

Support to the Independent High Electoral Commission

This programme has been jointly developed by the United Nations and the Iraqi Independent High Electoral Commission (IHEC) under the leadership of UNDP.

It supports IHEC in its efforts of institutional development towards a sustainable government structure to carry out its constitutional mandate fully, independently, efficiently, transparently and accountably, in line with international professional standards.

IHEC is an independent governmental institution supervised by the Council of Representatives. It has the relevant and necessary authority to oversee the electoral process for successful, fair and transparent elections in Iraq.

UNDP works closely with IHEC on a day-to-day basis to identify areas of improvement and lessons learned from previous elections and address gaps and challenges to improve IHEC's services.

Objectives

- Enhance IHEC's staff capacity by improving skills, knowledge, technological awareness and resources at the central and governorate office levels to manage and conduct electoral processes as Iraq's permanent electoral body, established under the constitution.

Achievements

- 678 IHEC staff members have benefited directly from initiatives completed by the programme.
- An assessment of IHEC's complaints process to improve internal mechanisms for electoral disputes.
- Enhanced IHEC staff skills in election data collection and management for field coordination purposes and real-time simulation on data aggregation and reporting.
- Improved staff capacity in procurement, logistics, public outreach and complaints processing.
- Review of the electoral legal framework for district and sub-district elections and for Kurdistan Region Governorate Council elections.
- Improved staff capacity on handling and tracking of election materials, and utilizing social media networks for public outreach purposes, including You Tube, Facebook and Twitter.



Budget: \$14 million

Start Date: October 2010

End Date: October 2013

Project Outreach: Nationwide

Beneficiaries: IHEC staff throughout Iraq

Overview

Partners

UNOPS, UNAMI and Iraqi Independent High Electoral Commission (IHEC)

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