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# Sustainable Development Goals achievements in Iraq

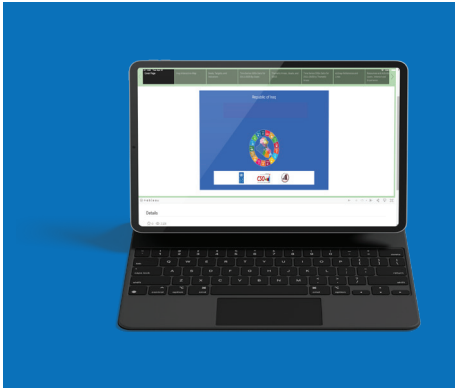




The development of the 2030 vision of Iraq is supported by UNDP Iraq. This vision is based on promoting sustainable development dimensions, which will empower the Iraqi people toward developing in a safe and unified country where all have equal rights, establishing an economic system with diversified social market orientations and stable macroeconomic indexes, and creating a clean, safe and sustainable environment for current and future generations.



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The Central Bureau of Statistics in Iraq, with the support of UNDP, established an electronic platform for monitoring data on the portfolios of SDGs to collect data on the goals and their classifications. Only 62 indicators (out of 242) are currently readily available, with 33 indicators produced by the Central Bureau of Statistics and another 29 indicators produced by other national sources. The availability of SDG indicators is very limited for energy and environmental goals.



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The data gap assessment exercise undertaken by the Central Statistics Organization with technical support from UNDP Iraq has been a necessary first step in reconciling some of the gaps. It paints a factual picture of Iraq's existing SDG data gaps by mapping SDG indicators based on their data availability, allowing decision-makers to efficiently prioritize strategic development pathways. CSO is a catalyst in Iraq's data revolution. It plays a critical role in developing the monitoring and evaluation system of the National Development Plan (2022-2018) and Iraq Vision 2030 and will be a driving force in tackling existing challenges relating to lack of data availability, lack of disaggregation, and lack of integrated statistical systems at national and sub-national levels.

The KRI Vision 2030 was developed with the collaboration of UNDP. UNDP supported the MOP/ KRI and the Task Force throughout the development process of the vision.



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UNDP Iraq has supported the COVID19- Socio-Economic Response Recovery Plan and the Iraqi Council of Ministers has adopted it. The plan has been launched with the participation of 102 representatives from line ministries, the private sector, and civil society –3 ministers,5 deputy ministers, and governors.





The Government of Iraq has worked on the implementation and monitoring of the SDG targets and indicators at both national and sub-national levels with the cooperation of UNDP Iraq to achieve SDGs as outlined in the 2030 Agenda which will require actors across public and private sectors to work together at scale.

Channeling global financial flows towards Sustainable Development is imperative to achieving the 2030 Agenda. UNDP Iraq implemented the Financial Gap Analysis of the 2030 agenda and SDGs in Iraq Report to estimate the cost of achieving SDGs by 2030 and supporting the Iraqi Ministry of Planning.



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### **Overall guidance to the MOP of Iraq.**

The first national progress report on the implementation of the Iraq Vision 2030, related to SDGs in the country for the period 2018-2021 has been developed with the support of UNDP. The purpose of this report is to provide an objective and independent mid-term review as well as baseline progress for subsequent periodically-driven exercises on the achievements of the strategic development framework of Iraq.



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Gender equality reinforces that women require equal rights and opportunities to help them fulfil their potential and enhance their abilities. Gender equality is not only a human right but also an essential pillar of building global peace, prosperity, and sustainability. Based on the importance of the role of women, the women empowerment team at the MOP prepared the Situation of Iraq Women and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (SDG 5) Report which is supported by UNDP. This report aims to support the local partners including ministries, government institutions, civil society organizations, academics, and journalists to mainstream gender equality in a way that supports making women an effective component, and it seeks to strengthen capacities to address gender and women’s empowerment outcomes under SDG5.



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The private sector in Iraq is working with UNDP Iraq to develop a partnership to engage private sector components in SDGs and the 2030 agenda. The private sector is recognized as a key partner in the achievement of the universally adopted SDGs. It plays an important role as an engine of economic growth and job creation. UNDP’s Private Sector Development and Partnership Strategy aims at assisting countries to align the private sector’s activities and investments with the 2030 Agenda by influencing investors and businesses of all sizes to embed the SDGs into their decision-making and practices.





Iraq submitted the 1st Voluntary National Review in 2019 and the 2nd VNR in 2021 with the support of the UNDP on Sustainable Development Goals. It constitutes a key tool to monitor the progress of the National Development Plan (NDP) and promote it locally. The VNRs also contribute to presenting the country's experience, expertise and lessons to be shared with other countries.



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At a High Level Political Forum in 2021, a side event on SDG16 /leaving no one behind was organized for +70 participants on Iraq Vision 2030, with the support of UNDP and in collaboration with the MOP.

