



*Iraq*

**MDG Capacity Development on Monitoring, Reporting and MDG Based Planning**

**UNDP Iraq**

**Local Project Appraisal Committee Meeting Report**

**13 May 2008**

**1. Panel Members**

<b><u>Members</u></b>	<b><u>Unit, Agency</u></b>	<b><u>LPAC Position</u></b>
Khalid Khalid	Poverty Reduction & MDGs	Chair
Juan Santander	Poverty Reduction & MDGs	Presenter
Sylvain Merlen	RCP	Member
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Sundus Shakir	Human Resources	Member

**2. Background**

UNDP Iraq has launched a project in partnership with the Iraqi Ministry of Planning and Development Cooperation and partner UN Agencies to support the achievement of the MDG targets in Iraq. The project will focus on capacity building of the relevant government counterparts in terms of monitoring, reporting and MDG based planning, both at the national and local levels. Additionally, the project includes an advocacy component on MDG achievement.

**3. Objective of LPAC**

The Poverty Reduction and MDGs Unit sought comments from the colleagues of the Iraq Office to advise whether the project was viable, respond to possible questions and to advise on improvements/clarifications should they be considered necessary. The project funds have been approved by HQ and once a Project Document is approved, funds will be made available. The LPAC approval would ensure the country office endorsement and form part of the process for UNDP to incept the project.

**4. Proceedings**

**4.1. Presentation**

The LPAC started with a presentation on the background of this project, presenting the overview of the analysis which preceded this project's initiation, as well as the strategies in place for achieving its objectives. Further detail was put forward in relation to each component within the project: MDG monitoring (IRAQInfo); MDG Reporting (UBN2 and MDG Reports); MDG based planning at the national and local level; and advocacy for MDG achievement to a wide range of stakeholders in Iraq. The various partners involved in the implementation of each component were also extensively discussed. The project foresees two posts (ICS6 and ALD3) to be filled, and procedures and budget allocations were included in the consultations.

**Comments**

- Gender Mainstreaming:
  - Include a gender consultant to be hired to participate of the strategic planning workshops of the MDG based planning components
  - To indicate that all TORs for project staff should be gender sensitive

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- IRAQInfo UNICEF and OCHA Partnership: include express reference to no duplication of work and ensure complementation between UNDP planned activities and those of partners
- Risk Analysis: Needs to be expressed in a risk assessment and mitigation section
- Office Coordination:
- Strategic Planning Workshops: explore possibility of cooperation with the Governance unit in strategic planning training
- Budget Execution Initiatives: coordinate with RCP Unit
- Logical Framework:
  - Revise outputs and indicators according to RBM standards
  - Link outputs to one of the 13 Country Outcomes according to Development Workplan for Iraq
- CSOs Participation: Include CSO participation in Strategic Planning Workshops for MDG based planning support
- Procurement: Project will follow UNDP's procurement guidelines
- Line Ministries participation at the National Level: Inter-ministerial Committee (include detailed list of Committee's members)
- Line Ministries participation at the Local Level: Include Governorate Line Ministries' Departments
- Coverage of Local Level Planning: Establish detailed activities and cost and decide on governorate coverage at the Strategic Planning Workshop.
- Advocacy component:
  - Revise Budget for cross-cutting activities and Local level planning coverage
  - Clarify overall objective of the component
- Project Management Arrangements:
  - Include Project Arrangement Diagram
  - Clarify roles and responsibilities of each actor


Regarding the Project Document, the Panel agrees to recommend senior management to sign the Project Agreement upon completion of the final version.

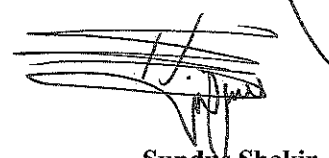
Regarding the Project Budget, the Panel agrees to recommend to senior management to approve each component's budget up to the date of completion of its strategic planning workshop. At this point in time, a new revision of each component budget will be done and presented for final approval by senior management.

### Signatures

  
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