



Submission Form
UNDG Iraq Trust Fund Steering Committee

To be completed by the Participating UN Organisation and endorsed by Cluster Coordinator

Programme / Project Title: Programme Title: Restoration of Al Askari Shrine in Samara City and Rehabilitation of other Damaged Religious Sites throughout Iraq. Project Title Phase I : Urgent intervention works and preparation of Restoration Project of Al Askari Shrine in Samara City, Rehabilitation of other religious sites in Iraq and Recovery of priority Social Services and Infrastructure in Samara City (RRSSS).		
To: UNGD Iraq Trust Fund Steering Committee	Date of Submission: 29 November 2006	
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Through: Cluster Group/ Cluster Coordinator <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Endorsement <input type="checkbox"/> Comments	Contact: Alia Al Dalli UNDP Iraq Office Telephone number 06 5608361 Email alia.al-dalli@undp.org	
Proposed submission, if approved would result in: <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation of existing programme/project <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New programme/project <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)	Proposed submission resulted from: <input type="checkbox"/> UN Agency initiative within UN Strategic Plan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional request from Iraqi authorities <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)	
Amount of funds requested for Proposed Programme/project: \$ 8,000,000		
Estimated number of beneficiaries:	direct:	Indirect:
Request for earmarked <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> donor: EC or non-earmarked funds <input type="checkbox"/>		
Amount of indirect costs requested: (5.24%)		

1. Background

Provide brief and concise information on the background of the programme/project. Indicate how originated, refer to cluster programme, request endorsement or approval by relevant Iraqi authorities etc. If this is an extension of existing programme/project, provide information on original programme/project, such as number, programme amount, date of approval.

1. Background

On Wednesday, 22 February 2006, unidentified gunmen bombed the shrine of two of the holiest Shia'a Imams, located in the ancient city of Samarra, 125 kilometers north of Baghdad. The incident sparked a wave of anger among Iraqi Shia'a. Throughout the country and in the capital Baghdad, over 100 Sunni Mosques were damaged. Key religious and political leaders on both sides have been willing and able to de-escalate the crises. Sunni and Shia'a religious leaders met on Saturday, 25 February 2006, and condemned attacks on each others Mosques. Other influential groups have also publicly called for peace among Iraqi's.

Also the UN reacted instantaneously on the day of the bombing. Un Secretary general Kofi Anan's Special Representative in Iraq, Mr. Ashraf Qazi, announced on 22 February 2006 that he would invite a wide range of Iraqi leaders to a meeting in an effort to curb communal strife; the Government of Iraq, political, religious and civic leaders would be invited to seek to "adopt a common policy and take concrete and immediate measures to foster a spirit of fraternity and mutual respect for peaceful alternatives to the violence racking the country".

In a public statement on 23 February 2006, UNESCO's Director General, Mr. Koichiro Matsuura, reiterated the readiness of the organization to assist the Government of Iraq in taking appropriate measures to protect and conserve the historical, spiritual and cultural heritage of such important sites, like Samarra, which became during the last two years a target for the battlefield.

In cooperation with UNAMI Amman and Baghdad as well as with UNESCO Headquarters, UNESCO Iraq Director Mohamed Djelid conceptualized the UN's contribution in assisting the Government of Iraq's public commitment to rebuild religious sites damaged during and in the aftermath of the bombings. The initiative aims at the start of a dialogue for reconciliation and the rebuilding of all Shia'a and Sunni mosques as well as churches damaged.

On 24 February 2006, UNESCO Iraq and UNAMI published the initiative to establish a UNESCO special fund, sponsored by the international community, to reconstruct mosques and churches, including the shrines of Imams Ali Al Hadi and Al Hassan Al Askari. The UNESCO experts will be internationally renowned architects specialized in the field of the restoration and conservation of traditional Islamic architecture.

UNESCO and UNDP will be both involved on the realization of the programme and will work in close cooperation.

2. Purpose of Proposed Programme/Project

Please Summarise key objectives, outputs and activities.

Key Immediate Objectives:

1. To reconstruct and restore the Samarra religious shrine and other damaged religious sites in Iraq.
2. To build upon the initial cooperative efforts made by the leadership of different sects from Samarra, a framework for tolerance, stability and recovery of the Samarra area.
3. To lay the ground for a nationwide peace and consensus building initiative evolving from Samarra city.
4. To provide employment opportunities for Samarra's youth, archaeological students and professionals, engineers, construction specialists and workers.
5. To restore basic public services and essential infrastructure in Samarra.

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Output 1: Immediate Priority Intervention with the Samarra Shrine to safeguard artifacts, assess , reconstruct and restore the damaged religious site (UNESCO);

Output 2: Rehabilitation of damaged other religious sites (UNDP)

Output 3: Poverty alleviation through creation of short and long-term employment opportunities to Samarra community including men, women and youth engaged in restoration of basic public services and essential infrastructure (UNDP);

Output 4: Promotion of community ownership

Output 5: Contribute towards reconciliation, restoration of stability and security, and consensus and peace building

Activities (see Project Document)

3. Evaluation of Proposals by the Cluster

Provide concise summary evaluation of proposal against criteria below:

General principles and selection criteria:	
a) Must fall with the UN's mandate, and must address the Millennium Development Goals, directly or indirectly through a human rights-based approach,	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
b) Must be explicitly based on Iraq's national priorities and needs, as noted in the public domain, or in the absence of these, to the Needs Assessment,	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
c) Must promote and ensure national ownership,	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
d) Must be at an acceptable level of risk, within UN parameters,	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
e) Must fall within the areas of UN's comparative advantage,	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
f) The UN must be an appropriate system to deliver the intervention,	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
g) The UN response must be properly designed for and within the cluster setting, must be effective, coherent, context-sensitive, cost-efficient and the outcomes, sustainable,	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
h) Must avoid duplication of and significant overlap with the activities of other actors,	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
i) Must use strategic entry points that respond to immediate needs and yet facilitate longer-term improvements,	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
j) Must build on existing capacities, strengths and experience,	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
k) Must promote consultation, participation and partnerships,	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
l) Operational arrangements must explicitly address the questions of limited international access, at least for the foreseeable future, and coordinated cross-border support and communications, and	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
m) Minimum access must be maintained for UN national staff, to interlocutors and target beneficiaries.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
If one or more of the above criteria is not met, please explain:	

Please provide information on resources:

Implementation	2006	2007
Estimated commitments (\$mill)	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 7,000,000

Estimated disbursements (\$mill)	\$ 500,000	\$ 7,500,000
International Personnel Iraq <i>(both private contractors and NGOs)</i>		
Estimated person months		
Interagency & Inter-cluster Cooperation <i>Please explain to what degree:</i>		

Please provide information on cross-cutting issues:

Employment Creation	2006	2007
Estimated # Short Term	200	1000
Estimated # Long Term		

Please explain how each was considered in project design:

Environment
Human Rights
Gender
Security

- Project cleared by the Iraqi Strategic Review Board on _____ (date)
- Project approved by Line Ministry of __Prime Minister____ on __15/11/2006____ (date)
- Project not yet approved by ISRB and or Line Ministry

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4. Review by Steering Committee Support Office

- Cover sheet (first page) Yes No
- Logical Framework Yes No
- Programme/Project Justification Yes No
- Programme/Project Management Arrangements Yes No
- Risks and Assumptions Yes No
- Budget Yes No
- Progress Report (for supplementary funding only) Yes No
- Support Cost Yes No

Provide Comment on:

2006 Implementation	Possible
Interagency/cluster cooperation	UNDP and UNESCO
Cross-cutting issues	
Agency indirect support costs	5.24%

General evaluation criteria

General criteria for prioritising clusters	<i>Double-click box to check</i>
a) Must be in line with Iraqi priorities.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
b) Cluster is unable to meet high or urgent priority needs with existing level of funding.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
c) Need to address high priority activities that have significant impact, and by nature must address seasonal or timing imperatives and considerations.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
d) Supports activities that are likely to improve the overall security situation at national and local levels.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
e) Activities that create significant employment opportunities and reduce the suffering of the people, especially among the most vulnerable groups.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
f) As the improving security situation permits, activities that exploit the opportunities presented.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Number of criteria met:	_6_ of 6

Overall review and recommendations of programme submission

SCSO recommends that the project proceeds to the next stage of review.

5. Review by Cluster Group

Provide comments on:

- Inter-cluster coordination*
- Best management and implementation practices*
- Location specific synergy*

Approved to be Fast Tacked

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6. Decision of the UNDG ITF Steering Committee

- Approved for a total budget of \$8,000,000
- Approved with modification/condition
- Deferred

Reason/ Comments

Jean-Marie Fakhouri, DSRSG
 Chair of the UNDG ITF Steering Committee



Signature

13/12/06

Date

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7. Follow up action taken by the Executive Coordinator of the UNDG ITF

- Project approved by Memorandum of Understanding with ISRB on _____ (date)
- Project consistent with earmarking provisions of the Letter of Agreement (if applicable)

Funding approved against:

- Non-Earmarked contributions
- Specific cluster earmarking
- Specific earmarking to a Participating UN Organisation
- Specific earmarking to a Participating UN Organisation for a specific cluster

Bisrat Aklilu,
 Executive Coordinator of the UNDG Iraq Trust Fund

Signature

Date

PROJECT BUDGET

Project Title Phase I: Urgent intervention works and preparation of Restoration Project of Al Askari Shrine in Samara City, Rehabilitation of other damaged religious sites throughout Iraq and recovery of priority infrastructures related to the Al-Askari Shrine in Samara City.

Budget Category	Item Description	TOTAL BUDGET			
		Unit	Unit Cost	Qty	Total Budget US\$
1. PERSONNEL					580,000
1.1 National Programme/Project Personnel					84,000
	Project manager Assistant (Engineer) - UNESCO	1	4,000	12	48,000
	National Programme Assistant - (50%) UNESCO	1	2,000	6	12,000
	National Programme Assistant (Amman)-UNDP	1	2,000	12	24,000
1.2 International Programme/Project Personnel					432,000
	Project Manager (Architect)-UNESCO	1	15,000	12	180,000
	Multi-Sectoral Engineer-UNDP	1	14,000	12	168,000
	Technical Advisor -UNDP (Part Time Charging)	1	14,000	6	84,000
1.3 National Consultants					0
1.4 International Consultants					64,000
	International Restoration Expert - UNESCO	1	8,000	8	64,000
2. CONTRACTS					6,675,300
	1- Urgent Intervention for Risk Averting (Roof protection - Site Surveying - Damage Assessment - Urgent Collapse Mitigation - Shoring - Classification of Debris and Materials) UNESCO	1	2,275,000	1	2,275,000
	2- Historical, survey and architecture documentation - UNESCO	1	1,200,000	1	1,200,000
	3- Soil & foundation, structural stability and building materials & fine art studies - UNESCO	1	200,000	1	200,000
	4- Preparation of the Final Restoration Project and tender submission documentation - UNESCO	1	500,000	1	500,000
	5. International Architectural/Archeological consultants for supervising - UNESCO	1	108,000	1	108,000
	Advocacy / Reconciliation Campaign- UNESCO	1	325,000	1	325,000
	External Firm for Evaluation of Impact-UNESCO	1	20,000	1	20,000
	External Firm for Evaluation of Impact-UNDP	1	14,000	1	14,000
	National Firm for Assessment, Design, Construction Supervision of Sub-Projects - UNDP	1	166,000	1	166,000
	Reconstruction of Other Religious Sites-Phase I-UNDP	1	484,000	1	484,000
	Implementation of Sub-Projects (as per prodoc narrative)-Phase I - UNDP	1	1,350,000	1	1,350,000
	Transportation - UNDP	1	33,300	1	33,300
3. TRAINING					50,000
	Training of SBAH team on monitoring and Supervision - UNESCO	4	12,500	1	50,000
4. EQUIPMENT					10,000
	Office Equipment - UNESCO	4	2,500	1	10,000
5. SUPPLIES & COMMODITIES					0
6. TRANSPORT (ONLY FOR WFP PROJECTS)					0
7. TRAVEL & DSA					105,000
	Staff Travel (Baghdad-Amman-Cairo) - UNESCO	1	75,000	1	75,000
	Staff Travel (Baghdad-Amman) - UNDP	1	30,000	1	30,000
8. PROGRAMME/PROJECT SUB-TOTAL					7,420,300
9. MISCELLANEOUS (Should Not Exceed 3% of BL 8)					82,569
	Courier and Telecommunication costs - UNESCO	1	27,600	1	27,600
	MISCELLANEOUS - UNDP	1	54,969	1	54,969
10. SECURITY					77,670
	UNESCO	1	50,670	1	50,670
	UNDP	1	27,000	1	27,000
11. AGENCY MANAGEMENT SUPPORT COST (Including Monitoring & Reporting)					419,461
12. PROGRAMME/PROJECT BUDGET TOTAL					8,000,000