

Partners

UNDP believes that partnerships are fundamental for building consensus, resource mobilisation and effective implementation of programmes for sustainable peace and development in Iraq. UNDP continues to build and expand its partnership with the Federal and Kurdistan Regional Governments, the Iraqi Parliament, independent and constitutional bodies, civil society, media, academia, the private sector, religious and community organizations, UN agencies and international development partners.

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In addition, from early 2004 until the end of 2009, UNDP has been the Administrative Agent for the Iraq Reconstruction Fund on behalf of the UN Development Group, thereby managing a total of \$1.33 billion for the UN Country Team.

In 2011, UNDP Iraq received over \$25 million to support its work in Democratic Governance.

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The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), in line with the National Development Plan of Iraq, supports efforts to improve the country's governance and thereby improve the quality of life for all men, women and children in Iraq. Drawing from its on-the-ground experience in over 180 countries, UNDP Iraq utilises its extensive expertise to help Iraqis strengthen participatory processes, increase political equity, enhance institutional accountability and increase access to justice in their country.

The mandate of UNDP Iraq's work in Democratic Governance derives from Iraq's own development priorities and its international commitments. It aims to help Iraq make progress towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals by 2015.

UNDP's Democratic Governance work focuses on development that responds to the needs of all Iraqi citizens, including the poor. Through these programmes UNDP Iraq aims to promote participation, accountability and transparency at all levels and build effective and capable Iraqi institutions that are accountable, transparent, inclusive and responsive.

Our work includes strengthening Iraq's electoral and legislation systems, promoting human rights and the rule of law, improving access to justice and public administration and developing a greater capacity to provide quality basic services to all Iraqis.

Focus Areas

1. Accountable and responsive governance
2. Justice and rights-based governance
3. Participatory governance

Results and Impact

- Supported the establishment of the first-ever High Commission for Human Rights in Iraq as an independent and constitutionally mandated body.
- Provided technical support to the Independent High Electoral Commission to be able to carry out and monitor free and fair elections.
- Enhanced capacity of the Iraqi judicial system to provide greater transparency and accountability.
- Supported passing the domestic violence bill, in close consultation with the Kurdistan Regional Government, to promote protection and reintegration of survivors of violence.
- Established model courts in Baghdad, Basra and Erbil; trained over 500 judicial personnel and assisted in the revision of judicial curricula in line with international standards.
- Partnered with Parliament to provide access to global knowledge and experience for legislation including the establishment of the Iraqi Youth Parliament
- Legal Database developed. To date, 36,600 legal articles uploaded and available online for the public.
- Supported the development of the Iraqi Anti-Corruption Strategy for 2010-2014. More than 34,000 government and civil society representatives were trained in this area throughout Iraq.
- Supported five hospitals in Iraq serving approximately 2.8 million people. One of which is the National Multi Drugs Resistance Tuberculosis hospital.



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