission has enhanced capacity to execute its mandate. | * Continued support to the enhancing the capacity of the IHCHR on investigation of human rights violations, report writing and development of the outreach strategy. * Consultations and preparation for Training on different field related to Human Rights. | **% of planned** | 100% |
| Output 2  Iraq has a national platform for an expanded human rights dialogue. | - Strengthening the SURGE capacity of the IBHR in KRG to timely respond to the Humanitarian Crisis in KRG.  - Finalizing the support to the of the Human Rights Civil Society Advisory Board.  - Establishment of Gender Coordination working group to support the work of the IHCHR.  - Support to the IHCHR to develop outreach strategy has been completed, communication strategy has been developed and adopted by the Board of Commissioners. | **% of planned** | 100% |
| Output 3  The Iraqi state is able to promote and undertake governance process in an accountable and transparent manner. | - The CoR capacity in undertaking accountability oversight functions has increased.  - The Kurdistan Region plans for a Commission of Integrity are in place.  - The Kurdistan Region Board of Supreme Audit capacity has been enhanced.  - An investigative journalism curriculum has been developed and is in place. | **% of planned** | 90% |
| Output 4  Civil society organisations have enhanced capacity to engage with parliament and relevant parliamentary committees on policy issues. | - Call for nomination of CSOs r  Representatives followed by online voting process to identify the membership for the Human Rights Advisory Board.  -Regular meetings to organize the launching of the Human Rights Advisory Board.  - A workshop on Anti – corruption targeted 14 CSOs have been conducted and are in place. | **% of planned** | 100% |

**Qualitative achievements against objectives and results**

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| **Output 1: The Iraq Human Rights Commission has enhanced capacity to execute its mandate**.  UNDP, during the reporting period of time provided technical advisory support to the IHCHR to develop their communication and outreach strategy. Series of meeting have been conducted and draft strategy is under final revision by the Board of Commissioners. The strategy identified set of activities to be carried out by the IHCHR to promote the protection of Human Rights through media campaigns it also highlighted and outlined set of trainings to be organised by IHCHR targeting journalists to promote the role of the media.    **Output 2: Iraq has a national platform for an expanded human rights dialogue.**  UNDP and through this project worked very closely with IBHR to enhance their capacity to response to the current IDP and refugees crisis in KRG, during the reporting period of time UNDP and through this project support the recruitment of two human rights experts to monitor the situation of the IDPs and refugees in the three Governorates, Erbil, Dahouk and Sulymaniah. The experts report to the Head of the IBHR and assist with defining the adequate policies to ensure the protection of the IDPs and refugees inside and outside the camps.  In addition to this UNDP supported the establishment of the Human Rights Advisory Board to work closely with the Parliamentary Human Rights Committee at federal level. The Board held three meetings in different location, namely, Bable, Baghdad and Basra it also provided the COR Committee with regular reports on Human Rights.    **Output 3: The Iraqi state is able to promote and undertake governance process in an accountable and transparent manner**  ***The Kurdistan Region plans in place for its forthcoming Commission of Integrity***   * Continues support is provided through technical advices from UNDP to the Kurdistan Region Commission of Integrity during the quarter.   ***The capacity of the KRG’s Board of Supreme Audit enhanced with the Needs Assessment completed and a Medium to Long Term Strategy for development presented***   * Continues support is provided through technical advices from UNDP to the Kurdistan Region Board of Supreme Audit.   ***The partners for Investigative Journalism defined and curriculum development initiating***  During this quarter finalized and completed printing out of the curriculum on the two levels through a printing house that has been awarded the contract to print out 6500 copies of the curriculums to the Iraqi universities, The Iraqi universities will teach these curriculums from next semester.   * 1. Developing curriculum on investigative journalism specific to the college of media – University of Baghdad   2. Developing technical curriculum to be used for existing reporters wanting to specialize in investigative journalism.   Support the development of a curriculum on investigative journalism and organization a workshop to approve training curriculum to conduct it in next quarter.  ***Support MP’s and staff from targeted committees for effective follow up on cases of administrative and financial corruption.***   * Board meeting took place on 17 June 2015, between UNDP –Iraq, Commission of Integrity of KRG and the Parliament of KRG in Erbil to insurance that the agreed outputs are provided. A requested by KRG Parliament to UNDP - Iraq for continuous provision of technical support even after the end of this project.        * A request has been submitted to the procurement unit to conduct 68 workshops in 15 governorates inside Iraq. Based on the rules and the regulation in the procurement unit a company awarded the contract to conduct 68 workshops in 15 governorates inside Iraq and started conducting these workshops, 68 workshops have been completed, the company completed the implementation of these workshops in spite of the challenges that they are facing inside Iraq. The final report and the recommendation will be submitted next quarter for this campaign.   Promote the work with civil society by awareness-raising on corruption issues as a key element of the roll-out of the NACS. This will build on the previous anti-corruption campaign which was designed to contribute to the prevention of corruption across the whole of Iraq. Capitalize on the successes of the roll-out campaign by working with civil society and providing additional workshops in the next quarter.    ***Output 4: Civil society organizations have enhanced capacity to engage with parliament and relevant parliamentary committees on policy issues****.*  All activities has been achieved. |
| *Challenges and Constraints* |
| The recent eruption of conflict in North, Centre and South Iraq which resulted in major Humanitarian Crisis affected the implementation of some activities in timely matter. |
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1. Funding for the project will be through two tranche. The total amount committed to this project by the UNDAF Trust Fund is USD 3,091,526.

   The first tranche has been released in the amount of USD 1,574,585 which is reflecting in the table above until the remaining second tranche is received by UNDP. The second tranche request is under preparation.

   At the time of receipt of the second tranche for the amount of USD 1,516,941 this section will be adapted to reflect full project funds. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)