**United Nations Development Group Iraq Trust Fund**

**Project #: A7-04**

**Date and Quarter Updated: 1st quarter – 1 April 2009 - 30 June 2009**

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| **Participating UN Organisation**: UNDP | **Sector: Protection** |
| **Government of Iraq – Responsible Line Ministry: Ministry of Environment** | |

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| **Title** | **Mine Action Capacity Development/Local NGO I** | | | | |
| **Geographic Location** | Basra, Az Zubair | | | | |
| **Project Cost** | US$ 3,195,797 | | | | |
| **Duration** | 39 months | | | | |
| **Approval Date (SC)** | 28/09/2006 | **Starting Date** | 28/9/2006 | **Completion Date** | 31/12/2009 |
| **Project Description** | Continued strengthening of the established National Mine Action Organization in Southern Iraq by providing on-the-job training for clearance teams and providing management training for the national staff. | | | | |

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| **Development Goal and Immediate Objectives** |
| Support the sustainable development of Iraq and remove threats to human security and livelihood by increasing the capacity of the National Mine Action Authority (NMAA), and the Regional Mine Action Centre in Southern Iraq, through the creation and strengthening of sustainable national Iraqi human and institutional capacity in the form of a national NGO capable of undertaking Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) and related mine action activities. Strategic Framework Programme Outcome 2004-2007: “A National Mine Action Authority capable of managing the mine action functions of government in all of Iraq”. |

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| **Outputs, Key activities and Procurement** | |
| **Outputs** | * 1. National NGO able to manage and provide clearance services, explosive ordnance disposal capacity strengthened and able to operate independent of international supervision.   2. Staff of the national mine action organization able to raise funds, plan and manage its activities properly to ensure sustainability of its operations.   1.3. Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) obstacles cleared and land made available for further reconstruction- and/or livelihood activities. |
| **Activities** | 1.1.1. On-the -job training provided by the international contractor through supervision, mentoring and monitoring of all EOD teams, giving them the ability to carry out EOD operations independent of international supervision and in accordance with International Mine Action Standards (IMAS).  1.2.1. Develop the management and institutional systems and structure of the local NGO through improving the organisational structure and workflow, and introducing clearly defined responsibility and accountability frames.  1.2.2 Support the management team of the local national NGO to acquire sound operations/implementation and planning abilities, and to consequently develop quality assurance systems.  1.2.3. Support the management team through continuous guidance and training to master management, planning, NGO administration, and fund raising skills for ensuring long term sustainability of the National NGO.  1.3.1. The 10 EOD teams continue to clear Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) during  on the job training. |
| **Procurement**  **(major items)** | NA |

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| **Funds Committed** | US$ 3,174,778.84 | **% of approved** | 99.34% |
| **Funds Disbursed** | US$ 3,049,145.36 | **% of approved** | 95.41% |
| **Forecast final date** | 31/12/2009 | **Delay** | 27months |

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| **Direct Beneficiaries** | **Number of Beneficiaries** | **% of planned (current status)** |
| Men | No target was set |  |
| Women | No target was set |  |
| Children | No target was set |  |
| IDPs | No target was set |  |
| Others | No target was set |  |
| Indirect beneficiaries | No target was set |  |
| Employment generation (men/women) | Target was 83  Current status: 88/4[[1]](#footnote-1)[[2]](#footnote-2) | 110% |

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| **Quantitative achievements against objectives and results** | | | |
| 1. National NGO able to manage and provide clearance services and to operate independent of international supervision | **Target:** 10 qualified Iraqi EOD teams successfully conducting EOD activities independent of international supervision in accordance with IMAS  **Achievement:** 10 EOD teams operational | **% of planned** | 100% |
| 1. Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) obstacles cleared and land made available for reconstruction and livelihoods activities | **Target:** Minimum 6 km² of high impact contaminated land made available for reconstruction efforts and/or productive agricultural activities in southern Iraq  **Achievement:** 30.03 km2 land cleared from Oct 06 to Sept 07 (during the period which DDG/RDO funded from this project). After 30 September 2007 RDO is being funded from a different project. | **% of planned** | 500%[[3]](#footnote-3) |

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| **Qualitative achievements against objectives and results** |
| **Output 1.1 National NGO able to manage and provide clearance services and to operate independent of international supervision** – The national NGO became officially registered in May 2007 and is managed by nationals. For strategic long-term planning, organizational development, asset management, donor relations, it still requires the international monitoring partner’s support (DDG). Moreover, the environment is not conducive for the national NGO (RDO) to have access to explosives and equipment which is needed for clearance operations, therefore the involvement of the international NGO (DDG) continues to be required in the handling of explosives and acting as a guardian for RDO’s interest. Explosives for the project are being procured through UNOPS, which has already selected the supplier. It is expected that the delivery will be done by September 2009.  **Output 1.2 Staff of NGO able to raise funds, plan and manage its activities:** The national NGO management (including Operations Manager) is able to prepare and manage daily activities and monthly plans, and is now able to handle funding directly given by UNDP. |

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| **Main implementation constrains & challenges (2-3 sentences)** |
| None for this project. |
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1. Commitment and disbursement figures are reported up to June 2009, however, they remain as provisional until CDR for 2nd quarter is closed. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Operations under this project ended on September 2008, therefore the number reported reflects the number of employees at that time. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. The original target was set by envisioning some tasks of landmine clearance that would take more time than Battle Area Clearance (BAC); however , eventually only BAC took place. In addition, the efficiency of the EOD teams improved at the faster rate than originally predicted. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)