

FAST FACTS

United Nations
Development Programme



Empowered lives.
Resilient nations.

UNDP Iraq

GFATM Tuberculosis Programme

Based on the latest epidemiological situation, Iraq ranks 108 out of 213 countries and territories by the estimated number of Tuberculosis (TB) cases, and is considered amongst 8 high TB burden countries in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR). The Government of Iraq considers TB a major public health problem. In January 2008, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Iraq was selected as the Principle Recipient to implement the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM). TB grants have been approved under two funding rounds; and UNDP has been supporting the Ministry of Health and Environment through the National Tuberculosis Program (NTP).



TB suspected patient in Erbil Respiratory and Chest Diagnostic Centre. Photo: UNDP Iraq/2016

GFATM TB Engagement

UNDP has been supporting Iraq in its fight against TB through capacity development and provision of

MATTERS OF FACT

- **91%** of new SS+ TB cases are now receiving treatment
- **265** is the current total number of Direct Smear Microscopy (DSM) laboratories, up from 20 in 2008
- **14** TB Culture laboratories are open, up from 1 in 2008
- **13** GeneXpert machines have been provided since 2012 to introduce new diagnostic technologies
- **404** health care workers received training in 2015

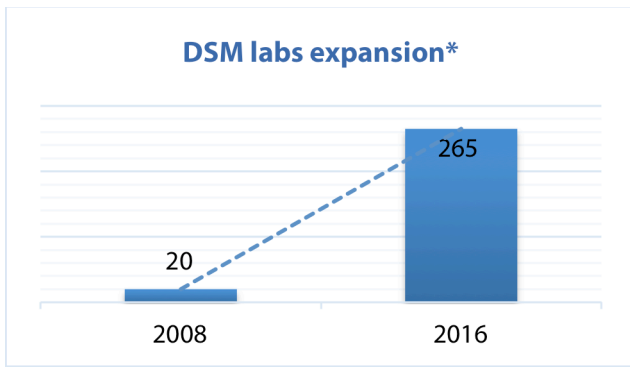
medical equipment. The first approach emphasizes on adaptation to local requirements and performance expectations, whilst the second focuses on services expansion including equipping clinics and laboratories.

Support to the national TB and HIV/AIDS control programmes was designed in line with the UNDAF outcome of *Improved Governance*, including protection of human rights, and UNDP's Country Programme outcome: *Strengthened regulatory frameworks, institutions and processes in place for accountable, transparent and participatory governance at the national and local levels.*

Key Results

Since the start of GFATM TB programme in 2008, the TB control in Iraq has improved significantly. This was reflected through the following:

- Access to the Directly Observed Treatment Short-Course (DOTS) services has been considerably ameliorated through the Chest and Respiratory Consultation Clinics, TB District Units and Primary Health Care Centers (PHCCs).
- Expanding the Direct Smear Microscopy (DSM) capacity through: Increasing respective laboratories from 20 in 2008 to 265 in 2015; expanding the TB Culture laboratories from 1 in 2008 to 14 in 2015; Introducing new diagnostic technologies by providing 13 GeneXpert machines since 2012; and establishing 4 Drug Sensitivity Testing laboratories (DST labs) as opposed to one in 2008.



* UNDP Figures as of March 2016.

- Improved case detection rate of TB and Multi-Drug Resistance Tuberculosis (MDR-TB) patients, with improvement in diagnosis and treatment.
- Success rate of New Smear Positive (SS+) of Pulmonary Tuberculosis reached 91% in 2015.
- Ensured access, availability and sustainability of TB medicines through facilitating the procurement of 1st and 2nd line anti-TB drugs to treat MDR-TB patients.
- Enhanced engagement of Public and Private Health providers with the NTP, thus contributing to the private sector's referral of 48% of registered TB cases.
- Contributed to the provision of TB Control activities to Internally Displaced People (IDPs) and refugee camps, in cooperation with the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), and other local non-governmental organizations to ensure access to optimal TB Control services.
- Capacity development and training of 404 Health care workers in 2015.
- Raising awareness through developing manuals, guidelines and Standards Of Procedure, in addition to conducting Operational Researches to enhance understanding of the TB epidemiology and improve the Case Detection Rate (CDR) and treatment outcomes, such as Drug Resistance Survey in 2015.

GFATM TB Funding

The Global Fund provided UNDP Iraq with the following funds to implement TB control activities over the period of 2008-2016.

Period	Amount
October 2015 - December 2016	US\$6,443,900
January 2013 - September 2015	\$13,393,902
January 2008 - December 2012	\$26,999,816

About UNDP Iraq

Present in Iraq since 1976, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is committed to supporting the Government and people of Iraq during their transition towards reconciliation, reform and stability. UNDP's support ranges from promoting emergency livelihoods and community dialogue in districts impacted by the crisis, to prevention of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) amongst Syrian refugees and internally displaced people (IDPs), to helping stabilize newly liberated areas through its Funding Facility for Immediate Stabilization (FFIS). Further support includes inclusive area-based planning, governance reforms, decentralization, rule of law, and environment and climate change.



Introducing new diagnostic technologies, LPA, in the National Reference Lab in Baghdad. Photo: UNDP Iraq/2016

UNDP is a major partner contributing to democratic process and good governance in Iraq. UNDP has provided technical assistance in support of the 2010 national Parliamentary elections and 2013 provincial elections. Its support to the Government, at both Federal and Regional levels, has been instrumental in prioritizing the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and safeguarding development gains achieved. UNDP is further committed to help the country to reach the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Well positioned with a track record in different areas, UNDP stands ready to move towards a cutting-edge resilience agenda with a gender-dimension and a specific focus on economy, social cohesion and national reconciliation, in order to help the people of Iraq recover and build a brighter future.

For more information, please contact:

Ms. Nidaa Hilal, Communications Specialist

Email: nidaa.hilal@undp.org

Mob: +964 780 447 3336



www.iq.undp.org



www.facebook.com/undpiniraq



www.twitter.com/undpiniraq

United Nations Development Programme
United Nations Compound- D2, International Zone
Baghdad, Iraq
April 2016

